



NBQA General Membership Meeting

November 21, 2024

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The United Methodist Church of East Greenwich
1558 South County Trail

Minutes

The November 21st meeting doors opened at 5:00 p.m. under very rainy conditions. Members were a part of the hustle and bustle in the lobby and Friendship Hall. The Boutique tables were very busy as members purchased fabric, kits and notions at amazing prices. This was the last chance to 'shop' for projects, gifts and 'must have' kits. The two freebee tables had treasures that just couldn't be resisted. The Quilts of Valor and Comfort Quilt tables were busy signing finished projects in and 'to be' finished out! The treats that were available were much appreciated.

Gail called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Robin, a new member from Wyoming introduced herself. Karen and Deb, the Program Chairs did a very clever introduction for Debbie Wendt who was the speaker for the evening. **Bindings, A World of Options** Debbie, who as traveled extensively explained that she has spent a lot of time in Egypt where she worked with refugees, attempting to empower women throughout Cairo, Cambodia, and Vietnam. Her work carries on the work of Barbara Cheney. Her tools for making binding easier have been used extensively. During her presentation she shared completed projects that used a variety of binding techniques and included specific directions for those techniques. She has full color directions and videos online to support using her tools. The class that Debbie was scheduled to do on Saturday had to be canceled due to a double booking of the Friendship Hall. It will be rescheduled at a future date. For more information about her binding techniques, you can go to her website. The program ended at 7:48

The business meeting was called to order at 7:58. The first order of business was to accept the minutes of the October 17th General meeting. After asking if there were any corrections to the minutes, there being no corrections Gail made the motion to accept the minutes. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Blaire reported the checking account balance is \$27,011.13. The saving account is \$2,399.81 and the CD balance \$8,025.83. Gail made a motion to accept the Treasurers' report. All were in favor. The motion passed.

REPORTS

Gail Macera, President

- There were about 14 members who attended the Quilt-a-thon on Saturday 11/16. Attendees created comfort quilts using Jelly Roll strips. The variety of quilts accomplished was amazing. Tina will post pictures of the finished products on Facebook. Pizza was ordered for lunch and everyone agreed that it was delicious.
- Gail announced that Paula Weston, the Chair of the Newsletter will be retiring soon and put out the request for someone to work with Paula starting in January with the goal of becoming the chair next year. Details will be published soon.
- Gail discussed the historical materials that are being housed at Maria Knight's home. These were brought before the board with the goal being to digitize as much as possible. Maria is going to investigate who might be able to do this, the time involved and the cost. There are still lots of questions about how to use these for the anniversary. The list of materials is at the end of these minutes.
- Gail also reminded everyone to sign up for the Holiday Gathering. There is a max of 40 people able to attend. It will be held at the Masonic Temple on December 8, 2024. Folks can bring projects to finish. There will be activities and gifts. Lots of fun to be had by all. There has been some confusion about creating pet beds for the shelters. Maureen is still accepting completed dog beds and will be contacting shelters to see who needs them.

Tina Zuffoletti, Vice President

Tina reported that the Raffle Quilt is now at the Blackstone Quilt Company. (3751 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI 02864) She will be posting information on the Facebook site. She also discussed that Joan Potter will be setting up a Zoom meeting to discuss creating videos on how to set up the display pipes and drape pieces for the 2026 Quilt Show. This is to prepare helpers on how to set these up as efficiently and as safely as possible. More info soon.

Karen Iris, Secretary/Group Leader for Quilts of Valor

Karen discussed the change of dates for sewing at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park. The goal is to sew on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for the next few weeks. The last day for sewing this year will be December 11, 2024. We will resume in mid-January.

The hours will continue to be from 9:00 until ...! There is heat in the hut but be sure to dress in layers because it may take a little while for the hut to get warm. The Seabees will be working hard to be sure to keep walkways clear. If you are concerned about ice and snow, please make the right decision for you. If conditions are unsafe Karen will get a message out that there will be no sewing. Gail explained that the family of Jane Kratch has donated her sewing machine to the hut, so we now have 3 machines that are available to use. Please contact Karen if you have questions (kareniris@yahoo.com)

Sherri Bolduc, Pat Hendrickson, Membership

Pat announced that there were 81 members in attendance and that NBQA now has 180 members.

Paula Weston, Newsletter

Paula reported that she was happy with the number of responses that she received to her Quilter's Question. She really enjoyed hearing about what you listened to while you were sewing. She also pointed out that she has learned many computer skills in her time as the Editor in Chief of the newsletter. She is looking forward to mentoring her successor. She will work closely with the person who volunteers and reminded everyone that you will be able to make it your own.

Roxanne Williams, Historian

Roxanne thanked MaryAnn for finding and giving her prior books from the various quilt shows that the guild has successfully completed. She is looking for volunteers to help create ways to honor past presidents and to recognize highlights of NBQA.

Patricia Andraka, Maria Knight, Website

Maria gladly reported that the website is up to date.

Comfort Quilts/The Boutique

Gail reported that the Comfort Quilts Committee is in the process of determining which organizations will get quilts before Christmas. The committee and volunteers shared comfort quilts that were turned in. There was an amazing variety of design, size and color. These are going to make every recipient feel very special. There have been 119 quilts delivered to various organizations. DCYF and all other organizations are appreciative.

Unfortunately, this was the last evening to purchase items from the Boutique. The tables will return when face-to-face meetings resume in the spring.

Lynn Medeiros, Door Prizes

This month there were more door prizes available because of the glitch last month. There were lots of smiles and cheers and members who were present picked out their gift.

Peggy Lane, Education Committee

Peggy reported that she and the committee have an upcoming event at The Hope Center.

Louise Pankiewicz, Special Events

She has no new news on upcoming trips but will soon. There may be a trip to a quilt show in the spring.

Tina Zuffoletti, Facebook – Status quo.

Deb Truchon and Karen Stanley/Programs

Gail complemented Deb and Karen on the presentation of the evening.

Karen Stanley, New England Quilt Museum

Karen reported that NEQM has bookmarks posted for a 2025 quilt show in Japan. She also mentioned that they have speakers scheduled for next year. Some are international.

In addition, Karen discussed a quilt that was donated to NBQA. It is a quilt that was made using patterns that were printed in the newspaper years ago. The quilt is embroidered with each state of the United States along with the state flower. She contacted the NEQM to see if they would like it but they already had one. She is going to contact URI and RISD to see if they would be interested. The quilt needs to be completed and if the museums don't want it NBQA may be able to use it as raffle quilt to raise money.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40. Next General Membership meeting will be January 16, 2025 on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted
Karen Iris
Secretary, NBQA

NBQA History – Inventory
Oct. 14, 2024

Currently located in Maria Knight's Basement
10 Woodridge Drive
Saunderstown, RI 02874
401-497-2555

Printed Photos – not in albums from 2000 and 2004-2005

VHS Tapes:

- 1996 Quilt Show
- 1992
- 1989 – x2
- 2006 – Tea with Marie

5 or 6 Slide Carousels – at least 2 empty

- One isn't labeled but looks like it may be from the 1985 quilt show

Minutes in Binders

- 2006-2007
- 2007-2008

Digital frame for 2000 pics (in box) – not sure if there are any pics loaded on it

Cards and maybe slides from the Show of Shows

Binders of slides (2)

- 1978, 79,80, 82, 83
- 1984, 85, 87

1989 Quilt show slides

Unlabeled slides in small boxes

Scrapbooks: (with pictures, newsletters, articles, etc.)

- 1976-1979
- 1979-1982
- 1982-1985
- 1986-1987
- 1985-1987
- 1988-89 and 1990-91

Albums (most have photos, but some were removed or never added)

Quilt Shows:

- Quilt Show Reports 1998
- Quilt Show - 1998
- Quilt Show 2000 – most pictures removed or not added
- Quilt Show 2002
- Quilt Show 2004
- Quilt Show 2006

The Guild Year:

- 1991
- 1992-93, 93-94 & 94-95
- 1995-1996
- 1997-1998
- 1988-1989
- 2002-2003 (two books?)
- 2004-2005 – most pictures removed
- Aug. 2005-2006
- 2006-2007 (two albums)