

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild

Minutes – June 2, 2019

Rocky Hill Cohousing Common House, 100 Black Birch Trail in Florence, MA

~~~~~ **NEXT MEETING: Sunday, September 8, 2019** ~~~~~

**Attendance:** 12 members attended the business meeting, and 4 remained for the Improv Round Robin.

**Announcement:** Rachel Peterson will soon be moving to Kenya for four years, and is already a member of the vibrant and talented [Kenya Quilt Guild](#). We will certainly miss her, but she has promised several trips back to the Valley, so we will be able to keep in touch.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Vermont Retreat:** Only seven of us attended, but it was wonderful to experience the support and encouragement of other members, and the food was great!

### [World Quilt New England: MassMutual Center, Springfield, Aug 15-17](#)

- Raffle quilt blocks collected. Any remaining outstanding blocks should be mailed by June 15 to Audrey Hyvonen, 62 Briggs St, Easthampton, MA 01027.
- Volunteers
  - Rachel Petersen is coordinating white glove & table volunteers. Please use the Google Doc link she emailed us to add your name to the schedule by June 15.
  - Rachel will provide the white gloves as well as a cash box with seed money for the table
- Exhibitors: Members who want to provide a quilt for our NMQG exhibit need to fill out the exhibitor form Barbara Haugen emailed, and return it to her by June 15.
- Raffle ticket price: Following a discussion of price ranges, we decided by group consensus to charge \$5 for two tickets (must be purchased 2 at a time).
- Purpose of funds raised: The raffle license application requires us to state the purpose for which we will use the funds raised. By group consensus we decided to use the funds to partially underwrite the cost of workshops we sponsor so that we may offer them at a very reduced rate.
- Long arm quilter: We are willing to pay for a long arm quilter (preferably one of our members) to quilt the raffle quilt. No one present at the meeting was willing to take on this task, so Barbara Haugen will email our long arm quilters to ask them directly.

### **Charity quilt for the next Quiltcon, February 2020 in Austin, Texas:**

<https://www.quiltcon.com/charity-quilt-challenge-2020> - Jeff Rutherford is interested if others will join him.

**Quilting Social at Linda Manor:** Barbara Farrell volunteered to come in and spend an hour showing her quilts.

***Treasurer's Report:*** 33 members and \$4,200 in the bank.

## **PROGRAM**

### **Improv Round Robin**

In Jeff Rutherford's absence, Barbara Haugen led the program. Four plucky modern quilters gave it a try, only one of whom had ever done something like this before. Overcoming some initial anxiety, we had a great time and produced four pleasing improv pieces. As suggested by Sherri Lynn Wood in her *Improv Handbook for Modern Quilters*, when time was up we shared our evaluations of the process. It was a treat to see how well our fabric selections worked with the signature fabrics added by others, but 15 minutes/round is not enough time. 20-25 minutes would better to allow us to think a little - but not over-think - our choices, especially those we made in adding to work begun by others. And it would be good to use rulers, not to measure, but to cut straight lines. Great fun!