

**Old Capitol Quilters Guild
Special Board Meeting
May 4, 2026 – 2 p.m.
Coralville Public Library**

Present: Joyce Moore, Glenda Skallerud, Jackie Morrical, Char Elbert, Sherrie Adkison, Sherry Lang, Barbara Yoder, Barbara Thomas, Joleen Green and Nancy Lathrop

The meeting was called to order by President Joleen Green. The minutes of the previous board meeting held on March 30, 2026 were approved as posted on the website. Motion was made by Sherry Lang, second by Glenda Skallerud.

The purpose of the special board meeting was to discuss a quilt show for 2027. Co-chairs Sherry Lang and Sherrie Adkison explored a possible date and location: Building C of the Johnson County Fairgrounds on May 14-15, 2027. The following details were offered: 1) the building has adequate space for a quilt show. Quilts will be hung using pipe and draping to allow viewing from both sides, 2) air conditioning and WIFI is available, 3) there are cameras and security in the building, 4) space available for vendors with tables and chairs available from fairgrounds, 5) space available for indoor dining, if weather is inclement. (No food or drink will be allowed in the quilt exhibit area. Eating area will be separate space.), 6) space is very clean and appropriate for quilt display, 7) free ample parking, 8) possible food truck space available, 9) space available for children's activities such as fire truck, police car, etc. in parking lots, and 10) outside advertising is available at the fairgrounds.

The show chairs anticipate a revenue-generating event. Revenue generated would go to the guild and related service organizations supported by the guild. A possible \$5 admission fee would be charged to those 18 and older. Guild members would not be charged a fee.

For the May 2027 dates, cost to the guild to rent Building C at the Johnson County Fair Grounds would be \$3000 with \$1500 to reserve the space and the additional \$1500 due 30 days prior to the event. Other major costs would be pipe and draping rental and related costs to set up/tear down same. Rental would come from a local rental business. Assistance for hanging the quilts is being explored with possible help from family members, Boy Scouts, high school students seeking service hours, etc.

Revenue would also be generated from vendors at a fee for space to be determined. Sherry Lang shared sample vendor fees from two other regional shows (one in Cedar Falls and one

in the Quad Cities.) These fees ranged from \$150 to \$200 and up, depending on the amount of space requested, needs such as pipe and draping, number of tables and chairs, electricity, etc. It is anticipated that the number of vendors would be limited to around 10-15, to avoid “competition.”

Other revenue could be generated from raffle baskets, a raffle quilt, a boutique, etc. Silent auctions are less desirable because of the difficulty in getting items to the winners. Concern was expressed about the rejection of some silent auction items at previous guild shows. Consensus was that everyone and all levels of ability should be encouraged to participate and no items should be rejected.

Other decisions and committee formation would be made as plans develop. There was discussion about having quilt judging and appraisal of quilts. Cost of judging a quilt could be passed on to the quilter whose quilt is being judged. Jackie Morrical commented that the program committee has considered quilt appraisal as a possible program for the guild.

After considerable discussion the board was asked to bring to a vote the upfront cost of \$5000 to reserve the space at the Johnson County Fair Grounds and anticipated fee for the pipe and drape. There is money in the current budget to support this endeavor. Joyce Moore made the motion, second was made by Barbara Thomas to proceed with plans for a May 2027 quilt show by reserving the space at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Respective committee chair representatives unanimously approved this motion:

Finance – Barbara Thomas

Tech – Barbara Yoder

Retreat – Sherry Lang

Service – Sherrie Adkison

Program – Jackie Morrical

Library – Glenda Skallerud

Membership – Joyce Moore

President – Joleen Green

The motion to adjourn was made by Sherrie Adkison, second by Sherry Lang. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Lathrop, Secretary