

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 18, 2026



Barbara Mathews called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

WELCOME AND REMINDERS – Barbara Mathews

- Reminded everyone to check in at the kiosk
- Members should have received a membership booklet at check-in
 - Explained that Goeske has implemented new rules for use of facilities
 - Must check in at kiosk – will be monitored via tablet
 - May only check in one time as a visitor
 - Need to fill out information form at Goeske front desk (free – does not require being a member)
- Reminded everyone if they brought a finished charity item or food for the Goeske Food Bank, be sure to ask at check-in table for an extra ticket for the attendance drawing.
- Reminder to buy tickets for Blue Bag drawing
- There were no first-time visitors
- Angie Bags – taken by Emily Nudge and Debbie Rodgers
- Reminded everyone that the next challenge reveal will be at the September meeting.
- The July “Bring A Friend” meeting was a big success with 6 new members joining.
- Introduced members of the South Bay Quilt Guild who brought their guild’s opportunity quilt tonight.
- Cassandra Gray announced that, beginning in October, the Wednesday Night Zoom Sewing Group would be working on an easy project during each of their meetings. Project for October will be a tissue box cover. In December they will make a Christmas stocking.

INVITATION TO POTLUCK

PROGRAM – Labeling Round Robin

- Kay Whiteside shared her machine embroidered labeling
- BJ Kaiser shared labeling using paper-backed fabric and the computer
- Barbara Mathews shared samples and their importance to a project
- Rose Ornelas shared hand-embroidered labels

BREAK

SHOW AND SHARE

- Angie Nudge, Barbara Mathews, Emily Nudge, Pam Waters, Michelle Robbins, Kay Whiteside, and Vickie Mihelich shared their lovely quilts and projects. Nancy Roth shared several quilts/blankets members had made for Project Linus.

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS – Barb Filbin

- Thanked everyone who brought a non-perishable food item for the Goeske Food Bank
- Reported on various events that took place
 - Project Linus
 - Nacho Anns hosted a sew day on the 15th
 - Nancy Roth had kits available
 - Senior Comfort
 - Jennifer Mahl has kits for placemats and shirt savers available.
 - Dog & Cats – **(Still looking for a chairperson)**
 - Mary S Roberts had a sew day last week. They have other dates scheduled for the next few months. Dates will be posted on our guild website
 - NORA Bags – Chair, Dorothy Martinez
 - Dorothy shared several bags received tonight and thanked everyone who continues to support this need.
 - Super easy patterns for 2 sizes of bags can be found on the website.
 - Quilts of Valor – Chair, Barbara Filbin
 - Next awards ceremony will be Saturday, August 29, 2026, 12:30 p.m. at the Goeske Center, Ken Calvert room. She has need of two more helpers to join her along with Kate, Dorothy, and Sue.
 - November Award (in conjunction with Goeske's Veteran's Day Event) will be Friday, November 13th.
 - Sew It Forward – Chair, Barbara Filbin
 - 10 others joined her for the kick-off meeting on Wednesday, August 12th.
 - The group was able to share ideas on what worked and didn't work (A/C was off!) and basics of what basics might be needed at future meetings.
 - Attendees worked on creating various projects and making kits.
 - The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9th from 10-2 at Goeske.
 - Special News!
 - Our guild has been asked to make a quilt to donate to the "Festival of Trees" auction benefitting UCR Medical Pediatrics. Jeri Read has agreed to lead the project and a beautiful holiday quilt pattern has been chosen. Please see Jeri to see what you can do to help.

RETREATS

- Barbara Mathews announced that the retreat registrations are now open to non-members

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- Ayres Retreat – Nov 13-15, 2026 - \$35 deposit required; still space available
- Viña Retreat 2027 will be Mon-Thurs, May 24-27
 - \$50 non-refundable deposit will save your place

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Jeri Read

- Completed blocks from last month were displayed
- Jeri shared this month's block

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our 501c3 is on its way. Necessary filings are in. Once approved, the necessary Raffle Program form/fee can be submitted – tickets may be sold 1 year after that is approved. (Quilt preparation can begin any time!)
- We still need a Nominating Committee and members to run for office!
- Goeske's 50+ Better Health Fair is happening on Oct. 6th & 7th and they are looking for volunteers. Please check at the front desk if you are interested.
- Check the website for a LONG list of Quilty Happenings and Opportunities in So. California
- Remember our November meeting is the annual gift exchange – make an apron of your choice to bring (wrapped or in a brown paper bag even)
 - Be sure a label or tag with your name on it is attached somehow to the apron so the recipient will know who made it!
- September Potluck – last names beginning with **W, Z, and A**

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

- Winners – Kay Whiteside, Marjorie Sholes, and Nancy Roth

BLUE BAG DRAWING

- Winners – Patti Guterrez (2), Theresa Ortiz, Vangie Gorman, Katy Haley, Emily Nudge, and Joyce Stanger
- Special Door Hanger Kit winner – Carol Rumi

Time Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Barbara Kaiser