



April 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:15. We had 20 members and 4 guests present.

Ice Breaker: If you could eliminate one aspect of making a quilt, what would it be, and why?

Secretary report: Blaire moved to approve the March minutes, Peggy seconded, approved.

Treasurer report:

- Blaire reported we have about \$4k and will bring a full report in May.
- Blaire and Lisa Ann have completed the transition for the bank account, they are now on the account.
- Whitney is nearly done filing the back tax returns so that we can reestablish our 501(c)3 status.
- Today, Blaire purchased and awarded the Charity Challenge gift certificate prizes from 2025.

Membership: Beth reported that we have 34 paid members.

Charity quilts:

- Laura reported that all of last year's donated quilts have now been labeled, and will be distributed to the charities soon.
- We decided today to donate two of our charity quilts to the grandson of our member Shannon, whose daughter and son-in-law lost all their possessions in a fire.
- Lisa Ann reviewed the 2026 Charity quilt challenge and points system, and the use of the forms for tracking who all worked on a quilt, and any allergen exposure it had.
- We decided to add Project Linus and Sister Care to our charities for future donation of quilts.
- Lisa Ann asked for fabric donations for our charity quilts, especially any solids or modern/contemporary fabrics anyone has that they'd like to destash.
- April mentioned that there is a chance to get a large fabric donation from the FBI fabric library, and she will find out more through a contact she has.

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Community Outreach: Lisa Ann reminded us there is a Facebook poll asking for suggestions and votes for charities that would receive the money from our group quilts that we will raffle once we get our non-profit status back.

Group Quilts: Dawn volunteered to handle entering our group quilts in quilt shows this year, including shipping & receiving them and/or delivering and picking up. We will add this position as a new board position in 2027. We will enter Sour Gummy Worms, Ten, and Diamond Anniversary into Mountain QuiltFest in Pigeon Forge, TN (June), and our Sour Gummy Worms quilt in the Asheville Quilt Show (August) (Asheville has a limit of one entry per category / group category; Mountain QuiltFest has no limit). We will enter all 3 of these in the SC State Fair (depending on category limits), which will give us great local exposure.

New Business: We discussed fundraising so that we can schedule workshops and bring in outside speakers in the future. The Board has approved that we will enter the juried Midlands Fall Arts and Crafts Market at the SC State Farmers Market, in September and November. Blaire C., Leesa S., and Lisa G. did a lot of fact-finding on this, brainstormed ideas for what we could make to sell, and brought in many samples which members viewed and voted on during the break. Members are asked to help with sewing these items at future sew-ins, if possible.

Announcements: Teresa invited everyone to attend the Divine Quilters Guild meeting on Monday, April 27, where speaker Rick Sanchez will speak about his quilting journey and present a trunk show. They meet at First Presbyterian in downtown Columbia, the Palmer Bldg (Lady St), 2nd floor. 6pm social time, 6:30 meeting begins.

Program: After a break, we had Show and Tell, followed by an informative program on preparing your quilt top for professional long-arm quilting. Lisa Ann Scott and Mike Godawski reviewed several aspects of this. Lisa Ann said we will put out a list of our professional long-armers and binding service providers for the membership. Adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Next Meeting and Sew-In Saturday, May 16, 2026 at Creative Sewing Center 519 12th St, W Columbia SC 9:00 - 2:45 - Sew-in Business meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m.	May Program Curved piecing demos!	Challenge Reminders Charity Quilt Challenge Due November Prizes in December
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