Agenda
Gems of the Prairie Regular Meeting
June 3, 2026

Sue Wozniak called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Welcome any new members or guests: There was one guest introduced by Perry French.

The program, Process not Pattern by Juli Seydell Johnson, was introduced by Lise Mundwiller. She has been making quilts for 32 years and is involved in a Norwegian museum in Iowa. Her quilts are typically appliqué and multi-media, and usually tell a story. Buffalo Grace Designs; www.BuffaloGrace.com website.

Announcements:

Joan Krugman sold fabric that belonged to Susie Howell. The money will go to Susie's husband.

Melissa Shoal brought cupcakes to celebrate her birthday.

New Treasurer: Karen Rush will be replacing Lisa McCabe as our new treasurer. She will finish this year and continue through next year as well.

St Jude Clinic Information: Children's Hospital of Illinois and St Jude are now in the same cancer center. It will not impact how our quilts are distributed. All that has happened is that the name has changed, and we will need to re-name our website designation.

Reminder: Gem of the Year Announcements. Nominations need to be in by June 15th. Members were reminded to include the reasons they are nominating their person.

Old Business:

Bus trip: No buses are available except ones that could be brought in from Chicago and the price went up by almost $3000. If a local bus should open up by August 1st, we will reconsider the trip.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Quilt show: Registration from June 15-July 15. Category information has been simplified and is on the website. If we enter a quilt in the wrong category, it will not be eligible for a ribbon. Two ribbons will only be awarded in the categories specified as duets. It has become very difficult for ribbon makers to keep up. Volunteer sign-up is now on the website.

Programs: Members have been given sheets to complete to help decide what to do with workshops. Attendance has been down. In July we are having a quilt trivia party at the meeting. There will be prizes.

Bed turning: Quilts that we love; it can be made by anyone or purchased. Write a paragraph or two about why we love the quilt and email it to one of them. Enter them on the website. I love this quilt because . . .

Welcome: We had 69 members tonight and two new members (one returning; one new).

50/50: $62 in cash went to Laura Tomblin, hummingbird feeder went to Peg Gutesell.

Workshops: Pinwheel blocks workshop on June 20 using our own rulers; pattern is $12 and cost of workshop is $20. July 18 will be barn painting blocks. Class is $10; supply list $20. No sewing machine is needed.

Helping Hands: Block patterns are available as well as kits. We would like to have some quilts available by November.

St Jude: A work day will be June 27 at Wheels of Time to work on quilts. The main focus is to use fabric from the sewing room and play with it to make piecing kits for members to pick up and sew.

NICU/PICU: Kits are available; many have been delivered. A Wheels of Time work day will be on July 25.

Show and Tell.

Sue Wozniak adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm.