

## **Northampton Modern Quilt Guild**

Minutes – January 6, 2019

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

12 members were present, and Diane Wespiser took the minutes as Secretary Barbara Haugen was out sick.

- Short discussion how the guild can be more welcoming to new comers. Suggestions included signage on the access road and a door sign welcoming newcomers and asking them to identify themselves as they come in.

- Members went around the table and identified themselves and shared their quilting goals for the new year. Goals stated were completion of mystery quilts, reorganizing sewing space, design work, business and sewing balance, complete started quilts, find more time to quilt, attend retreat and more NMQG meetings.

(For organizing; movie "Minimalist" on Netflix and the series "Tidying Up" also on Netflix))

(guild retreat- May 16-18, [Fullerton Inn](#), meals included. To attend call the Fullerton Inn,)

- Treasurer's report: NMG no longer uses PayPal.

Last year we had 35 members and so far we have 28 paid members this year.

As of 12/31/18 the guild has a balance of \$4,429

- Discussion of potential guild sponsored workshop, fall 2019 (Sept or Nov)

[Melissa Averinos](#) from the Cape Cod was suggested. Julie will contact this artist/quilter for potential dates, cost and logistics.

- Orphan blocks were pooled and members selected blocks to create quilt tops for charity quilts. The goal is minimum 50 x 60 inches due by April.

- Sharing of quilts and requests for quilting suggestions occurred.

Not to be missed was the sharing of wine, seltzer, cheese and crackers, fruit and chocolate.

Next meeting is Sunday Feb 3, 12 - 2.

Topic - Creating free motion designs led by Elaine Huffman