

LNCQ General Board Meeting

March 17, 2025

Via Zoom

In attendance: Joan Fulton - President, Lauri Dykstra - Retreats Coordinator, Eileen Maelzer - Hospitality, Kaea Beresford - 1st Vice President, Margaret Reek - Website & Integration, Carla Lucas - Special Events, Pat Baker - Programs Vice President, Cathy Schultz - Membership, Sue Hine - Show & Tell, Julie Aanonson - Program Host, Marla Arcadi - Treasurer, Susan Linden - Web Communications, Kathy Money - Small Groups, Laretta Oudeman - Show & Tell, Crystal Wentz - Ways & Means, Mary Doty - Community Service, Carol Mancuso - Spring Retreat Host, Kathy Winter - Ways & Means, Mar

1. Minutes for the February General Board Meeting and the February General Membership meeting were approved.
2. President's Report
  - Tips for service staff at the Best Western. This issue is still under discussion and is tabled for a future meeting.
  - Community Service Quilts. Joan reports that the most recent newsletter contained an article highlighting members' work at the March 3 Sew Day. As well, we will continue to shine light on production of charity quilts at general meetings by showing recent finishes during Show 'n Tell and recognizing the efforts of guild members. Joan suggests that all committee chairs attend board meetings. If the chair is unable to attend they should either ask someone to attend in their place or submit a brief, written update in advance of the meeting.
  - Policy regarding members enrolling at year's end. This issue is still under discussion and is tabled for a future meeting.
  - In April, LNCQ will have the first of two trial evening meetings. Joan encourages all board members to attend. If you have a signature quilt, please bring it. Eileen recommends carpooling. For the purpose of encouraging carpooling, Susan Linden has created an interactive map showing where LNCQ members live and recommends, when it is finalized, that it be placed on the website in the Members Only section. This idea was met with general enthusiasm
  - Joan explained the desire for evening meetings to be hybrid with a Zoom option. For now, the first evening meeting is to be recorded and posted for subsequent viewing.
  - The Executive Board discussed expanding LNCQ social media presence and agreed that an exploratory group is needed to research this issue and make a proposal at the April Executive Board meeting. Joan asked for volunteers to this group. Lauri Dykstra, Margaret Reek, Wendy Watson, Crystal Wentz, Becky Williams and Joan Fulton agreed.
3. 1st Vice President; Kaea has asked several people for assistance with the Holiday meeting in December. Also, she will be meeting with staff at the Best Western to book dates for LNCQ 2026 meetings and events.
4. Programs Vice President: Still planning to have Susan DuBois from Treenway Silks, have sent a contract to Diana Fox for her Tree Rings workshop. Pat is planning for Ms. Fox's workshop to go longer but still be held over the course of just one day, so that the teacher has sufficient time but the guild does not have to incur expenses for an additional day. Vicki Conley will teach needle turn appliqué by machine. The fourth program will be Local Talent Day where several guild members present technique demonstrations. Joan comments that speaker costs and travel costs are going up. As well the cancellation period is lengthening from 4 weeks to 6 - 8 weeks.
5. Treasurer: Marla reports that this month there is a lull Treasurers activities. The CD is maturing.
6. Secretary: absent

7. Website and Integration: Margaret reports that the website and calendar have been updated with evening meeting information. She is ready for June retreat registration. She will update the member roster to reflect the current year 2025.
8. Web Communications: Susan deleted 49 non-renewing members from the mailing list. The GoDaddy member directory is out of date and she has notified Margaret. It has been a quiet month for e-mail blasts. Crystal requests an e-mail blast before April's evening meeting.
9. Program Host: Julie has found some cool ideas on Pinterest for the upcoming pincushion workshop in May. Question: at what number of participants should attendance be capped? It will be a handwork project involving hot glue guns. Decision: 40 participants is a manageable number. Julie states she purchased 8 mini glue guns and a large bag of glue sticks. Volunteers have offered a supply of walnut shells, polyfill and trims. Marla offers a receipt for tax purposes for any donations made. Joan states that a supply of trims is available from the 2024 Holiday Party. Margaret, Marla, Pat, Kaea and Crystal volunteered to help on the committee with Julie. An e-mail to members about the event is to go out to members this week.
10. Community Service: Mary reports that 12 people came to the recent Community Quilt sew day, 5 longarmers picked up 1 - 2 tops each for quilting. Crystal attended and interviewed participants for the newsletter. Mary took 5 quilts to Life Stories this week. The next Community Quilt sew day is on July 14, the theme will be Christmas in July. Mary will bring charity quilts to the April evening meeting for show & Tell. As well she has an orphan block quilt completed. There was a nice article in the recent newsletter about the work of this committee.
11. Hospitality; Eileen states she is in need of quilted postcards. She did send out 2 cards this week. Eileen has a box of hospitality supplies if anyone needs them. Also, she has recently met a local woman named Kirsten Reed who is in the process of becoming a certified quilt appraiser. Kirsten has connections with RMQM, so she may be a valuable contact person.
12. Special Events: Carla has a phone call in to RMQM to make arrangements for a LNCQ bus trip to the museum, she is awaiting a return call. Looks like the postcard exchange with another guild won't work out, alternatively she is considering an exchange within LNCQ. The Baby Animals event needs support on the day after the LNCQ Spring Retreat, therefore Carla is asking for a member in Greeley who would be interested in assisting at the event.
13. Membership: Cathy says our membership is now up to 152, she will send one more reminder e-mail to people who have not yet renewed.
14. Publicity: not present
15. Retreats: notice will be going out soon (April 1) for the June retreat. As in the past this retreat occurs during Shop Hop week and we may want to make an alteration to the dates for next year. The April retreat is all set and ready to go. Carol reports that she has a letter to send to the registered attendants, she will send that out. Marla will send information to Lauri and Carol reviewing the payment process and required insurance documents for Allenspark Retreat Center.
16. Show and Tell: Sue and Laretta will be set for the April meeting and will get enlist someone to take photos for that evening.
17. Small Groups: Small Groups is going smoothly. Kathy Money is waiting to hear if anyone is interested in the knitting group.
18. Ways and Means: Crystal and Kathy W. have a small group working on the 'big board' sale, developing a prototype. They are also developing small design boards to sell. Crystal wants to be ready to take orders by Spring Retreat and the May meeting. Regarding the Quilt Walk - Crystal has reached out to the Pumpkin Festival organizers and will follow up with a phone call. A booth at the festival last year was \$50. We could sell handmade, pumpkin themed items and sell tickets for a raffle quilt. Crystal is looking into sales tax issues and will coordinate with Marla. Kathy asks members to be thinking of items to donate for the silent auction, requesting a picture and description. Crystal and Kathy will take the

class required by the State of Colorado to become certified 'game masters'. Also, they are looking for more members to the Ways and Means Committee.

19. Joan discussed the differences between Executive Board and General Board roles and how that relates to the different meetings held by each group. Joan encourages questions, comments, suggestions from all board members on this topic.

On motions by Margaret, second by Julie and unanimous vote of the members, the meeting was adjourned.