



NBQA General Membership Meeting
April 24, 2025
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
The United Methodist Church of East Greenwich
1558 South County Trail

Minutes

The meeting this evening had a very different format because of the Silent Auction that was set up in the Fellowship Hall. The doors for the Silent Auction opened at 6:00 p.m. Folks assembled in the main room so that Gail could explain the process and reminded everyone to please be patient. She explained that when all info had been gathered individuals would be called to go to the cashier tables in groups of 10 to pay for the items they had won. They would be given a card that would be handed to the runners who would pick up and deliver the items to the individuals. Every effort was made to keep the process as efficient and effective as possible. There were 14 tables, and 134 items set up for members to check out and bid on. There were refreshments set up in the kitchen. Thank you to the members who baked. The doors to the Hall were closed at 7:00p.m. so that the meeting could begin. This allowed for the "counting" team to collect and tabulate all the bids.

The April General Membership Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Gail Macera. She invited new members to stand and introduce themselves.

Gail asked for any corrections to the minutes of the March 20, 2025, General Membership meeting that was emailed to all. No corrections were noted. Gail made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2025, meeting. All in favor: Motion passed.

Gail Macera made the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Blaire Gagnon.

The checking account has \$23,284.77 The savings account has \$2,437.00. The CD has \$8,157.10

Gail made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. All were in favor. The motion passed.

REPORTS

Gail Macera, President

Gail announced that a new treasurer has been found and is a member with a lot of experience. The Program Committee has had 5 members volunteer; Lisa Bagian, Robin Gardner, Donna Hughes, Paula Campbell and Karen Ouhraabka. They will be meeting to make plans for next year. All speakers have been chosen for next year and contracts signed. The Global Quilt Connection will be held next weekend. Gail and Lisa will participate.

Tina Zuffoletti, Vice President

The Shoo Fly Workshop will be held at the church on May 17, 2025, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00p.m. There is no cost. Please let Tina know if you are going to attend. If needed there will be an additional workshop this summer.

Quilt Show Update: the dates for the Golden Threads Quilt Show will be April 18-19, 2026. It will be held at the West Warwick Convention and Civic Center. Set up will be on Thursday April 16th and Friday April 17th. Quilts will be dropped off on Friday morning April 17th. Judging will be on Saturday March 14, 2026. There will be a Kick-off meeting on Sunday May 4, 2025th at Island Creations. This is a voluntary meeting. At this point there is a need for; Registration Chair, Take Down Chair, Demonstration Chair, Sign Distribution and Pick Up Chair. Expectations will be made clear soon. The Raffle Quilt drawing will be at the May General Membership meeting.

Sheri Bolduc, Pat Hendrickson, Membership

There were 90 members in attendance. It was requested that you complete and turn in your renewal applications.

Michele Varin, Newsletter

Paula has completed her final newsletter. Michele Varin is working on the May newsletter and hopes to get the draft to the board by the May 1st NBQA Board Meeting.

Roxanne Williams, Historian

Roxanne will continue to take pictures at all meetings and workshops as she can. These will be found on the NBQA Facebook page.

Patricia Andraka, Maria Knight, Website

The website is going well.

Comfort Quilts/The Boutique

The committee will be meeting next week to distribute quilts. Please turn in any all quilts that you have completed.

Peggy Lane, Education Committee

Peggy and her helpers did a workshop at the Narragansett Library. They had 6 girls and 2 boys attend. They made chicken shaped bean bags. Pictures will be posted in the newsletter. On May 9th they will be doing a workshop at the Narragansett Library for the Girl Scout group that meets there. The children will be learning to embroider on bandanas. On June 27th they will be at the Warwick Library for the summer program that is offered. They will provide activities for different groups of children of various ages.

Maybeth Cost, Publicity **No report at this time**

Tina Zuffoletti, Facebook: Status Quo

Louise Pankiewicz, Special Events

There are only 2 spaces left for the May 13th trip to the New England Quilt Museum. On Wednesday July 30, 2025, there will be a trip by bus scheduled to go to the Bayberry Quilt Show on Cape Cod. The cost is \$55. The bus will leave Warwick at 8:00 a.m. to allow for the drive to the cape. Contact Louise if you plan to go.

Alice Hourihan, New England Quilt Museum

Alice announced that the guild will participate in a program that is being sponsored by the NEQM. Please bring a quilt that was created between 2022 and now. This may not be created from a kit. Members will vote for the quilt of choice and the winning quilt will be a part of a display at the NBQM. Each participating guild is only able to enter 1 quilt. Alice will make sure that the quilt is delivered to the NEQM. More information will be forthcoming.

Brenda Devine: Strawberry Social

Brenda will oversee this End of the Year celebration. She is asking for helpers to support the effort. Phyliss reminded us that this will be in memory of the guild members who have passed this year.

Karen Iris, Secretary/Group Leader for Quilts of Valor

Karen shared that all is going well at the hut. The Seabee Museum will return to their warm weather schedule on May 1, 2025. The Friday group will begin to sew on Friday May 9th from 9:30 to 1:00ish.

There are two events coming up. On May 17th, Armed Forces Day Quilts of Valor will be presented to veterans. On June 14th, 2025, there will be another ceremony held at the Dare To Dream Ranch in Foster, RI. If you are interested in joining, please contact Karen Iris,

It was announced that there will be another GOVF group formed to cover the northern parts of RI. This will be run by Sandy White. The group will be named Stitching Hope. For planning purposes this group is going to meet on Tuesday evenings in the Cumberland area. More information will be available soon.

Lynn Medeiros, Door Prizes

Everything is under control and ready to go

Show and tell

There were many beautiful projects presented. Great job ladies.

OTHER:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p. m. The next general membership meeting May 15, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Iris
Secretary