

NEORQC General Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2024 / 10:00 a.m. / St. John's Lutheran Church, Massilion, OH

Host: Quilting Stars of Ohio

Minutes By: Susan Straub, NEORQC Webmaster

Welcome | Margaret LaVenía, NEORQC Vice President

Margaret LaVenía, Vice President, opened the meeting by welcoming the membership and the guest speaker. The Executive Board members were introduced. She thanked Quilting Stars of Ohio guild and its members for hosting the general meeting.

Minutes | Margaret LaVenía, Vice President on behalf of Kathie Peterson, Secretary and Barbara King

The minutes from the October 7th, 2023 General Meeting was presented by Vice President Margaret LaVenía. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes without changes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report | Janis Hittle on behalf of Mary Rose Norquist, Treasurer

Janis Hittle presented the treasurer's report on Mary Rose Norquist's behalf as she was unable to attend this general meeting. Balance of the checking account as of March 2, 2024 was \$9,663.51. The savings account balance as of March 2, 2024 was \$8,590.97. 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 LaVenía, Vice President

Margaret LaVenía, Vice President, conducted the roll call of 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 approximately 1,300 members. Membership cards will be mailed to guild contacts soon.

Grants | Cathy Parker, Grants Chair

The new information and form for the 2024-25 NEORQC Grant Program will be posted on the NEORQC website soon.

2024 Getaway WrapUp| Janis Hittle on behalf of Mary Rose Norquist, Treasurer and Getaway Chair

The Getaway Chair Mary Rose Nordquist reports that the 2024 Getaway went well. Any profit resulting from the Getaway helps to fund the NEORQC Grant Program and also fund the free 2025 Getaway registration which a member wins via a drawing at the Getaway.

As of March 2024 the date for the NEORQC 2025 Getaway will be February 21-23, 2025.

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. The next newsletter is due to be released on May 1, 2024.

Webpage| Sue Straub, Webmaster

Sue asked the membership to provide her guild updates and events that can be added to the events page. Send information to sstraub@gmail.com. The Shop Hop card updates, current guild, teacher and shop listings will be updated soon.

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

- 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. The meeting will be held at the Methodist Church in Kent, Ohio. All attendees are encouraged to wear their fascinators and/or hats to the event.
 - October 2024 – need a host guild.
 - March 2025 - need a host guild.
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Annual Challenge 2024 Scavenger Hunt| Janice Brown, Challenge Chair

The 2024 Scavenger Hunt annual challenge theme is "Zebra With A Kick." The challenge: make a Black & White project with just one extra color! The categories will be the same. A Small/Lap Quilt; Large Quilt; or Miscellaneous Project. Zebras are NOT required! Gray would be considered as an extra color. Different values of the extra color are allowed. Challenge projects must be completed and finished. the projects are due at the October 7, 2024 General Meeting.

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.

Shop Hop winners at this general meeting were Linda Roberto, Diane Bair and Sherri DiBacco.

Nominations and Voting for Treasurer and Vice-President | Janis Hittle

Janis Hittle opened nominations from the floor for the office of Treasurer. There were no nominations made.

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Hearing no nominations from the floor, Janis Hittle requested a motion to carry the current individuals holding the positions of Treasurer and Vice President into the next year. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

Introduction of the Speaker | Quilting Stars of Ohio

A member of the Host Guild introduced the speaker, Melissa Seibert, Community Liaison and North Canton Cares Pantry, who also is an active member of the Civil Air Patrol/ United States Air Force Auxillary. Ms. Seibert is a veterans advocate and will speak to meeting attendees on Quilts of Honor.

Meeting Recess | Margaret LaVenia, Vice President

Margaret LaVenia called the meeting to recess in order to break for refreshments and the speaker presentation. The meeting will be called back to order after the speaker has finished her presentation.

Speaker Presentation | Melissa Seibert

Melissa gave an inspiring presentation regarding her experiences working with the American Red Cross. She spoke on services and help that is available through the North Canton Cares Pantry that can be of benefit to our veterans. Ms. Seibert also made a special presentation to a local veteran at the meeting. The comfort provided to veterans who receive a Quilt of Honor is very meaningful to them.

Meeting Called To Order | Margaret LaVenia, Vice President

At the conclusion of the speaker presentation, Margaret LaVenia, Vice President, announced the recess has ended and called the meeting back to order.

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| Margaret LaVenia, Vice President

The meeting was adjourned.
