Agenda
Gems of the Prairie Meeting
April 1, 2026

Joyce Blank called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Program Chair, Lise Mundwiller introduced the speaker, Carol Wilhoit, from Wheaton, IL. Her presentation was called "Gaps in My Quilting Education." She talked about how to make many things simpler by trying them ourselves: using precuts, fusables, different threads, different ways to cut patterns. Website: www.carolquilts.com

Old Business:
A gift card was given to Vicki Lee. She donated the money we gave her to PAWS.

Bus trip: Nikki Mitts presented the idea of a bus trip to the Madison Quilt Show on September 10, 11, or 12. The cost for the bus would be $2,980.00; it will hold 56 passengers. Members who might be interested were asked to raise their hands to get some kind of count and decide whether or not to pursue the trip. Approximately 20 members from those present were interested, about half for Friday and half for Saturday; none for Sunday. We will put it in the newsletter to determine if there is more interest and if we can set it up.

New Business:
Pastor Lisa is leaving to be closer to her grandchildren, and needed to be replaced as a board rep. Monica Franciscovich was nominated and agreed to serve if elected. Her name was put before the membership and seconded by Anne Unes; it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:
Programs: Mexican Cross workshop on May 7; there will be a taco bar with food provided by the committee. There are 16 places available.

Boutique: They are currently accepting items for the boutique; no fabric, books or patterns. Wed, May 6 from 5-6 in the parking lot all those things currently in the storage space will be given away to members; first come first served. Anything not taken will be donated to Helping Hands.

QOV: Wheels O Time Museum; May 23 workshop 9-3. April 28 QOV presentation at the Vet Center at 2:00.

Quilt Show: 142 days to get ready. Get quilts ready for show. Boutique is now a gift shop. Registration June 15 to July 15 for quilts.

50/50: Cupcakes, fabric scraps, and $65.50.

St Jude: Karen thanked those who brought finished quilts back; more available. A workday for St Jude on June 27 at 9:30 until 5:00 at Wheels O time; no sewing, just cutting and packaging into kits.

Center for Prevention of Abuse: need pillow cases for adults and children as well as full-size bed quilts; kits are available.

NICU/PICU: Starting on PICU quilts; not as picky with batting and thread; quilts go home with each child. Sizes can vary.

Workshops:
Saturday April 18 from 9-3 at St Paul's; All Things Tote, cost $10, must buy pattern and have pre-work done for class; go to Knot and Thread website can get 10% off pattern in PDF or copy sent. Code: Gems of the prairie. See newsletter for more information. Lunch on our own.

June 20 workshop; new quilter who makes her own patterns; half rectangle/ triangles; class about $20

Saturday July 18 barn quilt painting at St Paul's; class $10 plus supply fee.

Bed Turning: Theme - I love this quilt because; doesn't have to be done by us; could be a gift or something we bought.

Until the show there will be a show table at each meeting for items to be donated for the gift shop and questions answered.

Carol Fritch - welcome table with Pastor Lisa. Tonight there were 67 people and three visitors with one new member.

Show and Tell: Numerous quilts were shown.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.