

Goodtime Quilters Quilt Guild Minutes

September 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Clifton with 60 members and 3 visitors present. Judy acknowledged the September Birthday's and thanked all who had brought breakfast treats for the month.

Joys and Concerns:

- Jeanne D'Argis and Cherie Del Ponte were both at the meeting! Each having had a significant medical issue, both were recovering well and happy to be on-site. Jeanne thanked all for the cards and prayers!
- Beth Starkey-Hill has been having a bit of a rough time; please encourage her!
- Janet Goodwin found the missing OSU quilt and got it to the rightful purchaser! She received a lovely thank-you note for this!
- Denise Wright shared her thank-you on behalf of Pelotonia. She alone raised \$6500 for the cause, \$500 of which was a part of her sale of appliqued tea towels (over 50 sold!). Denise honored three of our Guild members who have been or are currently battling cancer, during her ride; --she had their names embroidered on her shirt!
- Judy Clifton thanked all for the food donations to the Circleville Community Cupboard.
- Sherri Berry shared that she recently purchased a house (yea!) and then went camping and messed up three discs in her back (boo!).

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

Treasurer's Report: The August Treasurer's Report was shared by Regina Ghearing. A motion was made by Grace Daukas to accept the minutes as stood; this was seconded by Julie Pietsmeyer. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Balance Forward July 31, 2025:	\$39,968.81
Income:	\$ 1,297.00
Expenses:	\$22,322.67
Checking Account Balance, August 31, 2025	\$18,943.34

New Business

- Fall Retreat: The Fall Retreat is October 23-26 at the Comfort Inn, Piketon, Ohio (740-289-3000); Deb Bocknek from Cat's Meow will be the featured presenter and vendor. Doors will open at 9AM; if there sooner, you will be part of the setup crew! See KyleAnn Williams with questions.

- Quilt Beginnings – Quilt Beginnings has a number of quilt “kits” for assembly for Haven House/Stitchin Sisters. With Beth Starkey-Hill unable to pick them up, Julie Pietsmeyer volunteered to do this! Thank-you, Julie!
- The contract with Ohio Christian University for next year’s Quilt Show is happily only \$224 over this year’s cost; the contract is yet to be signed. Judy expressed a concern with OCU over internet service; this year, service was sketchy on the back wall. Notes from this year’s post-show retrospective have been placed on all the tables. Please take a moment and read those. Notable items:
 - Red, White and Blue Quilts will be used as “filler” quilts in next year’s quilt display. These quilts will come from Guild members, and do not necessarily have to have received “Best of Show” status or have been judged.
 - A suggestion was made to have general information about the Guild (location, meeting time, dues, etc.,) available to Show attendees; next year, Val Hoffman will make a poster that could be photographed that contains this information.
 - A Quilt of Valor was made collectively from blocks pieced at this year’s Spring Retreat; this will be given to a veteran either in the Guild or “familied” through the Guild. This Quilt could be registered with the official Quilt of Valor web site and presented locally through us. It would be great publicity for the Guild.
 - A suggestion was made to update the quilt categories for judging next year. Many of the current categories are a bit stale to our current times. For example, many fabric panels are designed to be cut apart and pieced into a quilt or wall hanging; our current judging rules do not allow for this. Judy suggested that next year, a committee be organized to review this information.
 - Val Hoffman brought the suggestion forward from the Retrospective to discontinue the hourly door prizes from the Quilt Show. Many do not pick up their item or are disappointed by what they receive. A motion was made by Cherie Del Ponte to discontinue this feature of the Show; Margaret Parker seconded the motion. All were in favor; this motion carried.
- **Membership!** Next month, our membership drive begins! Dues are \$35/year, and need to be paid by the December meeting! Cathie Turner shared that new directories will come out next year, and if your dues are not paid by December 15, you won’t make the directory! (Suggestion: paying buy cash in an envelope with your name on it is kindest to our Treasurer!)

Old Business

- **2026 Officers** – Next year, the following offices will need to be filled for the Guild, as the current Officers are 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.
- Judy Clifton “asked” Sherri Berry (aided by Cindy Horsky) to be a nominating committee to seek candidates to fill these needed positions. Sherri agreed!
- **Adult Protective Services** – Judy Clifton shared that 18 of the needed 27 have been collected for Adult Protective Services; these will be distributed at Christmas. Size of the piece should be approximately 50” x 60”.
- **Christmas Lunch** – Mardee Stover shared that this year's Christmas Lunch would be catered by Chef's Danyelle Tucker and Cody Rutherford from R Kitchen (Chillicothe). The lunch will be hosted in our December 4 meeting. Please sign-up so that she can give an accurate participant count to the caterer.
- **Next Year's Sales Room** – Mardee also shared that she doesn't need any more bags for the Sales Room! She is fine for 2026!

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

Next Meeting: October 2, 2025

Program: Presented by Deb Strain (Moda Fabrics); Deb will give a presentation on designing fabric.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Bullinger, Secretary