

NEORQC General Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2025 / 10:00 a.m. / Streetsboro United Methodist Church
Hosted by Garrettsville Village Piecemakers and Streetsboro Quilt 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 acknowledged past presidents Cindy Casciato and Janis Hittle.

Jean Krusinski told the group that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and encouraged the ladies to get mammograms.

Minutes – Barbara King, President

The minutes from the June 2025 General Meeting were presented.

A motion by Janis Hittle was made to approve the minutes and seconded by Sue Straub. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Presented by Barbara King in the absence of Mary Rose Nordquist, Treasurer
The treasurer's report was presented to membership. A motion by Kim Rayl was made to approve the report and seconded by Ester Myers. The report will be filed for audit.

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.

Membership – Carolyn Brown (absent) – Barbara King, President, reporting
Barbara read from notes given to her from Chairperson, Carolyn Brown:

- There are 39 guilds, 1510 members, 7 teachers and 15 shops
 - Renewal reminders will be sent to guild contacts in the last week of October 2025
 - Additional renewal reminders for registrations that have not been received will be sent to guild contacts in January 2026.
 - Quilt shops should renew their registration by the end of January 2026 to be included in the Shop Hop card.
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Grants – Cathy Parker, Grant Chair

Cathy Parker introduced the 2024 grant recipients in attendance who gave in-depth descriptions of how they used the money granted to them for their projects. Cathy then announced the 2025 grant recipients.

1. \$500 to Girl Scouts Avon Service Unit #501
2. \$500 to 4-H Youth Development – Harrison County Extension

3. \$500 to Country Piecemakers
 4. \$500 to St. Brendan Elementary School Sewing Club
 5. \$400 to Cuyahoga County 4-H Sassy Stitchers
 6. \$250 to Access Women's Shelter
 7. \$100 to Willoughby Hills Quilt Guild for their pillowcase program only
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Getaway – Mary Rose Nordquist (absent) – Barbara King, President, reporting.

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. To commemorate the 250th anniversary of our country, there will be a patriotic pillow challenge.

Registration as of October 4 is at 90 with the cut-off of 130 attendees total.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter – Jean Krusinski

Jean is looking for a replacement to continue publication of the NEORQC newsletter. The next newsletter will be published in February; therefore, articles need to be submitted by January 15, 2026.

Webpage – Sue Straub

Sue informed members that she is working with Barbara Whitt of Firehouse Quilt Guild and together they have updated the website. The web page has a new look and many updates have been completed. There is a new form to be used to update membership information such as a change of guild contact or any other guild information.

Sue cautioned that the website is vulnerable to scammers such as one that recently targeted the NEORQC teachers who received e-mails supposedly from Barbara King asking them to purchase gift cards. Neither Barbara King nor any NEORQC board member will ever request such a thing; therefore, if you receive an e-mail of this nature, please alert Sue Straub and/or Barbara Whitt plus Barbara King.

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. The Facebook page is not meant for selling items, but feel free to post any guild happenings or events.

General Meetings – Margaret LaVenía, Vice President

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

Presentation: Sara Hume, Ph.D, Kent State University – History of Quilts in Ohio

Annual Challenge – Janice Brown (absent) – Janis Hittle (coordinator in Janice's absence)

- Challenge for 2025 is “Eye Spy”. Winners in the three categories are as follows:
 1. Miscellaneous – Mary Bernower
 2. Small Quilt – Harriet Trainer
 3. Large Quilt – Kathy Helwig

Each winner received \$25 cash

- Challenge for 2026 is “Declaration of Independence” – a patriotic theme commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence showcasing the colors red, white and blue.
 - The Annual Challenge reveal will be moved to the March General Meeting each year.
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NEORQC Shop Hop Drawing

Winners: Jim Armstrong, Pat Armstrong, Linda Roberto, Gina

New Business – Barbara King, President

- Board and Chairperson positions open for 2026:
 1. Vice President
 2. Treasurer
 3. Webmistress
 4. Newsletter
 5. Annual Challenge
 - By-Laws Update – The bylaws were reviewed by the Executive Board and the updates were presented to membership. Notable changes are:
 1. Council delegates are entitled to one vote conducted through a roll call and voting cards will no longer be required.
 2. Dues will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per member with a minimum of \$20 per guild but no maximum cap per guild. Dues for teachers will increase from \$25 to \$30 per year, and dues for quilt shops will increase from \$40 to \$50 per year.
 3. A motion to approve the by-laws changes was made by Carolyn Martin and seconded by Cathy Parker. There were 57 votes for the changes and zero votes opposed to the changes. The motion passed unanimously.
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Show and Tell

There were numerous Show and Tell projects shared by the membership. Betsy Bauman and Jim Armstrong won gift cards for their Show and Tell.

Adjournment – Barbara King, President

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM. The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Roberto, Secretary