

IEMQG General Meeting Minutes: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Location: SSgt. Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library, 2985 Madison Street, Riverside, CA 92504; (951) 826-2120.

Social time: Holiday Party at 1:00pm; Zoom Social time 1:30pm – 2:00pm; Meeting 2:00pm

President Candy Scott opened the meeting at 2:00pm and welcomed everyone in the room and on Zoom. There were no guests or new members present.

Announcements:

Drop-In Sew: is only on Monday, Dec 11th this month. Time is 7:00-9:00pm.

QuiltCon: Is being held February 21 – 25th 2024 in Raleigh, NC.

Membership: Dues are now due for the 2024 membership year. Dues are \$45.00 and payable no later than December 30th. Payment can be made online thru PayPal or by check to our PO Box. Membership forms are on the website, and Gayle has them available today.

December 2023 Block of the Month: The pattern will be on the website. Reveal is in March 2024

2024 Board Elections were held. Donna Palmer introduced the slate of officers and asked for any nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations. The slate includes:

- President: Candy Scott
- VP Programs: Jennifer Boling
- Secretary: Debbi LoCicero
- Treasurer: Gayle Bennett
- Membership: Kate McCarthy
- Facilities: Christine Sharp
- Meeting Greeter: Pat Klassen
- Retreat 2024: Lynn Hanna, Debbi LoCicero and Debi Gardner
- Block of the Month: Nancy Thomas
- Meeting Raffles: Sharon Bergh
- Charity: Gayle Bennett
- We still need 1 or 2 volunteers for VP Communications and Social Media

Christine Sharp made a motion to accept the slate as presented; Kim Wingers seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings: January 6, 2024 Meeting: will be a hybrid meeting on Zoom and at SSgt. Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library, 2985 Madison Street, Riverside, CA 92504, and on Zoom. The program will be a tutorial on all the things available to members on the MQG Website.

Charity Quilts and Food Donations: Gayle Bennett reported that she took a large food donation to the D'Andre Lampkin Food Pantry and will take another group of quilts and Pillowcases to House of Ruth. Their "Holiday Shop" gives clients an opportunity to "purchase" gifts for family members. As a suggestion for 2024, we might make small items such as taco bags, etc that we can donate to their ongoing "shop".

Retreat: Lynn Hanna reported that the 2024 retreat will be Nov 4 – 7th. We will be returning to Vina deLestonnac in Temecula. Cost will be \$560, double occupancy only. Deposit of \$100 due in January. Members can sign up for either the payment plan or a balloon payment in October. The payment plan option is \$100 deposit in Jan, with 4 equal \$115 payments in April, June, Aug and Oct. Members must sign up when they register for one plan. Lynn has registration forms, and Gayle can take payments thru PayPal, Zelle, Credit Card, Check or cash. Info will be on our website.

Opportunity Quilt: Drawing for the opportunity quilt was held. The first name drawn hung up on Candy when she called, then blocked her phone number. We drew another ticket, which was won by Jeff Carna. Candy contacted him and left a message.

Candy adjourned the meeting at about 3:10pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Debbi LoCicero and Debbie Lepper, Co-Secretaries