

League of Northern Colorado Quilters
General Board Meeting
July 21, 2025
Via Zoom

In attendance: Joan Fulton - President, Pat Baker - Vice President Programs, Margaret Reek - Web Coordinator, Eileen Maelzer - Hospitality, Susan Linden - Web Communications, Crystal Wentz - Newsletter + Ways & Means, Marla Arcadi - Treasurer, Cathy Shultz - Membership, Sheila Lindquist - membership, Kathy Money - Small Groups, Beth Soderquist - Vice President, Julie Aanonson - Program Host, Kathy Winter - Ways & Means, Laretta Oudeman - Show & Tell, Sue Hine - Show & Tell

1. Joan explained that there is a question about the availability of minutes and whether board members have had a chance to review and comment. Approval of minutes postponed to the August meeting.
2. Joan reports that the Executive Board discussed the issue of evening meetings in 2026, including costs and the additional workload for those involved in planning. Feedback from members has been positive about the increased accessibility for some members as well as others who attend day meetings but enjoy the additional programming, fellowship and learning. The Executive Board passed a motion to hold evening meetings in 2026 in those months where there is not a day meeting with the exemption of July. The motion includes only 2026 and will be reviewed in upcoming years. Meetings to be held at the Best Western. The room will be a half size space and the room is rented for the entire day. Therefore we will have the opportunity to provide workshops or other programming during the day. In September, the Happy Stitchers small embroidery group will offer a wool appliqué workshop before the evening meeting. The cost is \$30 workshop fee with a \$35 kit fee for a total price of \$65. The evening meeting will feature the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum presenting a blue and white quilt trunk show.
3. Joan reports the Executive Board has also approved the use of the Square point of sale system to be able to accept credit card payments. The use of Square will increase the ways in which members can pay for items as well as provide bookkeeping reports for the treasurer. Crystal answered procedural questions about the use of the system.
4. Joan thanks the volunteers who set up a Community Sew Day this month, over 20 tree skirts were sewn and kits are still available and will be at the August meeting.
5. August program and workshop update given by Pat Baker. Julie reports that the October meeting will be a program with Lea McComas and sign up for her workshop will be in August. For the November workshop LNCQ received a coupon code for a 15% discount for any online purchase from Jackie Vujcich, good through our November meeting date.
6. December Holiday Party and Silent Auction: members have been asked to contribute auction items and the committee will accept them through the November 15. Kathy Money asked if the committee will accept gift baskets that include wine. Board members will verify what is acceptable.

7. Beth reports that she will seek assistance from two others to form a nominating committee. They will find out which positions will be open and seek to find members willing to serve in those positions. Joan reports that Special Events, Show & Tell Co-chair, Web Communication, and Web Coordinator positions will be open for next year. Joan reminds the Board that LNCQ has a term limit policy.
8. Pat Baker is working on some ideas for 2026 evening programs, she will report when plans are more firm.
9. Marla reports that deposits have been made for retreats in 2026 as well as deposits for the Best Western meeting in 2026. Marla reminds the board that LNCQ is an IRS recognized charitable organization and therefore we have tax exempt status with the State of Colorado. A tax exemption certificate and guild credit card are available for any purchase made for guild business.
10. Margaret has information about the September program and workshop ready to post on the website, registration is ready to go. Margaret will notify Susan Linden when it is posted. Margaret and Julie will work on the information for future events. Margaret is preparing information for 2026 membership renewal once the price of dues is decided. She is also preparing documentation for her successor in the Web Coordinator position.
11. Joan reports that she, Beth and Marla will prepare a preliminary budget for the August Board meetings to be able to reach a decision about the price of dues for 2026. Crystal says that the guild has asked members to make more financial contributions in terms of purchasing items and contributing auction items, in addition to having increased dues. She feels we should be mindful of members' pocketbooks. Eileen wonders if anyone asked members who did not renew this year if the increase in dues was a contributing factor. No one sought that information. Cathy Shultz reports that membership stands at about 170. Marla reminds the board that there are multiple income and expenditure streams to be examined to determine if there will be financial need to change the amount for dues. Julie recommends changing dues annually based on the rate of inflation.
12. Susan Linden had a quiet month but is thankful to Crystal for assisting her with a couple of e-blasts. Joan recognizes Susan's work solving a GoDaddy problem.
13. No additional report from Julie as Program Host.
14. Community Service chair not present.
15. Hospitality - Eileen could use additional quilted postcards. She has extended an invitation to new members to come to the next meeting early to meet other members as well as Board members.
16. No additional report from the Membership committee. Discussion of what volunteer opportunities to include on the membership form. Susan Linden asks if we can facilitate carpooling by informing members of others who live close to them. This is a future discussion item.
17. Newsletter - Next newsletter will highlight the Sew Convenient small group.
18. Publicity - no report
19. Retreats - 29 members have signed up for the fall retreat in Estes Park, room for 34. Lauri and Joan delivered a quilt to Ashley at the YMCA of the Rockies and she was very happy to receive it.

20. Special Events - members are working on their UFO's to show in December. Members who are making postcards can send them to two different groups and they should be sent the first part of August.
21. Sue Hine will send show and tell pictures from the August meeting to Crystal who is assisting Margaret who will be out of town.
22. No report from Kathy Money for Small Groups
23. Ways & Means - T-shirts have arrived and mums have been ordered. Crystal and Kathy are working on a delivery site as well as creating a pre-order form. Silent auction plans moving along. Design wall boards will be delivered at the August meeting.
24. Meeting adjourned.