

NEORQC General Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2025 / 10:00 a.m. / Knights of Columbus Hall, Mogadore, OH
Hosted by Country Piecemakers Guild
Minutes by Linda Roberto, Secretary

Welcome – Barbara King, President

Barbara King opened the meeting by welcoming the membership and introducing the Board and Committee Chairs.

Barb then introduced Denise Country Piecemakers and thanked their guild for hosting the meeting. Denise noted that 2025 marks the 40th anniversary of their guild. She also brought to everyone's attention the three banner quilts that their members had made over the years. Country Piecemakers received a grant in 2024 and put together hand quilting kits which will be distributed at the Portage County Fair in 2025. The Country Piecemakers demonstrate hand quilting at the fair to explain and draw interest in the art of quilting.

Minutes – Barbara King, President

The minutes from the March 2025 General Meeting were presented. There was an error in the minutes as it relates to the years that the offices of Vice President and Treasurer are up for election. The minutes say 2025 and it should be 2026.

A motion was made to approve the minutes with that change by Kathy Parker and seconded by Carolyn Martin. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report – Mary Rose Nordquist, Treasurer

The balance in the checking account as of June 7, 2025 is \$9,286.09. Additions to income are membership fees of \$300 and Getaway fees of \$207. Expenses are \$236 for Getaway refunds, \$154.52 for website expenses, \$250 for March meeting expense, \$2,000 for 2026 Getaway deposit, \$250 for June meeting expense and \$20 for show and tell prizes for a balance of \$6,972.57. The savings account balance is \$8,591.83. The report will be filed for audit.

Mary Rose presented the proposed 2025-2026 budget. It was announced that the amount allocated to guilds who host general meetings be increased from \$250 to \$300 beginning in October 2025.

It was also noted that the Board is considering raising membership fees per guild member. At present the dues are \$1 per person in each guild with a minimum \$15 payment for guilds with fewer than 15 members and a cap of \$75 payment for guilds with over 75 members.

The 2025-26 budget was approved with a motion by Bonnie Marek and seconded by Coleen Spaulding.

Guild Roll Call – Margaret LaVenia, Vice President

Margaret LaVenia conducted the roll call of guilds. The guilds in attendance provided their guild updates and upcoming activities. The following teachers were present: Elizabeth Bauman, Diane McElwain, Cathy Parker, Mary Bernower, KC Howell and Ginger Mangie

Membership – Carolyn Brown (absent) – Linda Roberto, former chairperson, reporting

It was announced that Carolyn Brown is the new Membership Chairperson. Many guilds noted that they have new members, and they were instructed to inform both Carolyn and Mary Rose Nordquist of these new members. The procedure is to send dues to Mary Rose who will then inform Carolyn so that she can send the guild contact the membership cards. Members were reminded that the guild contact is the person who receives all communications for NEORQC. Forms were available if contact information needed to be updated.

Grants – Cathy Parker, Grant Chair

The grant application form and information are posted on the NEORQC website and newsletter. Applications are due by September 1, 2025.

Getaway – Mary Rose Nordquist

The 2026 Getaway will be February 20-22 at the Crown Plaza in Middleburg Heights, OH. The theme is “Quilters Still Play with Blocks.” Registration opens September 1 and closes on November 15, 2025. Class photos and descriptions were distributed to the membership. There are ten class options available, and six teachers showed their class projects. To commemorate the 250th anniversary of our country, there will be a patriotic pillow challenge. Several patterns will be forwarded to guild membership; however, you may use any patriotic pillow pattern of your choice.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter – Jean Krusinski

Please submit announcements and articles to Jean prior to the next newsletter to be published in August.

Webpage – Sue Straub

Please inform Sue if something on the website does not work or needs to be updated. The Shop Hop card on the website is current. Guilds should submit flyers and event notices to Sue. She is featuring associated quilt shops on the website and Facebook.

Facebook Page – Janis Hittle

Janis reminded the members that our Facebook page is private. Each member must submit a request on their own behalf . . . do not request membership for another person. Feel free to post any guild happenings on the Facebook page.

General Meetings – Margaret LaVenía, Vice President

Margaret announced that beginning with the October 2025 General Meeting, guilds will receive \$300 to host. The October 2025 General Meeting will be hosted jointly by Garrettsville and Streetsboro guilds. The March 2026 General Meeting will be hosted by the Canton Quilters Guild. The June 2026 General meeting is open for a host.

Annual Challenge – Janice Brown

Challenge 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 the prize for each category is \$25 cash. All projects are due at the October 2025 General Meeting.

NEORQC Shop Hop Drawing

Winners: Jim Armstrong, Debie Cattell and Pattie Jones

Presentation – Melissa Brown - Safe Harbor – A place of hope and healing for child survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

New Business – Barbara King, President

- The By-Laws need to be updated. There is currently no By-Laws chairperson; therefore, the Executive Board will make recommendations.
 - Need to update the District Representative position and start visiting guilds again.
 - Membership fees are going up in 2026. This is still in the discussion stage.
 - The positions of Treasurer and Vice President will be voted in 2026.
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Show and Tell

There were numerous Show and Tell projects shared by the membership. Two members won gift cards for their Show and Tell.

Adjournment – Barbara King, President

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM. The next meeting will be on Saturday, October 4, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Roberto, Secretary