

General Meeting Minutes - June 2025

May 31, 2025 / Exeter Public Library, Exeter, NH

Seacoast Modern Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 112, Exeter, NH 03833

Meeting Called to Order

10:05 AM

President's Remarks - Joanne Giblin

1. Welcome members and guests.
 2. We are still in need of help for chair positions and helpers. Please consider helping out in the areas of fundraising, membership, website updates, and the 2026 retreat.
 3. We will have a table at the Haverhill Multicultural Day on June 14. We will be selling raffle tickets for a Janome sewing machine and a quilt. We will also be selling small, hand sewn items to raise money for our guild. Please consider making some items for the sale table. Volunteers are also needed to help on the day of the fair. Call Joanne Giblin if you are able to help out.
 4. The Boston Modern Quilt Guild has invited us to join their retreat Nov. 6-9 at the Franciscan House. Email Joanne Giblin if you have an interest in attending and have not already done so. The cost and details will be forthcoming.
 5. The board is meeting in June to go over the current bylaws and will keep the membership informed of changes, if any.
 6. Website - Julie Olgilvie needs help with the task of updating the website. She will teach anyone interested in helping how to use Go Daddy! to do it, and says it is fairly easy. Please email her to let her know you can help out.
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7. Our next meeting on July 5 will be an outdoor gathering next to the Library, weather permitting. [Who is organising this meeting, Marylee, Joanne? We need more details on what this is all about. Meeting on the lawn next to the library? Is there shade? Are people bringing their own chairs, blankets, a table etc? Are we supposed to bring picnic foods and handwork?]
8. Kathy Box won the name tag raffle prize.

Lottery Blocks

Kathy Box explained what the next lottery block will be and handed out the instructions. Shannon Daugherty won the lottery block raffle.

Membership - Diana Irish

Diane Irish has taken over for Patty Crafts as Membership chair. We need one more person to assist her at meetings.

Some new members are still not getting emails from the Google groups email list. We need someone who has knowledge of Google groups to assist in figuring out how to solve this issue so all members are included in our email communications. If you can help, please let Joanne Giblin know.

- **Members present:** [anyone know how many members were in attendance?]
- **Guests:** 1
- **New Members:** 0 [as far as I know]

Treasurer - Julie Avant

- \$7,788 in bank funds
- Retreat Proceeds \$5,480 [Julie, how much did we make from the raffle baskets.]
- Retreat Cost \$5,050
- Retreat Net \$420

Secretary - Mary Young

- There were no minutes for the April meeting
- We did not meet in May due to the retreat
- Thank-you cards were sent out to all the businesses that donated items for the retreat raffle baskets.

Fundraising - Open

- Crystal Daugherty has stepped down from being chair of the committee. We are in desperate need of someone to take over this vital role. Please consider heading up this committee and/or volunteering to help with fundraising.
- Joanne Giblin has secured a table at the Haverhill fair, where raffle tickets and small items will be sold.
- Members are asked to help find other fairs and venues in which our guild can sell raffle tickets and other items to raise money for our guild.

Hospitality - Diane Foes

- T-Z last names are asked to bring refreshments to the July meeting
[Diane, should we bring picnic food?]
- Items to bring: fruit, pastry, cold drinks
- Please contact Diane if you would like to see anything else on the refreshment table

Retreat - Jane Boulay

- Jane thanked everyone for making the 2025 retreat such a great success.
- The 2026 retreat will be March 26-29 at the Franciscan House in Maine.
- Jane has agreed to be the 2026 retreat chair and has already secured a few people to be on her committee. If you would like to help, please email Jane.

Community Outreach

- Joanne Giblin announced that our guild intends to participate in the 2026 QuiltCon Community Outreach challenge quilt. Members are asked to review the two color palettes and submit design ideas to Brenda Scolaro or Karen Kenney. See our May newsletter and the MQG website for more details.

Programs - Marylee Welling

- Today's program is a video on Alternate Grid technique from the MVQ Resources page.
- In July we will have an informal picnic; bring handwork. [Need details]
- In August, a round robin is planned where four members will demonstrate techniques. A signup sheet was available at the meeting to collect the names of those who would like to demonstrate. If you were not at the meeting and you have something you'd like to present, please email Marylee.
- Marylee issued a challenge to members to create a small quilt, no larger than 36"x36" to be displayed at the Exeter Library during the month of September. Choose between any combination of former "Block of every other month," or use a traditional block in any non-traditional way, employing modern principles such as alternate grid, improv piecing, negative space, etc. [Marylee, when is it due?]

Meeting Adjourned

10:35 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Young, Secretary