

NEORQC General Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2023 / 10:00 a.m. / United Methodist Church of Kent

Host... NEORQC Executive Board

Minutes By: Kathie Peterson, Secretary

Welcome | Barbara King, NEORQC President

President Barb King opened the meeting by welcoming the membership and the guest speakers. The Executive Board members were introduced. The past presidents were asked to stand and introduce themselves. She reminded the membership that NEORQC is celebrating its 35th anniversary year. Several events are planned for the celebration during this year.

Minutes | Kathie Peterson, Secretary and Barbara King

The minutes from the June 3rd, 2023 General Meeting was presented by President Barb King. A motion was made and seconded 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 the checking account as of September 30, 2023 was \$9,276.88. The savings account balance as of September 30, 2023 was \$8,590.33. A motion was made then seconded to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Guild Roll Call | Margaret LaVenia, Vice President

There were 25 guilds (85 individuals) 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 41 guilds, 1,452 members, 15 teachers, and 19 shops. A new guild and shop joined NEORQC at the meeting. The shop was Hidden Stitches located in Broadview Heights.

Grants | Cathy Parker, Grants Chair

The 2023 Education Grants recipients Tuscarawas County 4-H, Ohio Star Guild, Calico Hearts, and Girl Scouts of NE Ohio presented their projects funded through the grant awards. The Tuscarawas County Quilt Day grant provided 4H members the ability to learn sewing skills to make quilts. The Ohio Star Guild hosted a Kids Quilt Camp where the membership worked with kids on making quilts through teaching basic quilt skills. The Calico Hearts worked with Girl Scout Troop #91510 to teach basic sewing skills and

the girl scouts made cross-over bags. Memory Makers and Quilters with a Heart guilds had two sewing sessions with the NE Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts made quilt blocks and cross-over bags. Two quilts were made by volunteers with the practice pieces the girl scouts made to familiarize themselves with the machines. These quilts were donated and presented to the NE Ohio Girl Scout Council at the meeting.

The 2024 Education Grant Recipients were announced. The projects will be presented to the membership at the October 2024 general meeting.

- Sew for Service - Learn to Quilt at Malachi Center - \$500.00
- Calico Hearts with Girl Scout Troop 90110 - Sewing Fundamentals - \$350.00
- Girl Scout Troop 91278 - Sewing Scrunchies Headbands for Cancer Patients - \$350.00
- Ohio Star Quilters - Kids Quilt - \$500.00
- Tuscarawas County 4-H Program - Tuscarawas County 4H Quilt Day - \$250.00.

2024 Getaway | Mary Rose Nordquist, Treasurer and Getaway Chair

The Getaway Chair Mary Rose Nordquist introduced the Getaway 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. The Getaway is 70% full. There are 20 open slots remaining. There is a door hanger challenge, creating a door hanger that represents you as a quilter. Please remember to bring your door hangers to the Getaway. The Getaway starts earlier on Friday. Registration will start at 9:00am and classes at 2:00pm. The teachers selected were Betsy Bauman, Ginger Mangie, Cathy Parker, Mary Bernower, Nonie McDevitt, Laura Nolletti, and Debbie Shives. There is also an Open Sew.

Newsletter | Jean Krusinski, Newsletter Editor

Please let Jean know the happenings of your guild, shows, yard sales, etc. so she can include them. If your guild or you have an article to share please email it to Jean. The newsletter is published one month prior to the general meeting.

Webpage | Sue Straub, Webmaster

Sue asked the membership to provide her guild updates and events that can be added to the events page. The Shop Hop card is posted that can be printed. Current guild and shops are listed. The Newsletter is on the website and printable. The NEORQC Brochure is available on the website as a printable pdf. that can be shared with new members and guilds. Pictures will be added to the photo gallery from the meeting. Send information to sstraub@gmail.com.

Facebook | Janis Hittle

There have been requests for groups on the Facebook page. Our Facebook page does not accept groups (i.e. guilds), only individuals that are part of NEORQC guild are approved. Each person must request their own membership on the page. If you want to be approved, you must answer the questions provided by the administrator. Please inform your guild members of the Facebook page.

General Meeting | Margaret LaVenia, Vice President

- March 2024: a host guild is needed. Check the website for updates.
- June 2024: Memory Makers will be hosting this meeting. This meeting will end the 35th anniversary celebration year. The theme will be a tea party which was the theme of NEORQC's first meeting in 1988.
- October 2024 – need a host guild.

Annual Challenge 2023 Scavenger Hunt| Janice Brown, Challenge Chair

The 2023 Scavenger Hunt annual challenge projects were presented at the meeting. There were three projects presented by Sue Straub, Elaine Peck, and Lucy Kulbago. All won awards.

Janice presented the 2024 challenge, Zebra with a Kick. The challenge is a project within one of three categories: a quilt of any size, wall hanging, and miscellaneous. The project must be black and white with a kick of one additional color. The challenge projects will be revealed at the October 5, 2024 general meeting. Prizes will be awarded for winners per category based on members' votes. 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. The Shop Hop Card is available on the website.

New Business| Barbara King

- **Nominations for Treasurer and Vice-President** - The March meeting will have voting for the Treasurer and Vice-President. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact a Board member to be placed on the ballot.
- **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. There are still open Committee Chairs: Audit, Bylaws, and Nominating Committee Chairs. On the website is a description of the responsibilities of each of the positions. Please email Barbara at President@NEORQOnline.org if you are interested in joining the Board, have any ideas and suggestions, or have any questions.
- **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.
- **General Meeting Location** – a discussion was held on rather to have a permanent location (like the location we were meeting at) for all meetings that will be hosted by

a guild or to continue to move the meetings based on the hosting guild location. Membership had mixed feelings; some liked a permanent location and others voiced that far away guilds might not come to Kent. The Akron/Canton area is the center of the NEORQC region. The Board will continue to discuss and get feedback from guilds.

Speaker Presentation| The Beginning and History of NEORQC - Cindy Casciato and Carol Wooten, founding members

Cindy and Carole shared how NEORQC was founded. It started as a network for quilters 35 years ago before the internet and all the current quilt shops and classes that are available to us today. Cindy was the first president of the organization. They created a quilting network that has grown over the 35 years. The quilting revolution began in 1979 with the cutting mat, ruler, and rotary cutter which Olfa created. The concept for NEORQC was presented by Cindy Casciato at a Quilters Tea hosted by Country Piecemakers in Atwater in May 1988. She saw a need for quilters to get together in a “networking” format that would benefit everyone. There were only two quilt shops in 1988, new ideas were not shared, and a regional quilting group didn’t exist. Following an invitation to quilting organizations throughout northeast Ohio, 32 women met at the home of Carole in August 1988 to begin planning. NEORQC was officially organized in March 1989. The Northcoast Needlers hosted the first meeting in March when five officers were elected, and bylaws were passed. The officers were Chairperson Cindy Casciato of Calico Hearts; Secretary Carole J. Wooten of Common Threads; Treasurer Mary Lou Hall of Ohio Star Quilters; Newsletter Editor Mary Huey of Erie Street Fabrics, and Directory Chair Gayle Pritchard of Northcoast Needlers. The organization started with 14 guilds with about 600 members and two shops. Dues were 25 cents per member. Carol shared in 1996, NEORQC participated in the Cleveland Bicentennial celebration by being part of a hardbound resource book of community organizations. A copy of the book was included in a time capsule (casket) that was buried and which will be unearthed in 2096. A description of the NEORQC mission, membership requirements and other information about NEORQC was printed in the book. Cindy and Carole showed some early quilts from the beginning and different quilts presenting the changes in fabric and techniques throughout the years.

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.

Adjournment| Barbara King

The President announced she will not be at the next meeting; she will be out of the country. The meeting will be led by the Vice- President. The meeting was adjourned.