

We are improving how quickly we get to the "fun" part of our meetings!

Old Business:

1. Opening Prayer: In order to put more faith in our sisterhood, we will begin each meeting with a prayer. If someone would like to volunteer to lead the prayer for next month, that would be great.
2. Mission statement-we're getting closer! Suggestions are still welcome as we hope to finalize this in August.
3. Baptismal garments/bibs-Cathy V. shared Fr. McCarthy's thoughts. Yvonne will have an embroidered mock-up of the symbol and "Holy Family Parish" for the September meeting.
4. Collaborative Quilt #1 update-Susan will have the binding and advertisement finished for the August meeting. Cathy Y. is working on the coordinating shams. We hope for the quilt to be displayed at each parish building in September to encourage those interested in purchasing raffle tickets (\$2 each or 6 for \$10).

Opening Prayer DRAFT

To You, merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who stitch together colorful scraps of fabric and yarn to create comfort items in spectacular patterns and hues. Lord, we ask Your blessings for these women as they create their labors of love. Amen

Mission Statement DRAFT

The mission of the Sisterhood of Faith ministry is to provide a forum for needlework enthusiasts to prayerfully meet, socialize, and exchange ideas, techniques, and materials related to quilting and other textile and fiber arts. The group will also work collaboratively and independently to create comfort items for charity.

**We do this by holding regularly scheduled meetings that encourage shared knowledge about quilting and other crafts and providing charitable gifts to our community.*

***We value:*

- *innovation, creativity, and craftsmanship in all styles of textile and fiber arts*
- *integrity and accountability by being effective in achieving our goals and having accountable leadership that earns trust and the good will of our members and the community*
- *sustainability of our organization*
- *stewardship of financial, social, and environmental resources*

- *charitable giving by our members who donate quilts and other sewn goods to organizations who gift them to those in need*
- *friendship and prayer. We are a ministry where building relationships through shared arts and prayer is valued.*

New Business:

Collaborative Quilt #2

Colors-fall see below for some of the choices made by our members (sorry if yours isn't shown). If you weren't able to attend, you may choose any of these colors OR any other colors that would coordinate with these selections. If you were present, you can always change or add to your selections! I have a tub of fabric if you need some, just text me at 5133178696 so we can arrange a meet up.

Size-12 1/2"

Pattern-we picked the [Eight Point Star](#) as the block that everyone should make. It's also called the [Sawtooth Star](#), [the Morning Star](#), [the Ribbon Star](#), and the [Missouri Star](#) to name a few depending on the difficulty of the variations. Other block patterns are welcome, but we thought we'd try a common block for quilt #2.

Other fun stuff: Yvonne suggested we do a sewing Saturday sometime in the fall to just set up and sew together for a few hours. Mary Anne found some crochet patterns and a book in the yarn donations if anyone is interested. She also found some UFOs that she completed for our donation collection. Speaking of, should we start to keep track of how many hats, scarves, blankets, and other items we make to donate?

Finally, thanks to Mary Beth Leep for the extreme yarn donation in such a variety of styles and colors! We have cotton, wool, and acrylic available. If you know of anyone who likes to knit or crochet and would like to make hats, mittens, scarves, blankets, or loovies (stuffed animals) to donate, we can provide the materials.

Any mistakes and asides are my own. I apologize for the mistakes!

Susan