

Black Swamp Quilters Guild Minutes

July 9, 2026

Visitors: None

New Members: Lori Harper

Minutes: Motion to accept from Calista Grogan, seconded by Sandy Dallas.

Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Lane gave the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Retreat Committee: Fall Retreat is Thursday, October 15th to Sunday, October 18th in Lima, OH. The theme is "Happy 250th Birthday."

Volunteers are still needed to help with games, baskets, and the challenge setup. Bettina volunteered to help with the challenge setup.

There are still two vacancies.

QANA Festival 2027: Carol Hicks is recruiting final chairpersons who will make up a steering committee. Carol hopes the committee will meet in the next month for the first time.

The show dates will be October 14-16th. Setup will be October 13th.

Wood County Fair Quilt Day: Please sign up for a slot to either help with setup or to bring a project to work on and talk with visitors about projects. Help will also be needed for tear down. Brenda Trumbull is organizing Quilt Day. Quilt Day is also senior day so seniors get into the fair free. If you aren't a senior, talk to Brenda for a ticket.

The date is Tuesday, August 4th. In the Pratt Pavilion 11am - 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Retreat Survey: The board would like feedback from the guild regarding our retreats and how they can best serve the guild as a whole. Becky (Stayer) Cox, secretary, will compile the results of the survey. Only the compilation of results will be shared with the board to preserve member privacy.

Denise Beck, the chair of retreats, shared that the fall retreat has always been the third week of October for at least the last 10 years. She expressed that the retreat has always been an autonomous event without oversight of the board. The 2027 fall retreat has already been booked in Lima, a contract was signed in 2025 by the previous retreat chair and previous president. The spring 2027 Just Sew retreat is booked for the last weekend of April and is billed as a sleep in your own bed. The 2027 quilt show and the 2027 fall retreat are currently scheduled for the same weekend. Denise stated that the board has never been involved in the planning of the retreat. In 2025, when Denise was president, a survey was given and the results indicated that most members would prefer a retreat closer to home - thus the creation of the spring retreat.

Jeanne responded that, though the retreat has typically operated independently, the board should still be apprised of the scheduling of the events. It was decided by the show committee that future shows would need to be held in October due to staffing concerns from vendors. Jeanne asked for open communication to see if a resolution can be found.

Carol Hicks confirmed that the dates currently scheduled for the 2027 show are the only dates available at the Junior Fair Building, however a contract has not been signed. The 2027 retreat contract is signed - it is unknown whether those dates could be changed or if there would be a cost for canceling or moving the schedule.

It was suggested by Diana Whitman that perhaps the quilt show should be moved to 2028 to not prioritize vendors over members.

Jennie Forster proposed a compromise that the show dates be moved to not interfere with the retreat or the shop hop, perhaps the first week of November. Since there is not a contract for the quilt show, can a creative option be found.

Discussion was closed and the survey handed out.

Minutes prepared by Becky (Stayer) Cox, Secretary.