

Mudsock Board Meeting November 7, 2025

In attendance: Chris Behme, Becky Mathison, Susan Juffer, Carlene Clark, Sandy Metzger, Pat Jones, Linda Burnett, Melissa Schulman, Amanda Simmons, Martha Ross, Laurie Farthing, Sally Sandilands, Diane Dimpfl, Allyn Baker, Peg Bertelli, Mary Boyden, Mary Ann Yedinak, Karen Newton

Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Chris Behme.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Website

- the individual we have hired to develop the website has started working on it and will possibly be finished by February
- \$500.00 has been paid thus far
- the website will look similar to the website of Quilter's Guild of Indianapolis although a little more protected
- Hopefully the new website will have more electronic capabilities:
give Carlene any suggestions

2. Quilt Show

- Linda reported that we will not be doing raffles or door prizes due to the fact that the appropriate paperwork had not been submitted prior to tomorrow's show
- Silent auctions are permissible
- Susan made a motion for us to have a silent auction at the show for two items. Mary Ann seconded and the motion passed.

3. Holiday Party

- To be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- For Mudsocks members only
- No meal. Hot chocolate and water will be provided.
- Everyone is to bring a wrapped “warm and quilty” item to exchange
(No price limit—just something the giver would like to receive)
- Will be doing show and tell and similar to a regular meeting
- Since not meeting at Cornerstone Lutheran we will give them a donation in December.

TREASURERS REPORT

1. Bank accounts balance \$40,617.99
2. Cheri and Susan audited the books last Friday: everything was good
3. Karen Newton is assisting Susan with treasurer’s duties

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Education—Deb Bucciarelli
 - The 3rd Thursday of every month “sew possible meetings”: each focusing on a particular subject. Cost \$5.00/session
Locations may vary, but each will be 10:30-3:30.
 - The intent is to enhance education—not to take away from programs.
2. Programs—Peg
 - November program changed due to Mary Strinka moving.
Peg will teach the scheduled workshop on One Block Wonder.
Those who signed up will be reimbursed their class fees.
 - Melissa would appreciate any ideas for future programs.
 - Handouts highlighting 2026 programs will be given to attendees at the November meeting.

3. Secret Santa—Amanda

— Good participation this year: will exchange final gifts in December

4. Retreats—Mary Ann

—Hoping to implement all kinds of retreats. I.e. a sewing cation where we would sew at Always in Stitches, but yet go home to sleep.

She would like suggestions of other venues that would accommodate 40-50 women. Bus travel has become very expensive.

5. Community North Quilts—Pat

— She questioned whether or not we will continue to supply them quilts.

We will need more information from Community before decision is made.

6. Newsletter—Martha

—Would like committees to give her a short summary of their work to include in the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget

—Information given to insurance provider was updated to accurately reflect the current membership numbers: 250

— Cost of insurance is \$700.00

—Amanda questioned whether we have looked at possible meeting locations should that ever become necessary. There are facility reserve monies in the budget to aid in this.

— Dues for 2026 will remain at \$25.

—Discussed having no reduction in fees if joining after mid year.

—The new budget was accepted unanimously.

— All receipts should be submitted by the December meeting.

2. Charity—Laurie

—Approximately 335 quilts for Community Hospital this year

Number of quilt donations expected to go down in subsequent years.

Mudsock will offer batting cut to 60"x70"

— Sub-committee of Chris Behme, Becky Morello, Becky Mathison, and

Sandy Metzger will handle future fabric donations

—Finished quilts will be given to a selected charity every 2 months

Suggested charities include: Dayspring, Cooper House, Hope Center,

Fishers Fire Station, Hamilton County Coroner, Pediatric Diabetes

Association, Community Hospital. Final selection will be at the discretion of the charity committee.

—Allyn questioned how many quilts kits are out right now? Unknown.

—Lots of discussion ensued revolving around the loss of the storage room and getting rid of it's contents. Sally felt that she had no voice in how to handle the dismantling, and Diane read a prepared statement reflecting her views. It reads as follows:

"OUR VOICE DOESN'T MATTER ANY MORE"

As the founding member of Community North Quilting Bee and

"Administrator" of said group for 8 years, I am appalled at not being included in the "Executive Board" phone conference regarding closing the storeroom.

My opinion and the opinions of the storeroom committee were not included in the discussion of how to handle the notice to vacate. We were okay to lead and work countless hours in the storeroom, host sewing days and inspiring members to quilt for Community, but we were not asked our ideas but were TOLD by the board what actions were going to happen.

The current Committees listed under 2025 Leaders list:

Community Charity - Laurie Farthing

Community Sewing Bee - Diane Dimpfl

Community Storeroom - Sally Sandilands, Laurie Farthing, Linda Garzynski

Only Laurie Farthing was invited to attend the conference call and only she could vote. I think Section 1 of the Bylaws needs to be looked at. My purpose

In bringing our feelings to the Executive Board today is to prevent this from happening again in Mudsock Quilters Guild. I think the “Executive Board” needs to be expanded to all Committee Chairs listed to have a better representation of the membership.

The next question I have is batting. I have heard through the grapevine that additional batting was being purchased and cut up into workable pieces for future charity projects but “not Community”. Please clarify this decision. I also question the decision to have \$2500 budgeted for Community charity. At this point we do not know if we will continue at Community and perhaps this line item should be changed to just “Charity”.

Chris responded that we were given very little notice about vacating the storeroom and the bylaws clearly state who is on the executive board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.