

NEORQC General Meeting  
March 4, 2023

The regular meeting of the North East Ohio Regional Quilt Council convened at 10:00 a.m. at the VFW Post 1055 in Ravenna, Ohio. President Janis Hittle presided. Vice President Margaret LaVenia, Secretary Georgia Darrah and Treasurer Mary Rose Nordquist were present. The meeting was hosted by the Calico Hearts Quilt Guild.

President Hittle welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Pomegranate Quilt Shop owners and one past president were acknowledged and welcomed.

The minutes from the October 1, 2022, General Meeting were presented. No changes or additions were made. Motions were made to accept the minutes as printed and a vote of approval was made by the members in attendance.

Treasurer, Mary Rose Nordquist, presented the treasurer's report as of March 1, 2023. Balance in the checking account at 10/01/2022 was \$8,043.85. Total income was \$5,407.49. Total expenses were \$2796.61. Ending balance in the checkbook is \$10,654.73. Balance in savings account as of 10/01/2022 was \$8,589.69. Interest earned was \$ 0.21. Balance in savings is currently \$8,589.90. Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Vice President Margaret LaVenia called the roll. The guilds in attendance gave a brief update on the activities their guilds are currently doing.

Linda Roberto, who is in charge of membership, announced that we presently have 38 active guilds and 1,374 members. New membership cards are now available for guilds to give to their members. If any guild needs to change their contact person, please be sure to give that new information to Linda.

Janice Brown reminded members of this year's annual challenge entitled "Scavenger Hunt". Items that need to be included in the item you make are listed on the NEORQC website. The reveal will take place at the October meeting. Please contact Janice if you have any questions.

A new application to apply for a grant will be posted on the NEORQC website within the next month. This past year \$2,200 was given. New grant recipients will be announced at the October meeting. The profit we make from the annual Getaway helps fund our grants.

Barb King, Chairman of the Getaway committee, gave a recap of the 2023 Getaway. A total of 98 people, representing 22 guilds. There were 5 classes offered, along with Open Studio. Two shops from our membership also vended for the weekend. A certificate for the guild with the most members present went to Calico Hearts. The certificate for the guild with the highest percentage of their members present went to That Quilt Guild I Belong To. The net profit this year was \$3,281.49. Those attending the Getaway were asked to fill out an evaluation form. These are so helpful to the committee as they begin planning the 2024 Getaway. Barb did address several concerns. A question was asked about having ironing and cutting stations. This has never been available due to spacing issues. Also, tables have to be shared in the open ballroom due to constraints created by the space that is available. Barb also emphasized that the menu for the weekend is carefully put together to be as friendly as possible. There is a vegan option but any special meals beyond that cannot be accommodated. The vendors are also given the opportunity to purchase meals, but they usually prefer to take care of their meals on their own. As part of the information gathered from the evaluation sheets it was suggested that the starting time on Friday be moved to an earlier hour. This may be a possibility and will be considered by the committee for next year.

The dates for the 2024 Getaway will be February 2-4. At the present time, the venue will continue to be the Holiday Inn. This year there were some changes that had to be worked out due to a change in the staff. The Holiday Inn has been very good to us in the past and although other venues have been explored, a better place has not been found.

Teachers interested in being selected to present a class at the next Getaway need to submit a proposal by May 15, 2023.

If anyone is interested in being on the Getaway Committee, please let the new committee chairperson know.

Webmistress, Sue Straub, was unable to attend but sent information that all the shop and guild information will be updated on the website in the coming week.

The shop hop drawing was won by Sherry DiBacco. She was actually the only person who submitted a filled in card. New shop hop cards can be accessed and printed from our website for the June meeting.

In new business.....Pam Workman, chairman of the nominating committee, presented 2 nominations. For the office of President, Barb King was nominated and accepted the nomination. Nominations were also open to the floor but there were none. A motion was made and passed and Barb King is the new NEORQC President. Pam presented the name of Kathie Peterson for the nomination for the office of Secretary. No additional nominations were made from the floor. Kathy accepted the nomination, and a motion was made to accept her as the new secretary. All members voted and the motion passed.

Janice also presented as new business how important our past presidents are. They are the backbone of our organization. We would like to have a complete list of names so they can be honored.

Mary Rose paid tribute to Janis and Georgia as they end their terms of office. Janis has served as president for the past 6 years and Georgia has served as the secretary for the past 3 years.

It was announced that extra mugs from the 2023 Getaway were available for members to take after the meeting.

For our program today, we had the pleasure of having 3 of the 4 staff members from the Pomegranate Place Quilt Shop. This is a family owned fabric, quilting and sewing shop located at 499 OH-44, Hartville, OH ( which is basically in Randolph ). Victoria Stauffer spoke about designing quilts and Kezia Stauffer presented information about using the EQ8 program. Many beautiful examples of their original designs were shown. Assisting was their mom, Chrissi Stauffer who works side by side with her 3 daughters .

At the end of the meeting, several members participated in "Show 'n Tell" and 3 of those people won a gift certificate to a quilt shop.

A big thank you goes to the Calico Hearts Quilt Guild. They provided the continental breakfast and gave each person in attendance a mug rug as a hostess gift.

The June meeting will be hosted by That Quilt Guild I Belong To and will be located in Canfield. More details will be given at a later date.

Respectfully submitted by Georgia Darrah / Secretary