

BTQG Board of Directors September 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Location: Fairview United Methodist Church

Present: Mindy Smith, Mona Stevenson, Marilyn Beissenherz, Martha Eberhard, Kitty Peer, Anna Mary Hughes, Janet Sapp, Maggie Walter, Mona Stevenson, Jim Reese, Janet Hollandsworth, Barb Nixon, Alice Leeper

Absent: Donna Puleo, Glenda Moun

Mindy called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Officers' Reports

Secretary – Janet Sapp

Janet presented the minutes from the previous two meetings. Mona Stevenson moved the minutes of July 14, 2025, and August 11, 2025, meetings be approved. Janet Hollandsworth second and minutes were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report – Martha Eberhard

Martha presented July 14 and August 11, 2025, treasurer's report. She reported there were 87 paid members in July and 135 paid members in August. She has filed the 990EZ form and Alice Leeper has filed the annual registration with the Office of the Secretary of State, the insurance and rent rental deposit have been paid. Mindy added that the annual lease agreement has been signed. Maggie Walter moved the reports be accepted as presented, Anna Mary Hughes second and the motion was approved by acclamation. Mindy also reported that she talked to the church representatives at the signing about the dirty tables at the day chapter at the July meeting. She received confirmation someone had used plastic covers over the tables that left black stains due to the heat. It was not black mold. Martha made note that the Guild now has a Central Bank credit card on file with the Drury Inn so that speaker rooms can be charged directly to the Guild and not have to incur the cost and be reimbursed.

CEO - Mindy Smith

Mindy reported she has one extra space for the special speaker workshop in September. This would be the "breakeven" spot. If needed she might be able to take a couple more if we don't overload the space.

Vice CEO – Donna Puleo – (absent) no report

Past CEO - Maggie Walter – no report

Day President – Mona Stevenson – Nothing to report - but did say she needs to get started on planning the Holiday meeting given it falls on December 1st immediately following the Thanksgiving weekend. There were suggestions for salads, or soup and salads as well as possible catering from Olive Garden or Panera Bread.

Starlight President – Marilyn Beissenherz – Nothing to report.

Chapter Programs – Jim Reese. Jim reported that Maria has done a lot of work obtaining speakers. They only have 2 outstanding and are waiting on contracts. They are currently coming in under budget. One of their speakers, Rhonda Denney, is scheduled for a 2-day workshop in September 2026 and is asking for a deposit. It was decided not to give deposits, especially given there are signed contracts. Jim brought up the Zoom meetings and after much discussion about who is to fill this position it was decided to ask Lora Brinkman to give a training course for this year. Mindy will visit with Laura about this. The board is looking to add this to the Program Chair to handle in the future since they will be the ones already working with the speakers.

Membership – Barb Nixon reported for Kat Reece (absent) – 41 present at Thursday night's meeting, no guests.

Library – Anna Mary Hughes reported that she continues updating the list of books in the library and has noted that several previously missing books have been returned or correctly shelved. She suggested including a monthly recommendation in the newsletter to highlight noteworthy books, which may help increase awareness and engagement with the library. Mindy will collaborate with Anna Mary to develop suitable options for this initiative.

Service Projects – Kitty Peer – she has been going through the totes of fabric and notes that not many of the fabrics will work for juveniles in the Sleep in Heavenly Peace project. She also has the 9 patches from the day guild meetings last year. She plans to get a plan together and to visit Boo Kula about the cancer patients we could donate adult quilts to. Maggie Walter suggested the CoMO Craft Cycle in the corner of Habitat for Humanity for additional fabrics Kitty might need. They have good quality and quantities of fabric at drastically reduced prices. Kitty hopes to have more information at next month's meeting.

Quilt Show – Martha reported that she has about 98% of her committee formed. They plan to meet on September 29 to discuss venue, dates, and theme. Karon Huggler has asked that Martha take a look at her church. Martha will plan to do that but expressed the desire to stay in the same location as last year. Alice Leeper suggested Martha go ahead and contact last year's event space to see about availability and cost while still considering Karon's church. There were comments about losing attendees when you change venues as people tend to look for the event in the same space as previously.

Newsletter – Glenda Moum (absent)– report via email. Mindy made note that due to work, Glenda will not be able to attend board meetings. Articles are due on Wednesday at 5. Submit articles to btgnews@gmail.com. She does appreciate a text that something is sitting there waiting for her.

Website – Janet Hollandsworth asked Jim to send her the information once he has the speakers confirmed so that she can load to the website and send to Heartland. She also mentioned if you find information missing from the website to try hitting the refresh button before reporting. A lot of the time the information is there, but the computer needs to be refreshed for it to show. Janet is also preparing nametags for new members. Martha will send her a list of names of new members and Janet will bring them to the meetings.

Social Media - Barb Nixon reported that she updates the two Facebook pages with pictures from speakers as well as posts of things of interest to the quilt guild. Mindy made comments that Barb is a rock star, and we are so thankful for her work and contributions.

Membership Directory – Lora Brinkman (absent) – report via email in which she said she ordered 200 directories at a total cost of \$268.74.

Winter Retreat – Mindy Smith reported for the retreat committee and showed a picture of this year's logo. She and the committee were able to squeak by and make the same fee as last year's work for this year, \$375 for single room and \$265 for everyone else. Martha Eberhad will be doing a class on fabric bowls and Mindy Smith will be doing a class on fabric origami.

Next meeting – 10:00 am 10/13/25 at the Appletree Quilt Store.

Adjournment - 11:20