

Camarillo Quilters Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Nov. 7, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Wendy VanLoo at 10:31 P.M.

Those present: Shayne Liess (co-President), Barbara Witman (Secretary), Wendy VanLoo (co-President), Jonal Beck (Facilities), Tedi Patterson (Block of the Month), Jan Hunter (Membership), Adriana van der Graaf (Treasurer) Holly Winston (Ways & Means), Barbara MacDonald (Newsletter), Kathy Antrobus (Travel), Vanessa Buescher (Workshops), Jodie Solorio (Small Groups), and Joey Strait (Speaker Contracts and Website).

Joey Strait moved to approve the amended minutes of the October Board and General meetings. Wendy VanLoo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

No Secretary's report.

There is a quorum.

Treasurer report: Adriana van der Graaf reported the following balances:

Checking	\$6,810.90
Savings	
CD	
Total	\$

Board members will note that the checking account is lower than normal, because CQA has paid many annual expenses. She recommended that the group consider investing the savings in something that will earn more interest than what it currently earns. Extensive discussion followed.

Jonal Beck reported that workshop space has been paid through Oct. 2026. The Camarillo Park & Recreation building will not be available in April 2026. The Freedom Center in Camarillo has been paid for already, but Jonal would like a more attractive location.

Discussion followed regarding the increased costs of classroom space for workshops. The price will go up to \$560 for February, April, May, September, and October. Vanessa Buescher reported that she is considering new ideas for CQA-member led workshops and/or retreats. No workshop is planned for January, because many members would rather attend Road to California than take a workshop.

There is a need to have a fund raiser for CQA. Discussion followed. Wendy VanLoo would like to lead a vendor fair of some sort at the free venue in Simi Valley. Adrianna volunteered to help her. The topic was tabled until December.

Discussion about moving money from the savings to the checking account followed. The topic was tabled until December.

Barbara Witman suggested that the Executive Committee meet soon to discuss the budget and spending year to date, so that the Executive Committee can make recommendations to the entire Board and membership in December.

Facilities: Consensus was reached to use the Freedom Center in April.

Membership: Jan Hunter reported that 81 members, 1 guest, 4 new members, and 2 member renewals attended the October meeting. 198 members are on the roster currently.

Workshops: Vanessa Buescher reported that there are 7 people who are registered for Monday's class, which will start at 12:30. She thought they may be able to do the class in one room instead of the two reserved.

There was discussion regarding the cost of Rob Appel's workshop. **Wendy VanLoo moved to increase the cost to \$55 for members for the February workshop.** Shayne Liess seconded. One board member abstained. **Joey Strait moved that the cost for non-members should be \$65 for the February workshop.** One board member voted against the motion. Both motions carried.

Vanessa Buescher working on a member-led workshop or sew-in for March 2026. Discussion followed. Vanessa pointed out that the contract for Kim Brownell is for a full-day workshop. She asked if she is still being paid for a full day, or was the contract renegotiated for a half-day price. Joey Strait reported that the contract was not renegotiated. Discussion followed.

Block of the Month: Tedi Patterson reported that there are 26 blocks posted. The block for December is a snowflake. She shared January's block as well, which is a clock face. Jan Hunter was asked to bring more quilt stands to the meeting on Monday.

Speaker Hospitality: Wendy VanLoo reported for Diane Fussell. Everything is set for Monday's meeting.

Ways & Means: Holly Winston reported that she is still hoping to receive some items for the boutique in December. Holly's group brought in \$218.00 last month.

Newsletter: Barbara MacDonald reported that the deadline for the next newsletter is Nov. 20.

Communications: No report except that CQA can't seem to get into the Acorn, despite everyone's best efforts.

No Storage report.

No Comfort Givers report. Wendy Van Loo reported that Pamuela Hodson will be taking sign-ups for the sorting meeting at Monday's general meeting.

Social Media: Wendy Van Loo reported that she and Shayne are still trying to gain access to the Instagram account.

Library: No report.

Facilities: Jonal Beck requested information regarding the desired set-up for the December meeting. The menu will include Christmas cookies and bagels with cream cheese.

Travel: Kathy Antrobus reported that she agrees that CQA needs to make money on the travel events. She will ask how many retreats per year people would be interested in participating in. Kathy will bring all the necessary paperwork to Monday's meeting so that the treasurer can write checks for future CQA retreats.

Small Groups: Jodie Solorio reported that she would like to send e-mails to the membership regarding Small Groups. She will coordinate with Joey Strait to do that.

Vanessa Buescher asked Joey to send out an e-mail regarding Monday's workshop. Barbara MacDonald requested that the e-mail also includes the Nov. 20 deadline for the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Witman