

NEORQC General Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2025 / 10:30 a.m. / Pins and Needles Quilt Store, Middleburg Hts., OH
Hosted by North Coast Needlers
Minutes by Linda Roberto, Secretary

Lost and Found from Getaway – Mary Rose Nordquist

Welcome / Barbara King, NEORQC President

Barbara King, President, opened the meeting by welcoming the membership and introducing the Board and Committee Chairs. She then introduced Donna from Pins & Needles who welcomed the members and spoke of upcoming classes and new notions available at the store. She mentioned a 20% discount on today's purchases and 75% discount on their clearance items. Everyone was given discount coupons to use at a later date.

Minutes / Barbara King, President

The minutes from the October 204 General Meeting were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes without changes by Jane Herbst and seconded by Margaret LaVenía. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report / Mary Rose Nordquist, Treasurer

The balance in the checking account as of October 5, 2024 was \$17,682.43. Additions to income are membership fees of \$3,193 and Getaway fees of \$33,206. Expenses include \$325 for the accountant, \$421.38 for the October meeting, \$43,493.96 for the Getaway and \$85 for gifts, for a balance of \$9,306.09 as of February 28, 2025. The savings account balance as of October 5, 2024 was \$8,591.40 plus 22 cents interest for a total of \$8,591.62 as of February 28, 2025. Getaway income and expenses were itemized leaving a profit of \$1,726.62.

Guild Roll Call / Margaret LaVenía, Vice President

Margaret LaVenía, Vice President, conducted the roll call of guilds. Twenty-five guilds were represented at the meeting. The guilds in attendance provided their guild updates and upcoming activities. One shop was present – Pins and Needles. Two teachers were present Elizabeth Bauman and Diane McElwain.

Membership / Linda Roberto, Membership Chair

Currently the organization consists of 1,430 members from 37 guilds. Dues from 3 guilds are currently unpaid accounting for approximately 60 more members. Berea Mill Stream Quilt Guild is a new addition to NEORQC this year. Twenty teachers have renewed their registration. Thirteen shops have renewed their registration. New shops this year are Bolt & Spool on Murray Hill in Little Italy, Cleveland, and Makers Retreat House in Oberlin/Lorain County.

Membership cards were e-mailed to all guild contacts rather than printing and sending the cards in the mail as in years past, thus saving the organization approximately \$200. Linda reminded everyone that news and information are sent via e-mail to the guild contacts, and they are expected to share this information with their guild members. If there are any changes to guild contacts, please inform Linda as soon as possible. It was also mentioned that the Membership Chair position will be vacant as Linda has accepted the nomination to be the new NEORQC Secretary.

Grants / Cathy Parker, Grant Chair

Cathy Parker was unable to attend the meeting and Barbara King gave an update in her absence. Information for grant applications will be available on the NEORQC website in June. Grant applications are due in September. Six grants were awarded in 2024. Profits from the NEORQC Getaway help to maintain our non-profit status and is allocated for scholarships and grants.

Newsletter / Jean Krusinski, Newsletter Editor

Jean Krusinski was unable to attend the meeting and Barbara King gave an update in her absence. Please submit your guild announcements, events and shows to her so they can be included in an upcoming newsletter.

2025 Getaway / Mary Rose Nordquist, Treasurer/Getaway Chair

The 2025 Getaway was a great success. The overall evaluations revealed many positive comments. The new location at the Holiday Inn in Canton was a bit small, and the Getaway Committee is looking for another location. Approximately 40 hotel locations were investigated; however, the Holiday Inn in Canton was the most cost effective considering the great number of conference rooms and dining space that is needed. More information regarding the 2026 Getaway will be available by the June General Meeting. NEORQC's mission is to teach; therefore, it is encouraged that attendees take a class to learn something new or to update their current skills. If you would like to see a particular teacher or class at the next Getaway, please send your suggestions to Barbara King, President.

Webpage / Sue Straub, Webmistress

Sue asked the membership to provide her with guild updates and events that can be added to the events page. Send information to sstraubiaap@gmail.com. Please explore and check to make sure that your guild information is correct.

Facebook Page / Janis Hittle, Administrator

Janis reminded everyone that the Facebook group is a private group and that each individual needs to request membership on their own. Do not recommend anyone for membership. All individuals must answer two specific questions for membership to be approved.

General Meeting / Margaret LaVenía, Vice President

- June 2025 – Country Piecemakers at a location to be announced.
- October 2025 – A host guild is needed.
- March 2026 – A host guild is needed

Margaret reminded everyone that the host guild will receive \$250 to help defray expenses for a location or speaker. Approximately 100 people attend the General Meetings. It is suggested that two or more guilds host together at a central location.

Annual Challenge / Janice Brown

The Annual Challenge theme for 2025 is “Eye Spy”. An “eye” needs to be incorporated into the quilt either by choice of fabric or stitched in the quilting process. The three categories are small quilt, large quilt and miscellaneous and prizes will be presented to the winners. All projects are due at the October 2025 General Meeting.

Nomination of Officers / Janis Hittle, Past President

The offices of President and Secretary are up for election in 2025. Barbara King expressed interest in remaining President, and Linda Roberto expressed interest in becoming Secretary. Janis Hittle requested nominations from the floor. Upon hearing none, Barbara King remains President and Linda Roberto will be the new Secretary.

The offices of Vice President and Treasurer will be up for election in 2025 as the current Vice President, Margaret LaVenía, and Treasurer, Mary Rose Nordquist, are at their official limits and they cannot be re-elected to these positions. Barbara King stressed that more participation from the guilds is needed for NEORQC leadership and chairperson positions.

Presentation / Elizabeth Bauman / Why Quilters are Smart

New Business / Barbara King, President

No new business was discussed.

Show and Tell

There were numerous show and tell projects shared by the membership. Betsy Bauman and Janet Loepp won gift cards for their show and tell.

Adjournment / Barbara King

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 PM. The President thanked North Coast Needlers for hosting the General Meeting and reminded the membership to watch for updates in e-mails, on the Facebook page and on the website.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Roberto, Secretary