

**League of Northern Colorado Quilters**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Best Western Hotel, Loveland, Colorado**  
**Monday, January 5, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

1. Joan Fulton (“Joan”), President, opened the general meeting with a welcome to members and guests. Joan invited the two new members attending to stand and introduce themselves.

Joan noted that 2026 will be LNCQ’s 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday which will be celebrated all year. The refreshments were Happy Birthday-themed to start off the celebration year.

Joan also thanked Pat Baker (“Pat”) and Glenna Wagenecht (“Glenna”) for the afternoon program making bags.

2. Budget

- a. Copies of the 2026 Budget had been circulated by email to all members and hard copies were also available at the meeting for anyone who requested one. Joan commented on various notes on the budget and answered member questions including:
- b. Acknowledgement to Crystal Wentz (“Crystal”) and Kathy Winter (“Kathy”), co-chairs of the Ways and Means Committee for their successful efforts throughout 2025 which greatly added to LNCQ’s bottom line. As a result, the reserve funds will be increased and membership dues will not increase for 2026. Additional 2026 fund-raising opportunities are anticipated including a garage sale. The committee is looking for additional volunteers to help with specific projects and asked that interested members contact Kathy.
- c. Interest earned on the CD account was noted; Joan explained that a second CD account was opened to hold the funds from the silent auction. The CDs will have staggered maturity dates to allow for use of the funds without penalties.
- d. The silent auction successfully raised approximately \$8,000 less the event expenses.
- e. Joan asked for a motion approving the 2026 Budget, copy attached as Exhibit A. Lauri Dykstra (“Lauri”) so moved and was seconded by Vickie Bajtelsmit. The 2026 Budget was unanimously verbally approved by the members.

3. Door Prizes - Ellen Rankin presented the January door prize, a pass to the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum (“RMQM”), to random winner Dawn DeLong.
4. Block of the Month (“BOM”)
  - a. Crystal presented the 2026 BOM Challenge, titled “Bijou Wonder” in honor of the LNCQ 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - b. Crystal showed a slide of the finished quilt, consisting of 16” blocks, traditionally pieced and, including sashing, will have finished dimensions of 48” x 64”.
  - c. Registration is free. Information, including fabric requirements and BOM patterns will be posted on the LNCQ site Events page by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Finished quilts will be shown in January or February 2027.
5. Quilted Forest Project
  - a. Crystal and David M. Taylor (“David”) presented further information on the Quilted Forest Project including a slide show of “forest” ideas. David explained the history of the project and explained that this project will be a companion project to the Colorado themed show at the RMQM. Only LNCQ members are permitted to submit a work and some quilters have joined LNCQ just to participate in this amazing project.
  - b. The first workshop for individual pieces will be Friday, January 23 at Quilters Dream from 10AM – 3PM.
  - c. Deadline to finish pieces is May 2027.
  - d. Dimensions for pieces are: 6’ – 10’ long and 6”- 16” width. Quilted Forest pieces will be hung from the ceiling on tree branches.
  - e. David showed a tree trunk made from quilted fabric around a pool noodle and explained his vision of having a stand of tree trunks at the entrance to the Quilted Forest exhibit. He plans to set up a work day to make tree trunks for those who want to participate but not make an individual exhibit; date TBD.
6. Featured Speaker – Maggie Hendricks (“Maggie”)
  - a. Joan interviewed Maggie, founder and owner of Create Good, a shop opened in 2016, in Old Town, Ft Collins, that creates fabric items such as clothing, Christmas tree ornaments and other goods from re-purposed fabric and clothing including vintage quilts and quilt blocks. This shop focuses on sustainability and re-purposing textile items. Maggie explained her experience auditing trash in South Dakota and how that influenced her desire to re-purpose textiles. In addition to the physical store, Maggie uses a FAIR website for business-to-business transactions and travels to 16 weekend shows across the US.

Maggie sources vintage and thrift shops for materials and welcomes donations of quilts, unfinished quilt tops, orphan quilt blocks and fabric

pieces one-yard or larger. She brought along some samples of various items in her inventory.

Her program was well received and members had many interesting questions.

7. Upcoming Programs – Pat listed the following programs for the beginning of 2026 including:

- a. February – Foundation Paper Piecing;
- b. March - Quilts of Valor - Community Sew Day; and
- c. April – Lori Jonker with the “Walk a Mile” quilt pattern.

8. Retreats

- a. Sherree Cooke, January Retreat committee chair, reported that the January retreat scheduled for January 12-13, at the Best Western is full but no one remains of the wait list. If anyone is interested, they should contact her as sometimes there are last minutes cancellations.
- b. Lauri, Retreat Coordinator, listed the following retreats:
  - i. Registration for the April 20th-23<sup>rd</sup> 2026, Retreat at the Loveland Best Western, opens January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
  - ii. A host is needed for the June 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Retreat at the Loveland Best Western.
  - iii. The Fall Retreat, October 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, at the Rocky Mountain YMCA will be hosted by Carol Mancuso and she is looking for volunteers for this committee.

9. Show and Tell – Laretta Oudeman and Kathy Money, chairs

- a. About 14 bags and totes made from re-purposed materials in Pat and Glenna’s program prior to the meeting were shown.
- b. The following members showed their individual quilts or quilted items:
  - i. Sharon Akers
  - ii. Deb McAllister
  - iii. Eileen Maelzer
  - iv. David M. Taylor
  - v. Carol Mancuso
  - vi. Kathy Klinger

10. Announcements from members

Beth Soderquist advised that her neighbor has a treadle sewing machine for sale which will be listed on the website under “Items for Sale” if anyone is interested.

11. Meeting adjourned.

LNCQ fiscal year/budget is Jan 1 - Dec 31

2026

Proposed Budget

LNCQ Budget

ACTUALS  
2025

as of  
11/08/2025

**Income**

**Description of what numbers will be comprised of**

Membership Dues	\$5,950.00	Renewal and New Member dues based on 170 members x \$35	\$ 6,230.00
Meeting Guest Fees	\$80.00	Guest fees paid at door before each meeting	\$ 90.00
Bank Interest	\$400.00	Interest earned from Wells Fargo Checking/Savings/CD	\$ 402.88
Donations to LNCQ (Cash)	\$0.00	Donations made to LNCQ. -cash	\$ 1,848.00
Donations to LNCQ (In-Kind)	\$0.00	Donations made to LNCQ. -In Kind	\$ -
2025 UFO Challenge	\$0.00	Estimated 25% did not complete nor recommit ...using that fo	\$ 100.00
January Retreat Fundraiser (Net)	\$2,000.00	35 spots @ \$85 each less venue cost and estimated other exp	\$ 2,313.72
April Spring Retreat (Net)	\$500.00	YMCA: should be self funding with anticiipated general fund co	\$ 1,758.11
June Retreat Fundraiser (Net)	\$1,800.00	35 spots @ \$85 each less venue cost and estimated other exp	\$ 1,749.72
Sept/Oct Fall Retreat (Net)	\$500.00	YMCA: should be self funding with anticiipated general fund co	\$ 861.35
Workshop Income (Net)	\$0.00	Workshops are budgeted to break even	\$ 2,522.95
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,230.00</b>		<b>\$ 17,876.73</b>

**Budgeted Expenses**

**Description of what number will be comprised of**

Programs/Lectures expenses	\$3,800.00	Lecture Speaker fees, Travel, Lodging, Misc, etc	\$ 3,837.36
General Meetings Venue Expense	\$5,777.80	11 Meetings -*4day / 6 eve / 1 Holiday Party	\$ 3,731.00
Administrative Expenses	\$575.00	Executive Board supplies, ink, paper, postage, IRS filing, Cons	\$ 6.47
Board Transition Expenses	\$100.00	Meeting for Old/New Board/Committee members to share inf	\$ 88.41
Community Service Expenses	\$1,500.00	Charity ribbon labels, batting, postage, etc.	\$ 1,109.03
Donations from LNCQ	\$1,400.00	i.e Larimer County Food Bank; RQM; Larimer County Fair; Q	\$ 1,400.00
Equipment Expenses	\$50.00	Equipment (Tech, Quilt Stands, Etc)	\$ -
Holiday Luncheon Expenses	\$1,000.00	Supplies, Food (Venue is included in GM Venue Expense) (De	\$ 869.08
Hospitality Expenses	\$100.00	Postage, paper plates, cups, plasticware, candy, etc.	\$ 31.20
Liability Insurance	\$230.00	State Farm Business Liability \$2M limit	\$ 227.00
Membership Expenses	\$50.00	Cloth Name tags, pens, postage, etc.	\$ -
PayPal Processing Fees (Net)	\$20.00	Membership fees only (Assumes \$150 in donated paypal fees	\$ 15.93
PO Box Rental	\$215.00	anticipates slight increase annually (due/paid in April)	\$ 210.00
Publicity Expenses	\$250.00	Supplies, printing charges, postage	\$ -
Small Group Expenses	\$50.00	Supplies	\$ -
Special Events	\$1,000.00	Supplies, Postage, etc (30 Yr Celebration)	\$ 60.00
Web Hosting Subscription/Maintena	\$550.00	GoDaddy.com: web hosting, name domain, programs	\$ 498.75
Zoom Virtual Meetings	\$175.00	Zoom.com; Board meetings, small group meetings	\$ 159.90
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$16,842.80</b>		<b>\$ 12,264.13</b>

**YEAR-END BALANCE**

2025 Carryover	\$5,601.01		\$ 5,612.60
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$11.79)</b>	Reserve in general account is available for any actual budget shortfall	

**Requested Use Funds**

<b>NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR 2026</b>	\$0.00	Balance of funds donated with requested use for them	\$ 531.01
		**Funds will be used to offset Oct 2025 Meeting/Lecture/Wor	\$ -

**Ways and Means**

Expenses	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,575.30
Income	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 12,477.00
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 9,901.70</b>
	\$1,988.21	<b>Year End Balance with Ways and Means</b>	<b>\$ 15,514.30</b>

Exhibit A

## 2026 LNCQ Budget

Per LNCQ policy, the 2026 budget will be voted on at this meeting. A few highlights to help guide your review:

- •The 2026 budget is shown in the left column; actual 2025 figures are in the far-right column.
- •General operations are shown at the top; Ways and Means results are listed separately at the bottom, as this committee was new in 2025.
- •We ended 2025 with a positive balance of \$5,612.20, despite budgeting for a projected deficit of nearly \$1,400.
- •Key contributors to this surplus included \$1,848 in donations (notably from a successful estate sale), a net gain of \$1,758.11 from the April retreat at YMCA of the Rockies (due to the last minute venue change impact on food expenses), and strong workshop attendance exceeding break-even projections.
- Additionally, \$9,901.70 was raised by the Ways and Means committee through fundraising efforts.
- •The proposed 2026 budget uses the 2025 carryover to offset projected expenses. Fundraising proceeds will be allocated between the 2027 budget and reserves to support future growth and rising costs.

The Board approved the proposed 2026 budget in December; final approval rests with the general membership. Please reach out to me or any Executive Board member with questions prior to the meeting.

Joan Fulton  
LNCQ President

Exhibit A