

Goodtime Quilters Quilt Guild Minutes

August 7, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Clifton with 55 members and one visitor present; the visitor, Karen Niedbalski from Ashville, had googled and found us on the internet! Judy acknowledged the August Birthday's and thanked all who had brought breakfast treats for the month. She also shared that again in September, the Guild would meet in the upstairs room by request of the Church; they had ongoing construction in the first-floor space.

Joys and Concerns:

- Jeanne D'Argis was recovering well from triple-bypass surgery and was anxious to get back on her feet!
- Cherie DelPonte was also recovering from her broken arm/wrist and literally cannot do anything with her right hand to ensure the bones set well. She is hoping to be at the Fall Retreat.
- Betty Hoppes was congratulated for receiving Best of Show for her BOM quilt entry at the Ohio State Fair. She also took a First Place Ribbon in the Modern Category! Congratulations Betty!
- Maggie Marziale's son is getting married on September 12!
- Frances Thatcher has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and has been moved to Wyngate in Circleville.
- There is an Origins Quilt Exhibit at Bowen House in Logan, Ohio, sponsored by the Textile Artists of Southeast Ohio (TASO) and Chillicothe Quilters. The Exhibit runs weekly Friday through Sunday, August 7-24, 2:00-5:00 PM. For more information, please see Bev Kelbaugh.
- Barb Geron thanked all who gave their unsold Sales Room fabric and thread to her Church. The quilts made by her Churches ministry go to Lutheran Rescue which provides disaster relief to 'hurting' families locally and all over the world. Currently her Church has 75 quilts in process (target size of 60" x 80").

Secretary's Report: There were no questions or changes to the July Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Parker to accept the minutes as stood; this was seconded by Val Hoffman. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The July Treasurer's Report was shared by Regina Ghearing; Regina shared that the checks for the Quilt Show- Made by Us and Sales Room have not been distributed yet due to lack of blank checks for the account. Judy Clifton has ordered the checks and assured all that checks would be in the mail as soon as possible. Also, with the financial reporting not finalized from the Show, the Retrospective meeting regarding the Show would be

postponed until later in August. A motion was made by Barb Harwood to accept the minutes as stood; this was seconded by Jan Gillum. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Balance Forward July 31, 2025:	\$ 9,834.83
Income:	\$39,633.26
Expenses:	\$ 9,099.28
Checking Account Balance, July 31, 2025	\$39,968.81

New Business:

- Connie Rathburn shared a Quilt of Valor that she had made via donated fabric received earlier this year. She asked if there was a volunteer willing to quilt it; Beth Chawansky volunteered. It was also unanimously agreed that Connie could use the leftover Retreat funds for the backing, batting, etc.
- This year's Quilt Show winners:
 - Viewer's Choice Award for 2026 – Betty Hoppes.
 - Raffle Quilt – Villa Webb from Oak Hill, Ohio.
 - Featherweight Bag – Angela Waters from Circleville, Ohio.
 - Featherweight Bag – Lisette Moreno (Guild Member).
 - Raffle Basket and Sewing Machine – Teresa Huges from Columbus, Ohio.
- General Feedback from the Quilt Show:
 - The new schedule for quilt drop-off, judging and quilt hanging all worked very well.
 - A huge thank-you to the workers who were there from sun-up and stayed until the close.
 - The Goodtime Quilters wall hanging displayed in the entry hall needs updated! Any volunteers? With no takers, a suggestion was made to make sketches/bring ideas to the next meeting.
 - The sign displayed at the corner of Court and Main Streets is too heavy and unwieldy for Guild Members to continue to use. Next year, a replacement suggestion might be to rent an electronic sign from Taylor Rental (Circleville) to use? More on that topic next year!
 - Judy shared that nothing further should be purchased that would need to be stored in the Guild's trailer, as this is very full. Next year, during the unpack/pack, unused items will be thrown away.
 - Next year, Ohio Christian University is wonderfully only raising the rent of the facility by \$200. Jan Gillum shared that maybe we should consider raising our entry price to \$10 to mitigate the cost change? Val Hoffman shared further that we should ask the University about what can be done to improve the internet service available to our vendors. This year, many vendors shared that they were having problems running credit card transactions.

- The old ticket roller was not used or sold; for now, it is packed into the trailer, but next year this could possibly be donated to the VFW or any other institution wanting it.
- The free patterns on the table by the door were all taken!
- The ice cream truck was a hit! That was a wonderful idea; many enjoyed the treat!
- Feedback on the food vendor was again mixed – some liking the food, some not so much. Joanne Wilshanetsky reminded all that if there are complaints, she will happily give her job away, so be prepared to take this beloved position! ;)
- Carolyn Solt raised the question regarding if we tore down the Quilt Show too early? This is a question that comes up each year, as few if any attendees come to the Show between 3:00-4:00 PM on Saturday. Judy took responsibility for the dismantle to begin as she saw no remaining shoppers on the floor. Note: The shut down timing is an issue when vendors require many hours to dismantle their booths, requiring a representative of the Guild to be onsite with them into the evening. Maybe next year, we change the time of the close of the Show?
- Judy expressed her displeasure with Dana Martinko from the Ross County Historical Society; after making a display area for their books, etc., representatives only were onsite Thursday. They did not share that they would not be at the Show Friday and Saturday, and Judy never heard from them again.
- 2026 Challenge Quilt – Carolyn Solt shared that the theme is the 250th anniversary of the United States. As such, the item must be red, white, and blue, and must portray the spirit of the USA. The item can be a quilted wall hanging, bib, pillow, etc., but must have a perimeter of no more than 120”. Your submissions will be due in July 2026.
- Suggestion: Revisit the Panel Category of Quilts as many panels are designed to be cut apart – and rules per the category do not allow for this.
- Suggestion: Make and have a handout at the Show with general Guild information for those possibly interested in joining the Guild.
- Suggestion: Acknowledge the Pattern Name/Author on the Raffle quilt.

· **2026 Officers** – Next year, every office will need to be filled for the Guild, as the current Officers are all expiring from their terms. Please be thinking about volunteering to serve in a position:

- **President** – Responsibilities include running the monthly meetings, obtaining and supporting the contract with Ohio Christian University for the Quilt Show, then largely overseeing the Quilt Show, etc.
- **Vice President** – Acts as support for the President during the monthly meetings as needed (i.e., possibly making coffee, setting up the sound equipment), also overseeing the Quilt Show, etc.
- **Secretary** – Taking and disseminating the monthly meeting minutes, recording any changes to the Constitution or By-laws, supporting the President/Vice President as necessary.
- **Treasurer** – Overseeing all financial information to include money movement in/out of the Guild’s account, onsite daily at the Quilt Show recording money taken

in, paying out money as appropriate, supporting the Membership via the taking in of dues, etc.

- **Program Chair** – Secures 9-months of activities for the Guild via trunk shows, programs, workshops, etc. Also supports the Christmas brunch and program. Keeps monthly attendance statistics and presents those to the Secretary, supports Show and Tell, introduces all guest speakers, helps speakers as necessary bring in/setup their wares, takes out the trash, etc. Operates within an \$8000/year budget. Next year, Bev Kelbough is the incoming Program Chair.
- **Sternwheeler Quilt Trip** – Mardee Stover shared an invitation for Guild members to participate with the Lancaster Rose Quilt Guild in a Sternwheeler Quilt Trip on Saturday, September 20 on the Ohio River. Participants would arrive at 9:00 AM for a full day of sewing on the boat, all sponsored by Bolts and Quarters. The price is \$158.99 and includes lunch on the boat. Participants should bring their own machine, ruler, fabric and have the piece cut out before the trip. Currently, there are 12 available seats; should you wish to join the fun, all monies are due in on August 20.
- **Adult Protective Services** – Judy Clifton shared that there were 10 quilts still needed for the local Adult Protective Services; these will be collected and distributed at Christmas. Size of the piece should be approximately 50” x 60”.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Barb Geron; this was seconded by Pat Dobbie. All were in favor; the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: September 4, 2025

Program: Presented by Denise Guthrie, Mercantile on Main; Denise will give a presentation on “My Favorite Things” and vend. Also, she will do a workshop on Laura Heine where she turns a cheater panel into a fun fused wall hanging. Cost is \$14.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Bullinger, Secretary