



## January 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Welcome:** Patricia opened the meeting at approx. 10am. 20 members, 0 guests present.

**Icebreaker:** What are your 2026 quilting goals? Several people have a goal to finish their WIPs and start no new projects. Blaire suggested we have a WIP Wednesday on social media, post your WIP progress. Peggy made a note to set that up.

Several people mentioned keeping their sewing space more tidy. Patricia mentioned the Just Get It Done Quilts Declutter Challenge on YouTube, and the idea to set a 15 minute timer and you just tidy your sewing space until the timer goes off. Diana mentioned thinking about “what can I do to help future me?” and that can be a good way to get motivated to tidy.

**Secretary:** Blaire moved to approve Nov. 2025 minutes, Laura 2nd, members voted to approve

**Finance report:** Blaire let us know that \$48 dues are due now. You can mail a check to treasurer Blaire Cann, 73 King Charles Rd, Columbia SC 29209. She is also working on getting the bank account switched to her name as the new Treasurer.

**Membership:** Beth will renew members w/ the national guild when dues are paid. We had 38 members at the end of last year.

**Charity quilts:** Laura has the forms created so you can document that you started or worked on a charity quilt, info about it, and whether it might have been exposed to any allergens. The forms are in a black notebook in the back room with the charity quilt fabrics. She will get a wheelchair / walker bag pattern if someone wants to make that. Another option is making kennel pads for a pet shelter. Lisa Ann has received the labels that we can use on charity quilts and we still need to apply those to all charity quilts that were turned in in 2025.

**Quilty Clothes Challenge:** Patricia, Beth, Eleanore, Leesa, Dawn, Susan, & Blaire shared quilty clothing items they had made, embellished, or have in progress.

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**Community Outreach:** Leesa is leading another class at the Lexington library on January 31, and they will make a Valentines mini project. Let Leesa know if you can help. 10am-1pm, arrive at 9am to set up. Leesa will repost this on the Facebook group.

**New Business:** Whitney made progress this week on locating the financial records needed to get back taxes filed, and then to be able to reestablish the 501(c)(3) status, so we may not need to hire a CPA after all. She let MQG know, and they are satisfied with this progress.

**Quilt Con:** We will not have a meeting in February but the room will be open for the sew-in. Peggy will post on the Facebook group that we will meet in front of our group quilt at 4pm on Friday of Quiltcon for a photo. We could start a group chat for organizing when to meet for a group supper at QC. Blair will mail the QC Comm quilt in for the show, which Virginia brought in today with the binding completed.

**Q&A Time:** Blaire asked about using panels. Diana said there is a new store in Irmo called Fabric Cafe, they have a Facebook page.

**Program/Sew-in:** Fundraising ideas. We may not need to do much fundraising after all since we probably don't need to hire a CPA now. Leesa said if we want to bring in a teacher for a class, that takes a lot of money and would be a good reason to fund-raise.

- We could auction our group quilts, we have the diamond anniversary quilt, the 2025 QuiltCon quilt (the improv quilt), and a group quilt made in 2024 as a block study.
- Peggy posted on MQG community asking for ideas. [32Auctions.com](https://www.32Auctions.com) is a resource.
- Another guild made Christmas stockings to sell, Whitney suggested that could be a Christmas in July program for us.
- Blaire suggested we could have a crafty yard sale and sell our items that way. Jennifer has a tent and tables we could use for a yard sale.
- Lisa suggested getting into one of the craft shows at the State Farmers Market, which they do 2 or 3 times per year. Peggy mentioned that it could also attract new members.
- Leesa suggested to raffle a group quilt
- Laura said Sesquicentennial State Park has an annual craft sale we could participate in. We might be able to get a free booth there.
- Patricia asked Laura to gather info for the Sesqui show, Lisa to get info about the farmers market, and Blaire to put together some ideas about a crafty yard sale. Leesa and Blaire agreed to pair up on that and on figuring out how to advertise it.
- In March meeting, we will revisit this and decide whether to make the stockings in July

**Diamond Anniversary Quilt:** Blaire volunteered to reconfigure the layout and make the 2 new blocks that will be needed for a 5x6 block layout, to get a better overall shape. Dawn volunteered to apply the backing and do the anchor quilting and binding. The guild will need to buy backing fabric at a later date. We would like to enter it in the SC State Fair this year to publicize our guild.

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**Show and Tell**

**Adjourned 11:08**

<p><b>February 21: Sew-In Only</b> 9:00 - 2:45 - Sew-in</p> <p><b>March 21: Meeting and Sew-In</b> 9:00 - 2:45 - Sew-in Business meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Creative Sewing Center 519 12th St, W Columbia SC</p>	<p><b>March Program</b></p> <p><b>We will watch a video from the Modern Quilt Guild, topic TBD</b></p>	<p><b>Challenges</b></p> <p><b>Stay Tuned for info to come</b></p>
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