

NEORQC General Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2026 / 10:00 a.m. / Ravenna VFW, Ravenna, OH
Hosted NEORQC Executive Board
Minutes by Linda Roberto, Secretary

Welcome – Margaret LaVenía, Vice President (Barbara King, President, absent)
Margaret LaVenía opened the meeting by welcoming the membership and thanking those who helped at the last General Meeting hosted by the Streetsboro Quilt Guild and Village Piecemakers Quilt Guild.

Minutes – Margaret LaVenía, Vice President.
The minutes from the October 2025 General Meeting were presented.

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

Treasurer's Report – Mary Rose Nordquist, Treasurer
The treasurer's report was presented to membership. The report will be filed for audit.

Guild Roll Call – Margaret LaVenía, Vice President
Margaret LaVenía conducted the roll call of guilds. The guilds in attendance provided their guild updates and upcoming activities.

Membership – Carolyn Brown

- There are 37 guilds, 1,450 members, 12 teachers and 22 shops

Grants – Cathy Parker

- Grant application will be on the NEORQC website by May 1, 2026.

Getaway – Mary Rose Nordquist

- 2026 Getaway was a success.
- Members of the Getaway Committee present at the meeting were acknowledged and thanked: Gloria Peterson, Sue Straub, Janis Hittle, Sherri DiBacco, Linda Roberto
- The Holiday Inn Crown Royal Airport location was a good venue, and the Committee would like to consider this location for 2027 after renovations are completed.
- Getaway generated about \$5,000 in profit; \$640 of which was from the sewing machine raffle. The profits are used for grants.
- Mary Rose invited members to join the committee to plan future Getaways.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter – Jean Krusinski

- The NEORQC newsletter is published three times a year and is distributed via guild contacts to share with guild members approximately one month prior to each General Meeting.
- Mary Legge is the new Co-Chair of the Newsletter working with Jean.
- Jean encouraged guilds to submit articles and/or events about their guild by April 20 for the next publication before the June General Meeting.
- Please contact Jean and Mary via the Newsletter Editor e-mail on the website.

Web Page – Sue Straub

- Barbara Whitt is the new Co-Chair of the web page.
- Sue and Barbara are revamping the website.
- Please submit guild updates, articles, events, etc. via the website.
- Please contact Sue and Barbara via email on the website.

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.
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General Meetings – Margaret LaVenja, Vice President

- June 2026 – Host Canton Quilters Guild/Osnaburg Guild – United Methodist Church, Canton, OH
 - October 2026 – Host Lorain County Piecemakers – Pins and Needles, Middleburg Hts., OH
 - March 2027 – Need Host Guild
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Annual Challenge: Gina Badanjek

- Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence.
 - Solo Winner – Debbie Cattell, Willoughby Hills/Wildwood Quilt Guilds
 - The Annual Challenge reveal will be at the March General Meeting each year.
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NEORQC Shop Hop Drawing Winners

- Carol Ann Hart
 - Jim Armstrong
 - Debbie Cattell
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Presentation: Sue Straub – Honoring the Memory of a Charter Guild Member

- Sue described the challenge of finishing a project from a member of Calico Hearts Quilt Guild who had passed away. This is a quilt with the names and faces of all presidents to date. She described the collaboration with guild member Lynda Paul who also worked on the quilt, and the decisions both made to complete the project.

Nominations for Vice President and Treasurer – Janis Hittle, Past President

- Janis reminded everyone that the offices for Vice President and Treasurer take place in even numbered years, and the offices for President and Secretary take place in odd numbered years.
 - The officers hold their office for a period of two years with the option to serve for two terms (4 years total).
 - Nominations from the floor were taken for the office of Treasurer. Susan Roppel from Willoughby Hills Quilt Guild was nominated and accepted the position.
 - Nominations from the floor were taken for the office of Vice President. Gloria Sieloff from Willoughby Hills Quilt Guild was nominated and accepted the position.
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New Business – Margaret LaVenía, Vice President

- Someone asked if the names of speakers could be shared with other guilds. It was suggested that this information be shared on the NEORQC website.
 - Pomegranate Place offered 15% coupons for members who visited their shop on March 7 only.
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Show and Tell

There were numerous Show and Tell projects shared by the membership. Lisa Stroup, Barbara Whitt and Jim Armstrong won gift cards for their Show and Tell.

Adjournment – Margaret LaVenía, Vice President

- The next General Meeting will be on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Roberto, Secretary