PALMETTO MODERN QUILT GUILD

September 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Welcome:

- President Lisa Ann called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
- We had 16 members and 1 visitor in attendance.
- Icebreaker: "If you're going to QuiltCon, did you sign up for any classes or lectures, and if so, which ones?"
- Someone suggested a program idea for next March's meeting, that we could set up a Show & Tell of photos from QuiltCon for those who can't attend, and perhaps some members can quickly demo something they learned in a workshop

Secretary report:

- Leesa moved to approve the August meeting minutes, Blaire seconded, all approved.

Finance report:

- Blaire went over our financials, including that we are now sending out a Profit and Loss statement each month via emails to the current members.
- Our balances are: SC Federal Credit Union checking: $3,312.97. SC Fed CU Savings: $95. PayPal: $504. Total: $3,956.97
- Blaire has been able to establish access to the PayPal account and has updated the authentication method.
- We paid $109 to the MQG for a mid-year membership assessment that was due, as our membership level has bumped us up to a higher category.
- The IRS has not yet completed our application to reestablish our 501(c)(3) status.

Membership:

- Beth reported that we have 40 members.
- Membership dues for the rest of this calendar year are prorated to $12 for any new members.

Charity Quilts:

- Kelly recently met with Julianna, who is the state representative for Project Linus. They discussed funneling our charity quilts through them going forward, as nearly all of the same charities we donate to call Project Linus when they need quilts.
- Project Linus serves children up to age 18, so we'll need to consider still donating wheelchair quilts to nursing homes, and we can still donate twin size quilts to Sister Care Women's Shelter.
- Creative Sewing Center has agreed to be a collection point for Project Linus for us and the general public.
- Project Linus asks for throw size quilts, and asks that we avoid using fabric related to sports teams and popular themes like Harry Potter, as this can make it more likely that two children might want the same quilt. They always need boy-themed or gender neutral, as they receive a lot of girl-themed quilts.
- Please continue to bring your charity quilts to our meetings first, so that we can apply our PalMQG label, and then our Charity Coordinators will get them to Project Linus to apply their label and distribute.

Challenges:

- We reviewed the points system for the Charity Quilts Challenge due in November: 1 point for turning in a quilt top, 2 points for quilting, 1 point for binding. In December, prizes will be awarded to the member with the most points, and to another member who participated via a random drawing.
- We will repeat the QuiltCon Entry Scholarship Challenge that we did last year. Bring any quilt(s) you'd like to enter into QuiltCon 2027 to our October meeting, and the members present will vote for one quilt for which to sponsor the entry fee. QuiltCon's entry deadline is October 31.

Community Outreach:

- Leesa S. offered to set up another class at the Lexington County Library. Enough people expressed interest in helping, so she will contact them and find out when they can fit it on their calendar.

New Business:

- Lisa Ann presented ribbons to a few members who had been most instrumental in the creation of our two group quilts that recently won awards at quilt shows. Leesa S. received the 4th place ribbon from A Mountain QuiltFest and the "I Quilted A Winner" ribbon from the Asheville Quilt Show. Whitney M received the 2nd place in Modern category ribbon from the Asheville show. Carmen V. will receive the Merit Award for Best Improv Design from the Asheville show, and Blaire will mail that to her.

- We will have Sour Gummy Worms and Diamond Anniversary in the SC State Fair categories: Group quilted by professional, and Group quilted by amateur(s)
- Dawn read the judges comments from the Asheville show for Sour Gummy Worms

Board Elections Coming In November

- **Please consider serving on the Executive Board or a Committee,** as we have several members who are stepping down or want to change to another position.
- Open positions are: President & Membership which are both 2 year terms; VP, Secretary, Charity Quilts Coordinators, Social Media, Program and Challenge Coordinator, and Group Quilt Coordinator, which are all 1 year terms (some of which are currently vacant)
- Peggy will post the openings on the Facebook Members Group along with the By-laws which describe each position.
- Please contact the board if you're interested in serving, via the Facebook Group, or by emailing palmettomodernquiltguild@gmail.com

Modern Quilt Guild news:

- Registration for QuiltCon 2027 is open. There are waiting lists on the website for workshops that are full, and there is always a bulletin board at the event with workshops that people booked but can't attend
- Entries for QuiltCon 2027 is open now through Oct. 31

Program:

- Today's video on sustainability in quilt making couldn't be shown due to technical difficulties, but it can be viewed on the MQG website by members when logged in
- The October program will be a demo on Fabric Collage Applique led by Dawn C.

After a wonderful Show and Tell and a drawing for two door prizes that had been donated, several members stayed for a fun afternoon of sewing.

2026 Executive Board and Committee Chairs:

President - Lisa Ann Scott

VP - Lisa Grimes

Secretary - Dawn Cook

Treasurer - Blaire Cann

Membership - Beth Peterman

Charity Quilts Committee Chairs - Kelly Dawson & Laura Hawksley

Social Media - Peggy Binette

Programs and Challenge Coordinator - vacant

Group Quilts Coordinator - vacant

Next Meeting and Sew-In	Upcoming Programs	Challenge Reminders
Saturday, October 17, 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.	Oct- Fabric Collage Demo Nov- Elections Dec - Year End Party DATE CHANGED TO DEC 5th	Oct- QuiltCon Entry Scholarship Nov- Charity Quilts Due

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