



NEORQC General Meeting
March 2, 2019

The regular meeting of the North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council convened at 10:10 a.m. at Pins and Needles in Middleburg Heights, OH, Janis Hittle presiding. Vice President Beth Headings and Treasurer, Barb King, were present. The meeting was hosted by the Calico Hearts Quilt Guild.

President Hittle welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending today.

Webmistress Sue Straub took a group picture.

President Hittle reminded members that if they make a request to join our closed Facebook page and do not get a response, to either email or call her.

The minutes from the October 2, 2018, General Meeting were approved after correcting that the October 6, 2018 meeting was hosted by the Portage Patchers.

The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Treasurer Barb King explained that September to March is the busiest time of the year. It is during this time that Getaway registrations and NEORQC memberships are turned in. Expenses were read and the ending balance in the checking account was \$5,780.71. An itemized list of expenses was passed out to guild members. Barb reminded us that we need to maintain a \$5,000 checking account balance in order to avoid a service charge. If we get close to that amount, Barb will transfer money from our savings to the checking. We did make about \$1,000 from the February Getaway. The balance in the savings account was \$10,083.50.

Treasurer Barb King also gave a recap of the 2019 Getaway. It was a successful weekend with 122 people, 2 vendors and 6 teachers in attendance. The evaluations that were completed at the end of the weekend were very positive. The 2020 Getaway will continue to be held at the Boardman Holiday Inn. Registration will once again open in September. Members are encouraged to register early as the maximum number of people allowed is 124. Registration, which includes the hotel, meals, class teachers, gifts, etc., will be approximately \$300. All those attending this year received a table runner pattern to make and bring back to the next getaway. They will be displayed and voted on. Teacher proposals for 2020 will also be sent out soon. Barb asked several members to share their experiences. The staff at the hotel was excellent, always making sure everything was fine. It was emphasized that the quilters who attend are very friendly and if you need a roommate the committee is available to pair you with another quilter who is also attending alone. Barb, who will also be the chairman next year, thanked everyone who attended the Getaway for coming. President Hittle also thanked the committee for all of their hard work planning this special event.

Guest speaker was the owner of Pins and Needles, Jan Brostek. Jan introduced and showed some of the fabrics that are new on the market. She also emphasized that young sewers are becoming more interested in sewing with "Innovation Centers" opening up in middle schools and libraries. Jan also gave us extensive information about the sewing machine industry today and the latest machines now available.

Vice President Beth Headings called the role.

It was announced that the Sew Happy Carnation Quilt Guild will be hosting the June 1st General Meeting.

Linda Roberto announced that the United Quilt Guild has joined our group along with 3 new quilt shops. We now have 26 shops belonging to NEORQC.

New shopping cards were available. You need to visit 6 shops and have your card signed to participate in the drawing. If you need a card you can also print one from our website. Shop Hop Winners this time were Mary Lou Fury, Pam England and Sherry DiBacco.

Members were reminded of the June panel challenge. Please remember to take a picture of the panel before you begin making your project.

Webmistress Sue Straub is updating her contact list for each guild. If you are the contact person and receive an email from Sue, please respond. Sue was asked if there is some way the newsletter can be emailed to each member in the future. President Hittle will look into more information about sending out a group newsletter as well as posting it on our website. Members were also reminded to submit items for the newsletter by April 10th.

Cathy Parker presented the nominations for President and Secretary for a two-year term. Janis Hittle was nominated for President and Georgia Darrah was nominated for Secretary. There were no additional nominations from the floor so the nominations were closed. Voting took place and the two officers were approved. President Hittle thanked Cathy Parker, Cindy Casciato and Gloria Sealoft for serving on the nominating committee.

Show and Tell, along with the drawing for those participating in Show and Tell, followed.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted by Georgia Darrah / Secretary