

Big Red Quilters' Guild April 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Laura Canaan, the BRQG President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance: There were 50 members and 1 guest present for the meeting.

Membership Committee Report: Libby Riemersma was nominated for the open position in the membership committee and she accepted. A membership vote was held and Libby was unanimously voted into the position. Thank you, Libby, for volunteering to serve on the BRQG Board.

Vice President Report: We are still collecting placemats for Meals on Wheels. Thank you to all who have already made and donated beautiful placemats. You've made a difference in so many lives.

Treasurer Report: Laura announced that the BRQG has ~\$39,000.00 in the bank account, with a \$10,000 CD. The Board decided to invest another \$10,000 into another CD.

Retreat Committee Report: Laura announced that the BRQG Spring Retreat grossed slightly over \$3500.00 for the Guild, and thanked all who made the retreat such a big success.

Charity Quilts Committee Report: Kathy Ryzenga reported that as of March 2026, we had donated 60 quilts to community organizations! Thank you to everyone that helps out with the charity quilts. If you would like to create your quilts at home, remember that this committee can assist you with the batting, backing, quilting and/or binding.

We are in need of a few more domestic and longarm machining to assist us with quilts.

Sign up sheets for quilting and binding are at the Charity Quilts table. Contact Kathy Ryzenga with questions: kmryzenga@att.net

Possible Guild Activities: Laura Canaan suggested that the Guild members might like to get involved with the Quilts of Valor organization. See Laura for details.

Community Activities: AJ Young shared the following Holland information.

- Holland Art Center is hosting a June Fiber Fest on June 6th 10:00-2:00. **Free** to the public.

<https://hollandarts.org/events/fiber-fest>

- Holland Pride Community Festival in collaboration with the Lakeshore Fiber Arts Guild will help create a Pride quilt on June 27th, 10:00-5:00pm at Kollen Park, Holland. Community members are encouraged to join in with helping to create the quilt.

Program for Tonight: Airing of the Quilts “**My Complements to One Color!**”

13 members showed and explained their creations to the Guild. Wall hangings, quilts and table runners were included in this showing.

Show and Tell was performed and two sets of **Door Prizes** (March & April) were distributed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Donna Hurley