

LNCQ General Board Meeting
February 17, 2025
9:00 AM via ZOOM

Members in attendance: Joan Fulton, President, Kaea Beresford, Vice President, Pat Baker, Vice President Programs, Betty Ann Eash, Past President, Marla Arcadi, Treasurer, Dawn DeLong, Secretary, Margaret Reek, Website & Integration, Susan Linden, Crystal Wentz, Lauri Dykstra, Sue Hine, Loretta Oudemann, Cathy Schultz, Sheila Lindquist, Kathy Money, Julie Aanonson, Eileen Maelzer, Kathy Clinger, Kathy Winter

1. Approval of minutes from January 2025 Board Meeting - Moved by Margaret, seconded by Pat. Approved unanimously.
2. Follow-up from previous meeting and President's Report
 - Member Spotlight at General Meeting - Mary Louise Gerek will be invited for May meeting. Crystal is working on this.
 - Tips for service staff at the Best Western for our general meetings and retreats. Marla and Joan will meet Angie from Best Western and Joan is researching best practices.
 - Community Service Quilts update. Joan met with Betty Ann and Mary Doty to learn more about how the process works. They generated ideas for improvements to be made using our website; Joan and Margaret will be working to create a form to assist in tracking the work put in by members of charity quilts. As well, members can indicate when they have donated a quilt to charity outside of the LNCCQ committed. Also, a parade of charity quilts during general meeting Show & Tell will continue as it was well received.
 - Ways and Means Committee - Joan is pleased to announce that this previously existing committee is now being reinvigorated with new membership. The Executive Board has approved committee co-chairs: Crystal Wentz Kathy Winter. Joan reminds all members that a committee chair is welcome to ask for help and include others to assist in the work of the committee.
 - Policy for members who sign up late in the year - this issue is currently being researched and discussed. Joan will be working with the Treasurer and the Membership committee and reporting back at a later date.
3. New Business
 - Interest in Knitting Group - Member Vickie Bajtelsmit has asked about starting a small group with knitting as the focus. The Executive Board approves of placing an announcement in the newsletter seeking interested knitters and to contact Vickie. In the future LNCQ may consider expanding the guild mission beyond 'quilting' to extend to 'fiber arts'. The issue has pros and cons but LNCQ does not necessarily need to pursue changing the mission.
 - A discussion has occurred about the demographics of LNCQ and how the current meeting time on Monday afternoon encourages participation, for the most

part, from retirement age quilters. Yet, there are younger people still in the workforce who are very interested in quilting. For the benefit of the future of the guild, LNCQ may wish to modify the current meeting structure to encourage and welcome younger quilters. Joan proposes in April and June to hold an evening meeting, with location to be determined, perhaps at Joan's house or the PVREA meeting space. The program will involve local talent (Crystal Wentz and Joan Fulton) and will also be held available through ZOOM. As well, we may consider using ZOOM with regular daytime meetings. Julie asks about announcing evening meetings to interested people beyond existing LNCQ members. Crystal has ideas to promote evening meetings and will coordinate with the Publicity committee.

4. Executive Board Reports

Vice President - Kaea Beresford: the holiday party this year will include a silent auction. Auction items may include a retreat hosted by Joan at her house, memorabilia items, rounds of golf. Please let Kaea know if they have additional ideas.

Vice President Programs - Pat Baker: there are 5 potential speakers/programs in the works for 2026. The cost of speakers has increased and many would like to hold workshops longer than one morning. Pat is working to hold costs down and to accommodate different length workshops.

Treasurer - Marla Arcadi: Budget has passed at the previous general meeting. Marla encourages committee heads to approach her and the executive board if they encounter additional funding needs.

Secretary - Dawn DeLong: LNCQ contacted by a museum curator in Greeley regarding a Baby Animals Day in late April. Dawn will forward that e-mail on to Carla Lucas for action.

5. Committee Chair Reports

Website and Integration - Margaret Reek: She will help the new Ways & Means Committee chairs access everything they need on the Google drive. Also, Margaret will soon be archiving 2024 files to make it easier to find the 2025 files. Any 'starred' files or folders will still work. Also updating other LNCQ google accounts.

Web Coordinator - Communication - Susan Linden: no report

Program Host (2025 Programs): Julie Aanonson: at the next pre-meeting workshop participants will make charming, whimsical pincushions. Julie also gave a brief update of the upcoming lectures and programs for the remainder of 2025.

Community Service - Mary Doty: not present.

Hospitality - Eileen Maelzer: Her committee came through with a bountiful snack table at the meeting, in spite of having little e-mail communication. Eileen seeks recommendations for adding people who have previously indicated willingness to help with hospitality. Joan recommends adding new names as they come along and only deleting names if they ask. Eileen reminds the board to alert her if someone in LNCQ has a life challenge and she should send a quilted postcard.

Membership - Sheila Lindquist and Cathy Schultz: Total membership is 143 and 54 others have not renewed. Cathy has sent reminder e-mails and will delete names from the roster at the end of February.

Newsletter - Crystal Wentz: Much positive feedback on the updated newsletter format. Crystal has determined how to have links in the PDF allowing readers to get information about events listed in the newsletter. She is in contact with Mary Louise Gerek to be the featured quilter at the May meeting. She has ideas for highlighting workshops over several months and ways to promote the charity quilting efforts of the guild. Crystal asked if Margaret can format the website calendar to make it easier to distinguish which small group is meeting when. Margaret will investigate a better way to do that.

Publicity - Kathy Klinger: the Loveland library no longer offers free printing and also will not use card stock in their printers. Crystal suggests that QPS may be a resource for printing services. Kathy has sent additional bookmarks and business to all the local quilt shops. Julie suggests that the guild consider purchasing a laser printer for the publicity committee.

Retreats - Lauri Dykstra - Spring retreat is full with 2 members on a waiting list. Fall retreat was in need of a host but there is one now, Beth Soderquist. With new layouts the Winter and Spring retreats have been able to allow for 2 additional retreaters in comparison to previous years.

Show and Tell: Sue Hine and Lauretta Oudemann - In the April newsletter there will be a reminder for members to complete a show and tell form for any quilts they wish to include in the May meeting. Joan recommends that a photographer for show and tell be set up in advance of the meeting. Discussion about whether or not a tripod would be a beneficial tool to use.

Small Groups: Kathy Money - Kathy reports that she attends the new member welcome session before meetings to make sure that prospective members are aware of the opportunity to participate in these specialized groups.

Special Events: Carla Lucas - not present

Ways and Means: Crystal Wentz and Kathy Winter - from the brainstorming session Crystal has someone willing to promote LNCQ through social media. The group is in the early stages of planning a local quilt walk in downtown Loveland, perhaps in connection with a quilt raffle. Crystal is researching the CO state requirements for licensing to be able to hold a raffle. Crystal

has questions about what the bylaws require about endorsing businesses. Margaret wonders if the limitation arises from 501 c 3 requirements. Marla will do some research. Crystal wants to place a 'direct donation' button on the website. Kathy says the committee is interested in developing support for LNCQ not only by members but also by the community. There are multiple places where LNCQ can be involved with the community.

Discussion about how far and wide to send guild information to local quilt shops. Board supports sending out to more rather than fewer places.

In Joan's final remarks she encourages all committees to be represented at board meetings. Even if a chair or co-chair is unable to attend, a committee member can attend in their place to keep the board moving forward in a positive direction.

Meeting adjourned.