

Stitching Sisters Quilt Guild

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 2, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Kathy Shipley.

Welcome & New Members

Two guests were welcomed who plan to join the guild:

Carol Spangler, returning member

Carol's daughter will also be joining once she has recovered from surgery.

Lou Ann, a friend of Carol, will also be joining the guild.

2026 Board Member Elections

The following nominees for officers were presented:

President: Pam Edblom

Vice President: Kathy Shipley

Secretary: Karen Barlow

Treasurer: Janice Zmrazek

Members at Large:

Nancy Blechinger , Kathy Patterson, Terry Glandon

Members at Large will vote in the event of a tie.

Kathy Shipley called for additional nominations from the floor three times. There were no additional nominations.

Motion:

Jean Wacker made a motion to accept the nominees as presented.

Second: Lyn Peacock

Vote: All members present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

Programming

Lisa and Paula have stepped away from coordinating programs. The guild thanked them for the wonderful job they have done organizing programs and speakers.

Kathy suggested that members consider a new approach to programming, possibly having two members per month work together to organize one program or speaker. Programs may include guest speakers or member presentations.

Sunshine – Nancy

February Birthdays are:

February 11: Nan Brennan

February 17: Lisa Hinde

Contact Nancy Blechinger for sending cards from our Guild for encouragement and well-wishes to members that are going through difficulty (i.e., surgery, grief, etc.), as we do for birthday greetings. Also, if you know of a member that possibly just needs a special note sent, contact Nancy at 715 822 3768 or nanblech@yahoo.com. She would be more than happy to take care of this.

Facility Update-

The guild has signed up for another year at St. Boniface for meetings. Fee remains the same at \$400 per year.

Challenge Project – Marla B.

Marla was not present but Kathy encouraged members to begin thinking about their projects for the Red, White, and Blue Challenge.

Quilt Show – Balorie & Cheryl

Dates: Saturday, July 4 – Sunday, July 5

Location: The Center in Chetek

Setup: Friday, as soon as access is available

Fees remain the same for this event.

Jean noted that Donna at the Center will be leaving in the spring.

Treasurer's Report- Lois

The full treasurer's report will be available on the website to view

Current balance: \$4,748.91.

Note: \$400 payment to St. Boniface still needs to be deducted.

Dues:

\$25 per year Due by March 30, 2026

Boutique – Kathy Shipley

Suggestions for boutique items included: Baby quilts and Hot Pads

Kathy shared storage ideas using recycled plastic containers for thread and fabric.

Tip: To remove sticky residue from plastic containers, spread peanut butter over the residue, let sit for a few hours or overnight, then wipe clean.

Programs – Kathy Patterson

Pat's Landscape Quilts: Ongoing as long as needed

Jean's Alphabet Block Series:

Dates: February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18 Six letters per class

Sign-up sheet was passed around

Tip: Spray fabric with spray starch before cutting

Additional ideas:

Possibly have members come early in May/June to work on hot pads for the boutique.

Barb Ryan: One-day demo on a table runner

String Quilt and Mystery Block of the Month sign-up sheets were passed around.

Block of the Month from Sherri McConnell ("A Quilting Life")

Finished block size: 12"

Finished quilt size: 57½" x 72½"

January block was distributed and will be on the website to view

New block will be provided each month

Julie suggested repeating Block-a-Day, which she is willing to coordinate again. Members would choose their own block, resulting in approximately 30 blocks by month's end.

QT Drawing - Entries: 7 Winner: Pat Brewer

Next drawing: March 16

Minutes & Handouts Process

Karen Barlow presented a new process for distributing minutes, handouts, and photos due to email size issues. The proposal is for Terry Glandon to upload all materials to the guild website and email members a private access link with organized tabs for easy viewing.

Consensus: The group agreed to move forward with this new process.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Sew & Tell

Josie: Baby quilt for the NICU

Cheryl Newman: Snowmobile quilt, Reversible tree skirt with baby handprint option, Pillows featuring her nephew's three dogs. Fabric printed through Blackmarx in Cameron (ordered directly from their website)

Pat Brewer: Ring binder cover, row quilt, potato chip quilt, baby quilt, string quilt

Jean: Churn dash quilt

Nancy B.: Dumpling bag taught by Karen S.

Kathy P.: Quilt-as-you-go quilt, dinosaur wall hanging

Valentine Quilts :

Pat: Dresden table topper, hand-quilted queen-size quilt

Jean: Valentine wall hanging

Julie: Valentine quilt