

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 9, 2025



Called to order at 6:32 pm
Conducted by Barbara Mathews

Attendees: Barbara Mathews, BJ Kaiser, Maria Copak, Eva Newman,
Kay Whiteside, Linda Adams, Mary Walton, Amy Printup, Barbara Filbin, Pam
Waters, and Jeri Read

Absent: Vickie Mihelich, Linda McKenna, Evie Rienstra

MINUTES

- Kay Whiteside entered a motion to approve the November Board Minutes as presented. Linda Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – as read by Barbara Mathews in Vickie's absence*

- Beginning Balance October 31, **2024** - \$10,731.52
- Income - \$1,228.44
- Expenses - \$924.06
- Ending Balance November 30, **2024** - \$11,035.90
- BJ Kaiser entered a motion to approve the report as presented. Amy Printup seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - *Incorrect report was provided. Vickie will present the correct November report at the December board meeting

PROPOSED BUDGET

- Feedback after presenting proposed budget to the membership and posting of it to the website for members' review:
 - Why, if there's a line item for QOV, were donations also mentioned when the proposed budget was presented? Discussion followed: donations of supplies and/or money, separate from the budget, are always welcome to offset some of the costs
 - It was suggested that perhaps a more detailed explanation could be given to the membership, specifically detailing what goes into the creation of a QOV, to better understand the total process.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Eva Newman

- As of December 9, 2025
 - Total Members To-Date: 76
 - New Members: 0
 - Renewing Members for 2026: 4
 - Attendance at November General Meeting 36
 - Guests at November General Meeting 3
 - Katy Haley
 - Marvaleen Belcher
 - Martha Clark

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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT IDEAS

- Through Goeske Center
 - Kay to write an “ad” for Barbara Mathews to take to Iris for distribution in newsletter and/or posting in activities information.
- Craft Fairs (and similar)
 - Have a table with information sheet to pass out (Eva Newman to create)
 - Possibly have sample(s) of what the Guild does
- Create flyers for distribution to local Senior Centers (like/same as information sheet above)
- Business cards
 - Jeri has template that was used in previous years
 - Staples for printing?
- Ad in Riverside Gazette
- “Bring a Friend” meeting – possibly July
 - Visitors no charge
 - Round Robin – skills demos
- Barbara Mathews entered a motion have business cards and flyers created. Maria Copak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WAYS & MEANS – Mary Walton

- Suggested “avenues” for fundraising
 - Opportunity Quilt
 - Pampered Chef online “party” – Mary indicated she would be willing to take the lead on this if the decision is made to do it.
 - See’s Candies
 - For QOV specifically, work with companies already affiliated in some way with QOV
 - Chili’s restaurant
 - Panda Express
- Mary asked for indication of Guild goals for fund raising. She also sees the need for larger fund-raising event(s). No specific event/activity given – board to ask her to bring more specific detail to the next meeting.
- Kay Whiteside entered a motion to direct Mary to follow-up with and begin arranging the Pampered Chef event. Linda Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Amy Printup entered a motion to direct Mary to contact Chili’s and Panda Express regarding QOV-specific fund raising. Maria Copak seconded the motion. Discussion followed to include: 1. Contact should be made before January to be included on their 2026 philanthropy budget, 2. Finalized fund-raising details to be presented at the February 7th QOV National Sew Day. Motion carried.

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RAFFLE DRAWINGS – PAM WATERS

- Provided a detailed valuation of items in the “Big Basket” raffle.
- Ticket sales: \$10 needed just to break even
 - Barbara Mathews will announce final opportunity to buy tickets by the end of break at December 16 general meeting.
- Pam also shared several kits she had for Brown/Blue Bag drawings beginning again in 2026.
 - Because of their individual value, the Board suggested that they could be offered as a “premium” bag.
 - One offered each month for 12 months
 - Regular tickets at 6 tickets for \$5. For every \$5 spent, participant would get an additional ticket (of a different color) to “bid” on the premium bag.
- Consensus of the board: the number of regular Brown/Blue bags offered at a meeting is at Pam’s discretion.

PRESIDENT’ REPORT – Barbara Mathews

- Barbara indicated that the process for Not-for-Profit status will need to put off until after the new year.
- She obtained information for a postal box at Postal Annex - \$300/year with incentives of “free” additional months for payment in advance – full year or 6 months.
- She will follow up with US Post Office to see difference in price and if they offer incentives.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Kay Whiteside

- Requested content to be featured in pre-General Meeting email to membership with meeting and program information
 - Big Basket
 - All-member Potluck
 - Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater
 - Show & Share Holiday
 - Reminder that Stash Exchange Challenge due in January
- She continues to post information of other guilds’ events as they are received.

CHALLENGES

- It was discussed, and the consensus of the board was, that going forward there could still be voting on favorites of the finished projects, but monetary prizes (e.g., gift cards) could be replaced by presenting ribbon(s) to the winner(s).
- It was also discussed that specific challenge information should be presented to the board before proceeding and that specific directions/instructions/rules should be detailed in writing (published and/or handouts) prior to the challenge commencing.

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HOSPITALITY REPORT – Linda Adams

- All-member potluck December 16, 2025
- January 2026 – members with last names begins with A, B, or C will be responsible for potluck
 - The Guild will provide a large salad and dressings as well
- Linda indicated this method could be changing – no details at this time.

SCCQG REPORT

- In Linda's absence, Barbara Mathews indicated there was nothing new to report at this meeting, but there will be information at the January meeting since there will be a SCCQG Zoom meeting prior to January meeting.

RETREATS REPORT – Amy Printup

- Ayres Moreno Valley – 3 days, 2 nights
 - Will be 3/13/26-3/15/26
 - \$125/person (double occupancy) room rate – reserved directly through the hotel (Block of 10 rooms for 20 participants maximum)
 - \$200/day for sewing room - \$35/person payable to "Raincross Quilt Guild"
 - Amy reported that there are still openings for overnight and there are a couple of people who will be coming just for the day.
 - Participants need to secure their hotel rooms before mid-February as the hotel will release any remaining rooms not reserved by that time.
- Cruise Retreat Update
 - No information currently.
- 2026 Viña Retreat Information to be announced at the January general meeting

COMMUNITY PROJECTS REPORT – Barbara Filbin

- Barbara will be contacting the individual chairs in January.
- She indicated that she will not be at the December meeting, but that Jeri will update the membership regarding the February 7th National QOV Sew Day. Hopefully, she will have the link required for participants to register.
- Joint QOV Sew Day - Raincross Quilt Guild and Inland Empire Quilting Angels will meet at the Goeske Center (same room as RQG general meetings) from 9:30-3:30.

PROGRAMS – Maria Copak

- January 2026 – Stash Exchange Challenge reveal
- Maria is attempting to get information from Evie Rienstra regarding Jo Melis possibly speaking at the February meeting.
- Maria had previously mentioned (September board minutes) Veruschka Zarate "Finding Pride and Joy in Quilting" as a possible speaker. She will follow up with her.
- Barbara Mathews suggested doing a Round Robin – Member University after Road in January.
- Kay Whiteside indicated she could do a program about her recent travels and visits to Batik factories in Indonesia. Board response was positive.

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- WORKSHOPS
 - Discussion of possible re-schedule of Candy Glendening's workshop – no action taken
 - Barbara Mathews indicated she would be happy to do a collage workshop.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT – Jeri Read

- Jeri mentioned quilt pattern (as shown at the previous general and board meetings).
 - Question was asked regarding there had been any committee meetings
 - Also was asked if other options for quilts had been considered or if it was a done deal. Discussion followed. No additional information currently.

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

- Jeri Read and Amy Printup presented an outline of possible member informational handbook that could be presented to renewing and new members, providing more detail about who and what RQG is and does both within the Guild and in the community.
 - Discussion followed. Jeri and Amy took notes and will revise and update detail to bring back to the board for further consideration.
- Barbara Mathews reported that the Inland Empire Modern Quilt Guild would have a special exhibit and Road in January and it might be something that RQG might want to consider at a future Road.
- BOM will resume in January
 - It was requested that exact size of finished quilt be provided up front so that anyone wishing to add borders could plan from stash or to purchase.

Next Board Meeting – **January 13, 2026**

Meeting Adjourn at 9:22 pm

Minutes Submitted by Barbara (BJ) Kaiser