

## North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council

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### Regular General Meeting

October 1, 2022

The regular meeting of the North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council convened at 10:15 AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall in McDonald, OH. President Janis Hittle presiding. Vice President Margaret LaVenia and Treasurer, Mary Rose Nordquist, were present. Secretary Georgia Darrah was absent; Linda Roberto recorded the minutes. The meeting was hosted by the Ohio Star Quilt Guild.

President Hittle introduced members of the board who were present. No Past Presidents were present.

The Minutes of the October 2, 2021, General Meeting were approved as printed.

The Treasurer's report and proposed budget for 2022-2023 were presented. The accountant will soon be preparing taxes for 2022 filing. Members present voted and accepted the proposed budget.

Breaking with tradition, speaker Brenda Devenport asked if she could do her presentation at the start of the meeting. She did a slide show presentation showing her toy/antique sewing machines which are part of her 200+ collection. Several sewing machines were also displayed.

Vice President Margaret LaVenia called the roll.

Janice Brown announced a new annual challenge which will be due at the October 2023 meeting: Scavenger Hunt. All were given a list of rules in which to incorporate colors, objects and designs into the quilt. There will be three categories with one prize for each: 1) large quilt; 2) small quilt or wall hanging; 3) miscellaneous (clothing/purse/tote bag/etc).

Winners of the 2022 Challenge are:

- Large quilt: Mary Durkin-TQGIBT (Halloween wool/embellished)
- Small/Lap Quilt: Roberta McAlister-Ladies of the Parlour (Flamingo Swamp)
- Miscellaneous: Willa Schrlau-Chagrin Valley ("Braided" fabric rug)

Cathy Parker announced the 2022 grant recipients:

- Tuscarawas County 4-H Quilt Day
- Sew4Service
- Kids Quilt – Ohio Star Quilt Guild
- Girls Scouts of NE Ohio – Quilting Queens Program
- Sewing & Quilting Fundamentals with GS Troop 91510 – Calico Hearts Quilt Guild

In Barbara King's absence Janis Hittle reported that the 2023 Getaway is to be held on February 17-18 and has 64 registrants; however, 30 more are needed to reach the minimum of 94. The Getaway will take up to 115 people. Registration will remain open until November 15, 2022.

Teachers are Dee Hart, Sandy Blackwell, Ginger Mangie, Judy Smith and Cathy Parker. If you registered for the 2022 Getaway which was cancelled, you will have first choice for classes in 2023; however, you

still have to register to get the class that you want. Registration forms are on the website. A friendship strip exchange is proposed for this year which will become the challenge reveal in 2024. Also bring back the finished project from the class that was taken in 2019. Members may bring two projects from home for Show & Tell

Sue Straub, Webmistress, announced continued updating for the members-only website: NEORQOnline.org. She would like all guild contacts to visit the website to make sure that their guild information is correct. If a guild has a website, Facebook page, quilt show or event, please let Sue know and she will put up a link on the NEORQC website. It was suggested that a Longarm Category be created for the website.

President Hittle spoke about the NEORQC newsletter in Jean Krusinski's absence. She noted that the newsletter is sent to all guild contacts who are expected to share with their guild members. Please send your guild stories and event updates to Jean for inclusion in the next newsletter.

President Hittle announced that the Calico Hearts Quilt Guild will host the March General Meeting in 2023. Location to be determined. Hosts for the June and October 2023 meetings are needed.

In new business . . . President Hittle discussed the idea of having a central location for all general meetings. It would be either one location for all meetings, or three consistent locations (one each for the March, June and October meetings). The members present liked the idea, and future discussions will continue to determine the best course of action.

Also in new business . . . President Hittle asked the members if NEORQC had improved in the last five years. All agreed that there was better overall communication, and they liked the website and the Facebook page. In discussion about membership benefits, the only advantage at this time is that NEORQC members can attend the Getaway at the discounted rate. She is going to contact the quilt shops that have paid membership dues to see if they will offer a discount for NEORQC members who show their active membership card.

There was also discussion about the NEORQC website and the information on it. One member stated that if the information is public, what incentive does a guild have to become a member? He suggested that the website be private for "members only", but most members present wanted it to remain public so that anyone interested in quilting could see the various events and benefits that NEORQC has to offer. The NEORQC brochure created in 2017 was also discussed.

Show and Tell and drawings occurred before the meeting adjourned. Lea Lazar, Sue Brown and Linda Roberto won the shop hop drawings.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Roberto in Secretary Georgia Darrah's absence.

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## NOTES

This was not discussed but it is in the minutes from 2019

1. At the 2019 Getaway a table runner pattern was available to those who wanted to participate in the Table Runner Challenge. Members are asked to bring back the table runners to be eligible for prizes.)
2. President Hittle requested volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Joy Krushinski volunteered to chair; however, no other members stepped up to help. It was then suggested to bypass the Nominating Committee and accept nominations from the floor. Virginia Dray from TGBIBT volunteered for Vice President and Judy Wilson from Village Piece-makers volunteered for Treasurer. These candidates will be taken into consideration for the ballot.