

NEORQC General Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2023 / 10:00 a.m. / Canfield United Methodist Church

Host Guild... That Quilt Guild I Belong To (TQGIBT)

Minutes By: Nonie McDevitt (Kathie Peterson, Secretary absent)

Welcome | Clare Neff, TQGIBT and Barbara King, NEORQC President

TQGIBT President, Clare Neff welcomed the members, officers, and guild members. President Barb King opened the meeting by introducing herself and briefly giving a bio and talking about her journey with NEORQC as Treasurer and Getaway Chair. The Executive Board members were introduced. She reminded us that NEORQC is celebrating its 35th anniversary year. Several events are planned for the celebration.

Speaker | Clare Neff, TQGIBT and Barbara King, NEORQC President

TQGIBT President, Clare Neff **introduced speaker, Sheila Drevna**. She talked about quilting with disabilities. She is a longarm quilter who started her quilting career in 2004 after suffering a serious illness that resulted in permanent and severe motor and sensory nerve damage in 2000. Through sheer determination and hard work, she has become a successful quilter, longarmer, teacher, and speaker. Her inspirational talk included quilting tips and tools she has adapted for quilting over the years. She invited us to the Beaver Valley Piecemakers' Quilt Show on Oct. 12-14 in Beaver Falls, PA.

Minutes | Barbara King

The minutes from the March 4th, 2023 General Meeting was presented by President Barb King. A motion was made by Marianne from Keep Us in Stitches and seconded by Kathy Parker from Memory Makers to approve the minutes without changes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report | Mary Rose Norquist, Treasurer

Treasurer Mary Rose Nordquist presented the treasurer's report. Balance of checking on May 31, 2023 was 10,251.37. The savings account balance as of May 31, 2023 was \$8,590.11. A motion was made by Janis from Calico Hearts and seconded by Kathy from Memory Makers to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was filed for audit. A detailed budget was presented by the Treasurer for the 2023-2024 year. Guilds and teachers can join NEORQC at any time during the year. Plans are being made for an informational card about NEORQC that will be shared with shops. A budget line was added for the 35th anniversary celebration. Questions from the membership were answered and the 2023-2024 budget approved by the membership.

Guild Roll Call | Margaret LaVenia, Vice President

There were 18 guilds represented at the general meeting. Each guild provided updates on the guild's activities and any upcoming events.

Membership Update | Linda Roberto, Membership

Currently the organization consists of 39 guilds, 1,450 members, 11 teachers, and 19 shops. A new guild joined NEORQC at the meeting.

Grants| Cathy Parker, Grants Chair

NEORQC is again offering Education Grants to spread the love of quilts and quilting. Applications are due by September 1, 2023 and will be awarded in October 2023. Project must be completed by September, 2024. Grants are from \$100 to \$500 to organizations or guilds teaching the fine art of quilting, raising public awareness and appreciation of quilting. We especially encourage projects that introduce youth to sewing and quilting.

2024 Getaway| Mary Rose Norquist, Treasurer and Getaway Chair

The Getaway Chair Mary Rose Nordquist introduced the committee. This year's theme is "Quilters are Timeless". The Getaway dates are February 2-4, 2024 and will be held at the Holiday Inn in Boardman. Registration will start earlier on Friday and classes will start in the afternoon. The cost for the weekend (including rooms, food, classes etc.) will be \$20 more than last year. Single, double, triple and commuter options will be offered. Prospective teachers were introduced: Betsy Bauman, Ginger Mangie, Cathy Parker, Mary Bernower, Nonie McDevitt, Sandi Blackwell, Rita Fishel, Laura Nolletti, Debbie Shives, and Open Sew. Registration for the classes will determine which classes will be offered.

Newsletter | Jean Krusinski, Newsletter Editor

Please let Jean know the happenings of your guild, shows, yard sales, etc. so she can include them.

Webpage| Sue Straub, Webmaster

There was a message about New Site. She's figured it out and the website is up and running. She added Menus to the right and back to the top button, and an all about us page. Please provide updates guild events to the page. The Shop Hop card is posted. Current guild and shops are listed. Pictures will be added to the photo gallery. Send information to sstraub@gmail.com.

Facebook| Janis Hittle

Fabric challenge will be on Facebook page. Each person must request their own membership on the page. If you want to be approved, you must answer the questions.

General Meeting | Margaret LaVenja, Vice President

- October 2023: United Methodist Church in Kent hosted by NEORQC Executive Board. Cindy Casciata and Carol Wooten will be the presenters on the history of NEORQC. The meeting will also include the annual challenge presentation, voting, and awards; and last year's grant recipients presentation.
- March 2024: a host guild is needed.

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Annual Challenge 2023 Scavenger Hunt|

The annual challenge will be presented at the October General Meeting. The challenge guidelines are available on the NEORQC website.

NEORQC Shop Hop Drawing|

Please support the shops that support our organization. The Shop Hop Cards are available on the website and include all the shops that are members. You get the shop hop card signed at the shop. Return the card to a general meeting for a chance of a gift card from one of the quilt shops. We buy gift cards from those shops to be used as prizes for shop hop.

New Business| Barbara King

- **NEORQC 35th anniversary** - We will be celebrating NEORQC's 35th anniversary at each of the general meetings this year with the final celebration at the June 2024 meeting. At the next meeting Cindy Casciato and Carol Wooten will present the history of NEORQC. Members are encouraged to bring photos and stories about NEORQC to share. Many members volunteered to bring artifacts from the early days.
- **Goals for next year**—get more guilds involved in NEORQC. The President wants to get guilds involved on the Board and committees to have a wider representation of the guilds. The President also has a goal to visit each guild during her presidency.
- **Ideas**— Some new ideas the Board is considering are a NEORQC bus trip to Shipshewana, a National speaker, lecture series, and a Quilt Yard Sale.
- **Open Topics** - Donna Bishop reminded the membership that NEORQC used to have a cookbook.

Show and Tell|

There were numerous show and tell projects shared by the membership. Two members both won \$10 gift cards for their show and tell: Carolyn Artle for the Stairway to the Stars and Mystery Quilt and Kathy Hellwig for the Wedding Quilt and The Great Raced.

Adjournment| Barbara King

The President closed the meeting and presented a decorated sheet cake for the membership to celebrate the 35th anniversary.