SILVER COMET STITCHERS

MEETING MINUTES

Date:	November 16, 2026
Time:	6:34 pm
Meeting called to order by:	Shannon Tankersley

IN ATTENDANCE

Members: 34

Guest: 1 Visiting sister of member

SHOW AND TELL

June McCollum shared a beautiful Christmas table topper and a Christmas Panel lap quilt along with a donation quilt featuring a snowman panel.

Julie Cribb shared a quilt made for her grandson featuring dinosaur print blocks with a minky back.

Sally Brock, who also does hand weaving, shared a denim jacket that she embellished and enhanced with some of her hand weaving on the collar, pockets, cuffs and back.

Patty Mitton shared a red, tan and brown quilt that she successfully made from a precut kit with inadequate instructions. She also shared a charm pack quilt in predominately pink and green with sashings and medallions.

Sharon Beaulieu shared a tabletop Christmas tree that she made for a friend using folded fabric chevrons in ocean themed colors with a seahorse and shells for the topper.

Pam Gooden shared a charity quilt using large squares that she completed.

Robin Potter showed 3 silk panels that her father had brought home from Japan after WWII and asked for ideas on how she might best utilize and display them.

BUSINESS MEETING

Call to order made by Julie Cribb at 6:45

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from October 19, 2026 were submitted by Christina Conley, Secretary and posted online.

Motion to approve minutes as submitted by June McCollum.

Motion was seconded by Robin Potter.

Minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Due to the unfortunate events of the October meeting and the resignation of several guild officers, an emergency meeting of the board was held in which Julie Cribb was appointed Interim President. Julie will remain interim president until the next election of officers is held. Julie shared that she loves quilts and has served as a guild president in the past.

NEW BUSINESS

Julie shared that in light of recent events within the guild there needs to be some additions and modifications made to the bylaws creating a process to handle any similar situations that may arise in the future. A proposed bylaw #13 has been researched by the board and prepared by Pam Gooden. Copies of the proposed bylaws were distributed while committee reports were given with discussion of the proposed bylaw additions to follow.

REPORTS

Committee reports

Treasurer's Report: Given by June McCollum, who stated that the website expense was over budget due to having to pay upfront for the website plus pay for upgrades to the site. Complete financials are posted on the guild's website and available for members' review.

Community Service Report: Given by Phyllis Betton, who shared that she received in 11 more pillowcases, plus the 66 pillow cases completed at the guild's sew day. She has more kits available to be made up from donated fabric. She also has donation quilt kits available. Members are encouraged to contact Phyllis if they would like to participate by sewing any of these items for donation. She also asked for and received volunteers to long arm quilts and bind donation quilts in progress.

Sunshine Report: Given by Jackie Wright. No new requests for kindness contacts, calls or cards have come to her but may be submitted by emailing or calling her. Her contact information is on the members' page of the website.

Hospitality: Coordinated, set-up and clean-up was graciously provided by Henrietta Smith.

Fundraising (Ways and Means): Christine Reilford will be handling guild fundraising initiatives such as raffle ticket sales, fat quarter raffles, cookbook sales, etc.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sandy Burnham reported that due to the recent changes within the guild leadership, the Christmas party decorating will be simplified with tables no longer being decorated and hosted by members. Sandy asked that every member complete and submit a Christmas party participation form and sign up to bring a food item to share. For all who wish to participate there will be a gift exchange game. Gifts should be sewing related, purchased or hand made and of a $20 value.

PROGRAMS

No new program details at this time

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

- **BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

Time was given for members to review the proposed Article 13 to the bylaws. Julie briefly summarized the need for a Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure to be added to the guild bylaws and called for discussion of the proposed Article Thirteen Section One and Section Two.

Sharon Beaulieu questioned what is considered "confidential" as Section 1:5 seemed to deny access to reveal grievances or concerns with board members.

Sherry Byrd replied that members can go to Board members with concerns. The goal of Section 1:5 is to prevent conflict within and between guild members and that confidentiality then applies to the Board Members keeping matters confidential.

Julie Cribb suggested that a grievance committee be formed on an as needed basis to handle problems and bring them to the board if needed.

Christine Reilford suggested a system used in the military utilizing "love letters" which can be written and submitted to the grievance committee or board for their review and action.

Linda Hubbell brought up that problems need to be handled in a timely manner.

A comment was made that some members present did not know what had transpired. Julie Cribb and Shannon Tankersley advised that an email went out to all guild members and is posted online in the members' section of the guild website along with the minutes of the emergency board meeting.

Several members asked if the membership of an offender can be revoked. Julie explained that our bylaws do not currently allow for that, which is why the bylaws need to be amended for future situations requiring discipline,

Discussion continued about whether membership dues should be refunded if an offending member is expelled from the guild under amended bylaws. Most in attendance seemed to think a refund should not be given.

Julie suggested that the proposed bylaw amendments need further research and refinement before coming up for a vote.

Discussion continued with Henrietta Smith asking if an offender will be allowed to come back and renew membership. Julie shared that current bylaws do not offer a process whereby membership can be revoked or denied. Henrietta voiced concerns over broken trust and possible problems with allowing a member who is expelled to be reinstated. She also stated that she thinks there needs to be a separate code of conduct for officers in addition to the code of conduct for members. Julie said that can be added when the bylaws go through the bi-yearly review.

Julie reiterated the need to vote on Article Thirteen to get a disciplinary pathway in place within the bylaws and that it can be refined and amended at a later date. Motion to approve Article Thirteen as written was made by Shannon Tankersley.

Motion was seconded by Carol Baasch.

Approval of Article Thirteen was passed by unanimous vote of members present signified by raised hands.

Julie Cribb introduced the proposed amendment of Article Six by adding to Section 1 Officers, President, an item number 5 stating that, "The President will be listed as cosigner on the guild bank account with the treasurer."

Under the "Treasurer" the proposed amendment to item number 2, stating that, "The Treasurer will be cosigner on the guild bank account and shall keep accurate records of all income and disbursements."

Julie explained that these amendments were necessary for current banking requirements.
Motion to Accept the proposed amendments to Article Six of the bylaws was made by Robin Potter.
Motion was Seconded by Sharon Maddox.
Motion to approve the amendments to Article Six of the bylaws was passed by unanimous vote of the members present signified by raised hands.

Due to time constraints Julie briefly mentioned that there are proposed amendments to Article Seven of the bylaws regarding elections and voting. Discussion and action on this matter was tabled until the next business meeting.

- **GUILD PROPERTY**

Julie announced that all guild property had been moved into a secure storage unit with insurance on the contents up to $5,000 in value. Sherry Byrd handled the transfer of goods and paid the first month's rent and insurance in the amount of $136.99 out of her own pocket. The unit comes with 3 keys which will be distributed to the President (Julie Cribb), Community Service Coordinator (Phyllis Betton) and the Ways and Means Coordinator (Christine Reilford). The size of the unit may be reduced from 10'x10' in the future however Sherry rented what was available and at half price for the first month.
Julie entertained a motion to reimburse Sherry for her personal expense in renting the storage unit.
Motion to reimburse Sherry in the amount of $136.99 was made by Sharon Beaulieu.
Motion was Seconded by June McCollum.
Motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members present signified by raised hands.

BREAK

A break was called at 7:44 after which a late arriving member, Mary Smith, shared her queen size log cabin quilt in yellow and green that she made during the pandemic. She shared that during that time she made quilts for each of her siblings and had compiled an album of every one of the gift quilts.

DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLE DRAWINGS

At 7:58, Shannon began the "fun" part of the evening.
Christine Reilford conducted the door prize drawings followed by fund raising raffles.

Attendance Door Prize winners were Henrietta Smith who won a charm pack and zippered pouch and Pam Gooden who won a note pad, and Georgia Quilter sticker.

Individual fundraiser raffles were held for fat eighth fabric bundles and pattern as well as fat quarters of stripes and checks.

Members enjoyed playing multiple rounds of Quilt Bingo with Patty Mitton, Sherry Byrd, Clyde Mann and Christina Conley taking home winning prizes.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Christmas Party held on December 14, 2026 at 6:30pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Shannon Tankersley adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm.

These beautifully detailed minutes were taken by Jackie Wright in the absence (late arrival) of the guild secretary. Thank you, Jackie.