

BTQG Board of Directors, March 9, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Location: Appletree Quilting Center

Present: Mindy Smith, Mona Stevenson, Martha Eberhard, Maggie Walter, Barb Nixon, Jim Reese, Donna Puleo, Janet Hollandsworth, Kat Reece, Kitty Peer, Anna Mary Hughes

Absent: Glenda Moum, Janet Sapp

Mindy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Officers' Reports

Janet Sapp, Secretary:

Minutes of the Feb. 9, 2026, meet were approved by acclamation.

Mindy Smith, CEO

Mindy opened the floor to a discussion of an issue raised by Martha Eberhard about protecting members private information in print or social media, including the BTQG's webpage.

After considerable discussion, such as offering an option on membership application forms and amending the bylaws, the matter was tabled for further discussion at the May meeting of the board.

Martha Eberhard, Treasurer

Martha presented the February 2026, treasurer's report. We have 153 members, including four new members this year. One-half of the hotel cost for the retreat was paid in February, and the remainder will be paid in March. BTQG has \$34,359.53 in checking and \$54,334.70 in savings.

The anticipated administrative budget for 2026-27 is \$721. The increase over the most recent year is primarily due to the cost of insurance. Other costs are for Zoom, post office box rental and HQN registration.

Martha is recommending to drop the guild's personal property insurance policy and to go with liability insurance only. The personal property in the storage unit and the library within the church could be replaced with monies held in the CDs we have. Property in those sites could be replaced with monies held in the guild's CDs She also recommended that the rental for the church's space for February and March 2027 meetings be added to the 2026-27 budget. Plans call for in-person meetings instead of the Zoom meetings of recent years. Martha reported that the annual audit will take place in June.

Maggie Walter, Past CEO

As the assistant to BTQG Librarian, Anna Mary Hughes, Maggie reported an uptick in check-outs at the library in February. Maggie reported that displays of wall and table signs have been well received.

Kitty Peer, Nomination of Officers Committee chair

The committee is charged with finding nominees for 6 officers for 2026-27.

Kitty is still looking for a CEO, Day President and Starlight President. Volunteers for other positions are Janet Hollandsworth, secretary; Willie Morris, treasurer; Mindy Smith, vice CEO (Plan B); Past CEO: Mindy Smith.

Mona Stevenson, Day Chapter president

Mona reported that the COMO CraftCycle volunteer session during the Day Chapter's Sit & Sew hours was a huge hit. She said Lisa Groshong, the director, was thrilled and praised the eager workers from the guild. Both Mona and Lisa expressed interest in repeating the event.

Kat Reece, Membership chair

There were 30 members attending the March Day Chapter meeting and 38, including 4 guests, at the March Starlight meeting.

Jim Reese and Maria DaLamatre, Program chairs

Jim and Maria reported that the May 7 meeting of the Starlight Chapter will be at Appletree Quilting Center for a Zoom presentation by Diane Murtha. There was a discussion questioning if that was the best plan for the guild, as changing the meeting location might be confusing. Mindy said she would check in on the availability of the church's space in the name and if it has a big screen and a tech person available.

Anna Mary Hughes, Librarian

Anna Mary followed up on Maggie's earlier report about the library.

She then recommended that the guild consider paying guild members for when they do presentations for meetings. She cited other guilds – of which she is a member and at which she has done such work – do pay the presenters at different rates – 100% or 50% of outside presenters. She recommended the bylaws be changed to add the pay. No action was taken. Martha said she suspected there was something in the 501©(3) federal tax -exempt corporation's rules that may prevent us from paying guild members to speak.

Kitty Peer, Service Project chair

Kitty reported that she took five quilt kits to the February retreat and all five were claimed by members. Two of the five are already completed. She submitted a bill for \$302 for materials purchased for projects.

Janet Hollandsworth, website

No report

Martha Eberhard, Quilt Show chair

Printing of tickets for raffle quilts and entry to the quilt show as well as posters is underway. Next up is ordering T-shirts.

In other business:

Maggie volunteered to write a blurb for the Quilt-a-Gram reminding members not to park on the grass lining the driveway and that parking is available in the upper level of the church property.

Mindy reminded board members to review the bylaws before the May meeting so that we can suggest changes.

Barb Nixon reported on Marketplace activities during the Day Chapter's Sit & Sew in April and May. Marty Webster will teach how to make a card holder in April, and Willie Morris will teach how to make a thread catcher.

Glenda Moum is stepping down from her post as editor/designer of Quilt-a-Gram. Anyone interested in that opening should contact Mindy.

Laurie Matthews has volunteered to be in charge of social media, replacing Barb Nixon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Walter, Past CEO