

Recap January 2026

We walked into a totally new configuration for the tables as suggested by our new President, Karen Lee. It will take a little getting used to by some of the members, but I think it will benefit the meeting in the long run. It makes it so much more inviting to pay attention and not disrupt the meeting by talking among ourselves.

She started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a new member, Shirley Lester, was introduced. We also had a guest and I didn't catch her name. Sorry. Karen also thanked Rosie Minson, past president, for all the help and guidance she has been providing.

Karen introduced a new program "After the Meeting". We will conduct our business meeting as usual but she has asked us to stay after to discuss what works and what doesn't work. All are invited to attend but it is not part of the business meeting.

The direction of the club this year will be:

Focus

Flexibility

Fun

Fellowship

Vice President Gail Selter spoke for a few minutes. She is just getting back into the swing of things after surgery.

Secretary Linda Pendleton presented the minutes for December. They were voted and carried.

Treasurer Karen Kretchmar gave us copies of last year's budget and pointed out how we did. Unfortunately we fell short in a number of categories. The budget for this year will be available at the February meeting. If you have a request for funds for your special interest group, please make sure to get them to Karen Lee as soon as possible.

Old Business

Things are still disappearing out of the quilt room. Please refrain. A discussion was held about spare bobbins and spare rotary blades. When you fill a bobbin with your special color for your project, you can take it home with you if you purchase an empty one for 50 cents to replace the one you discussed doing the same with rotary blades. Quite a few of them have disappeared out of the quilt room. They will be locked up in the mail box cabinet from here on and only the board will have access. If you would like to purchase one, the cost is 5\$.

Quite a few chairperson slots are still open. If you can help in any way, please consider it. I will add the current list as an attachment.

One of the items brought up in the After portion was that maybe we need to eliminate some of these positions. Your ideas are always welcome and you can send them to Karen Lee for consideration by the board.

Pat Conway is doing a class on March 7 at 9:00am. Signups will be at the February meeting. It is how to do a beautiful flower appliqué. Classes are currently \$5 for registration but that may change.

We have a new policy for snacks at the meeting. If you want to eat, bring something. We all ready have volunteers for the February and March meetings.

A discussion was held to possibly eliminate the library. Cyndi Strohmier is spearheading a focus group on Thursday, tomorrow at 1 in the quilt room, to explore different ideas about it. Anyone can come. That space can be better utilized by the club and help to reduce the use of ladders in the room.

Days for Girls is having 3 extra sessions in the near future. Sue Zager asked that the general membership please help to make the drawstring bags for the kits. They are behind in reaching their goal of 100 kits by May.

The extra sessions will be on Thursdays from 1-3. The dates are 1/29, 2/5 and 2/19. You can also make one at home. Contact Sue for the supplies. They have all ready been surged, so all you need to do is straight sewing. Their regular meetings for DFG I the 1st and 3rd Fridays from 9 to 11ish.

Block of the month will be on the 4th Thursday of the month at 9.

Open Sew will still be on Tuesday for this month.

Charity will be on Wednesdays at 8:30 for now. They will vote on whether to swap the two days beginning Feb 1st.

Diane Lais reminded us to be more careful with the AccuQuilt dyes. They are very expensive and we don't want to replace them any time soon.