

NEORQC General Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2024 / 10:00 a.m. / United Methodist Church of Kent, Kent, OH
Host: Memory Makers Quilt Guild and NEORQC Executive Board
Minutes By: Kathy Peterson, Secretary

Welcome | Barbara King, NEORQC President

Barbara King, President, opened the meeting by welcoming the membership. She reviewed the agenda and the special event, the tea party. The organization is closing out NEORQC's 35th Anniversary with a tea party honoring the first meeting of NEORQC which was a tea party. She thanked Memory Makers Quilt Guild and its members for hosting the general meeting and tea party. The Executive Board members were introduced. Past officers were asked to stand and be recognized.

Minutes | Kathy Peterson, Secretary and Barbara King, President

The minutes from the March 2, 2024 General Meeting were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes without changes by Cathy Parker and seconded by Bonnie Merrick. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report | Mary Rose Norquist, Treasurer

The balance of the checking account as of June 1, 2024 was \$10,083.98. The savings account balance as of June 1, 2024 was \$8,591.19. A motion was made then seconded to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

The 2024-2025 Annual Budget was presented to the membership along with the projected Getaway Budget. The projected income is \$47,105.00 and the estimated expenses are \$47,105.00 reflecting a balanced budget. A motion to approve the budget was made by Janis Hittle and seconded by Elaine Simon. The motion passed accepting the 2024-2025 budget.

Guild Roll Call | Margaret LaVenia, Vice President

Margaret LaVenia, Vice President, conducted the roll call of guilds. Twenty-eight guilds were represented at the meeting. For this meeting the guilds' updates and activities were tabled. Any upcoming events were shared.

Membership Update | Linda Roberto, Membership

Currently the organization consists of approximately 1,478 members from 39 guilds.

Grants| Cathy Parker, Grants Chair

The new Grant information and submission form for the 2024-25 NEORQC Grant Program is posted on the NEORQC website. Grants are awarded up to \$500.00 for promoting quilting in the community. The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2024.

2025 Getaway | Mary Rose Norquist, Treasurer and Getaway Chair and Barbara King, President

The Getaway venue needed to be changed due to non-responsiveness and issues from the previous venue. The Getaway Committee researched and visited possible venues. The Holiday Inn Canton by Belden Village was selected and approved by the Executive Board. The dates of the Getaway had to be changed based on availability at the hotel. The new date is February 14-16, 2025. There will be a \$30 to \$40 increase to cover the increase in room rate and food. There are nine possible classes which will be reduced to five classes and open studio based on registrations. The classes and registration information will be posted on the website. Registration opens September 1st.

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.

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.

General Meeting | Margaret LaVenía, Vice President

- October 2024 – need a host guild.
- March 2025 - need a host guild.
- June 2025 - need a host guild.

Annual Challenge | Janice Brown

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 are a Small/Lap Quilt; Large Quilt; or Miscellaneous Project. Challenge projects must be completed and finished. the projects are due at the October 7, 2024 General Meeting.

Shop Hop Drawing | Margaret LaVenía

There were four entries and three shop hop winners. The winners receive gift cards to member quilt shops. 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.

Meeting Recess | Barbara King, President

Barbara King called a meeting recess to break for the tea party.

Tea Party

The attendees were dressed in their best hats and enjoyed refreshments and party games. The refreshments included flavored teas, lemonade, egg salad sandwiches, dainty cucumber sandwiches, radish herb butter sandwiches, hummus salad sandwiches, mozzarella tomato and basil skewers, scones, lavender shortbread cookies, spritz cookies, snowball cookies, fruit cup, banana muffins, honey, and homemade blackberry jam. Cindy Casciato provided each attendee with an Accuquilt Steam a Seam Tea Pot pattern. A handout with the tradition of afternoon tea along with a table favor of a tea towel with a teaspoon and a tea bag was given to each attendee. The game winners received gifts from the NEORQC Board. The tea party was a fun event and had very positive feedback from the membership.

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.

There were also two raffle quilts on display from member guilds.

Adjournment| Barbara King

The President again thanked Memory Makers for hosting the tea party and all the attendees that made it a fun and successful event. The President adjourned the meeting.

