Presidnet Joan Mosley called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Joan introduced Sharon Ellisor as the new Board secretary. She could not be here tonight so Judy Hamilton is sitting in for her.

**Members present:** Carol Gates, Marilyn Engelking, Molly Cook, Tamara Cook, Judy Johnson, Carol Riddles, Ruth Bertaccini, Chris Parks, Pat Gillings, Cathy Stone, Linda Lasich, Marjorie McConnell, Sue Miller, Deirdre Campbell, Lorna Tiller, Robin Petersen, Clairie Carter, Kris Cook, Judy Vaughn, Barbara Ceresa, Susan Robertson, Joan Mosley, and Judy Hamilton.

**Minutes:** January’s minutes were approved without changes or corrections by a motion from Cathy Stone and seconded by Kris Cook.

**Treasurers Report:** The report was made by Judy Johnson. Karle deProsse has been able to reinstate our non-profit status with the state of California after paying our back “dues”. A motion to approve the report was made by Marjorie McConnell and seconded by Sue Miller.

**Old Business**

**Library Update:** Joan Mosley reported that the books lost in the flooded basement were not insured by either the Guild or the school (where they are stored). The storage space, we
now have is very limited and barely holds the books we have left. A committee has been formed, consisting of Cathy Stone, Deirdre Campbell, and Molly Cook to look into ways to store the books safely and how best to purchase new books. A suggestion was made to ask all guild members to return the books they have at home in order to see how many and what books we have. Bonnie Bechtol of Sugar Pine will help us buy books through her connections at a discount. Other suggestions were: to use the money raised at Cornish Christmas to fund buying more books, ask for donations from members, check into the sales at Connecting Threads, and to obtain books from Carol Phillips sale in May. Deirdre suggested that we disband the library for a time as only about 20 books a month are checked out. It was decided that the committee would look into these suggestions and report their recommendations to the president.

**Mixer:** The March Mixer is scheduled to take place in 3 weeks. Ruthie Bertaccini has taken flyers advertising this event to Sugar Pine, Humble Fabrics, and Ben Franklin. She has hostesses lined up, people to bring goodies and experts to run almost all the groups. Frances O’Brien may or may not be able to head up the Activity group, if not, Lorna Tiller said she could, Ruthie has spent about $55 on plates, coffee, and nametags. She handed out the Trivia questions to each “expert” so they could be sure to include that piece of information in their presentation. Sue Miller said she would post the answers to the Trivia questions in the newsletter.

Joan asked that at the March meeting, announcements be kept to a minimum, lasting only about 15 minutes. Show and Tell, Fat Quarter Club and Mystery Gift will be suspended at this meeting. Sign up for workshops will take place and Kris Cook will have the Opportunity Quilt tickets envelopes.

**Membership Survey:** Joan handed out a copy of the survey, intended to find out how the guild can improve membership participation. She and Ardy Tobin have discussed the best
way to get the survey out over the Internet but have run into problems. Sue Miller stated she would look into using Survey Monkey to have it include written comments. It was suggested that the survey be amended to find out why members leave the meetings early, why they don’t attend meetings, why they don’t volunteer, and if (or if not) they use the library resources. It was decided that the survey would be one of the activities that would take place at the March Mixer.

New Business:

Hall of Honor: This was supposed to have happened in December, so this year it will occur twice. Voting took place and the votes will be tallied at a later date and announced at the April Guild meeting.

Other:
Joan reported Yvonne Jones of Project Linus contacted Lorna Straka. Yvonne would like to give a 10 –15 minute presentation to the Guild regarding Project Linus. It was mentioned that this might take away from the Guild’s Community Service work and add to an already crowded meeting, so the offer was declined.

Jeannie Ferguson, reported (through phone call with Joan) that she is having trouble coming up with a Patchwork Star for each meeting. A discussion followed and the consensus was to continue having a ‘Patchwork Star’ but to take a new approach. Various suggestions included limiting the items shown to about 5, reintroducing veteran’s stars’ and having them show their first and latest project, focusing on getting to know the ‘star’ as a person instead of focusing on their work. Joan will bring these ideas back to Jeannie.
Committee Reports

Hospitality: Phyllis Brodie reported she would be ready for the Mixer at the March meeting.

Education/Outreach: Margaret Boothby and Robin Mello have made a presentation at Scotten School and had a trunk show at Ready Spring School.

Community Service: Marjorie McConnell reported that the Seventh Day Adventist Church has increased the rent to $70 a month. This includes both workshop days and storage space. She will be gone in March, but Betty Maddox will open and be there for community service.

Jamboree: Deirdre Campbell announced the Jamboree will take place on September 14th at the United Methodist Church. Workshops include

   Sue Rasmussen: Flying geese and curved paper piecing
   Diane Steele: Woven backgrounds
   Pat Levy: Potholder quilt
   Cathy Stone: Purse (style to be announced)

In addition there will be an open sewing space available and a race to see who can sew an 1600 inch quilt (from strips) the fastest.

Skill Builders: Lorna Tiller reported she had 3 attendees last month.
**Mystery Gifts:** Robin Peterson reports there will not be a drawing in March but she will be back in April with gifts.

**Mini Groups:** Clairie Carter has 5 people that want to join mini-groups and she is working on forming a group for them.

**Picnic**  Nancy Ann Tracy announced the picnic has been moved to July 9th (instead of the 2nd) and has reserved the Pavilion off Hollow Way in Nevada City. It will start at 6 pm and go until dusk.

**Newsletter:** Sue Miller thanked everyone for getting articles to her in a timely manner. She had questions about the Guild affiliates and was informed that they should be listed in each newsletter and one should be highlighted each month. The deadline for February’s newsletter is Tuesday the 19th.

**Scholarship:** Pat Gillings reported that her committee will meet in early April to decide on recipients and winners will be notified in mid April. She has been asked about a display at the Quilt Show but stated that there is a problem in showing past winners as their work is not kept (secondary to confidentiality issues). It was decided that just the current winners would be shown at the Show. She will need easels to display their work. The recipients will still be presented at the Guild Meeting in June.

**NCQC:** Chris Parks stated that they will meet in April and she will be attending that meeting.

**Quilt Show:** Carol Riddles reports that she has found an Equipment Chair. Mary Sparra has stepped up to the plate for this job. She is still without a co-chair but may have
convinced someone to take this position. The next Quilt Show meeting will be held Tuesday, February 19th. It appears that the entry binder is missing.

Set-up: Tamara Cook requests that members do not arrive before 5:45. An exception was made for the March Mixer meeting.

Library: Molly Cook stated the library would not occur in March.

Membership: Carol Gates reported the Guild has 203 members.

Holiday Party: Judy Hamilton is working with Lorna Straka, Alice Ruth Mischke, and her mini-group on decorations and activities for the party. She requested a lead on how to find the game ‘Quilto’ and was directed to Edith Gregersen. Judy Vaughn may know of a group that could provide musical entertainment.

Home Workshops: Sue Robertson reported that she is short of suggestions for the workshops and has another commitment. It was decided to suspend this activity for a time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamilton