**Piecemakers Quilt Guild Meeting**
**May 26, 2026**

## 1. Preliminaries

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM with members welcomed and requested to turn off cell phones.

The Guild Board members were introduced; Sally Hanson, President, Melody Van Lue, Vice-President, Pamela Holt, Secretary, Beth Raker, Treasurer.

One visitor was welcomed and introduced. There were three new members and one returning member recognized. There were 46 members present this evening.

## 2. Board Reports

The Secretary's Report was approved as read in the newsletter. Any issues; members are to see Pam.

Treasurer's Report was printed in the newsletter and Beth reported a current balance of $13, 400. 53.

## 3. Committee Reports

A. Nancy Dunning and Jenny Chapla - Charity Quilts - One quilt was sent to Hawaii. Please pick up a kit to piece, a flimsy to quilt, or a quilt to bind. These are available at the back of the room.

B. Port Pillows - Kits are here to pick up if you care to work on some.

C. Secret Pals - Everyone please check the gift table for their gifts and to bring home the gift they brought if their "person" is not here. Pals will be revealed at the August picnic.

D. No issues with the Newsletter

E. Website/Facebook - Deb Brechtel - going well

Mary Hansen is doing well. Sally is recovering from her surgery well.

G. Challenge Quilt - Sally reminded the group about our current Log Cabin Challenge and asked about progress. We will soon need information the number of entries and their sizes so we can have adequate drapes and tables available for the August picnic. By a raised hand, there were currently 12 entries.

H. Sit and Sew

June 20 - Miracle Binding with Annette, Beth and Pam
This is a time to learn how to machine stitch a binding accurately with a couple of variations including glue and flange. Sue Counts will also demonstrate a silicone ironing binding tool. The sign up sheet is on the back table.

**4. Old Business**

The Retreat at Amigo Center for March 2027 is full but you are encouraged to sign up for the wait list, Next year's retreat will be held from March 31 - April 3. There is currently no one on the wait list.

Bus Trip - The Guild is sponsoring a Bus Trip to the Grand Rapids Quilt Show on Friday, August 21 of this year. The bus will leave from the Hope Church parking lot at 8:00 AM and return by 6:00 PM. Tickets are $60.00 and include the coach, our wonderful "Bus Moms with games and prizes, snacks and water, Admission tickets to the show and tips to the driver. Sign-ups with payment is underway with registration closing when we reach our capacity of 56. Jackie, of "Sew Unique" will also be selling tickets in her shop.

We received a note Melinda Groover at Hope Grows, thanking the Guild for their $1000.00 donation from the 2025 Quilt Show Silent Auction.

Coopersville Farm Museum notified us of their upcoming Quilt Show in Coopersville Michigan in August and September. Quilts may be entered July 16-18 during regular business hours.

Sally reminded everyone of the current email scam concerning the guild. Please know that Sally's email is sallyannhanson@aol.com

(nothing else)! The guild does not need nor will it ever ask members for money or to send gift cards! Please be aware and careful.

**5. New Business**

The Guild is planning a "Schoolhouse event in September. (no date or venue at this point) This is where attendees bring their machines and basic supplies. Six teachers will rotate classrooms to teach a variety of mini classes. Lunch will be included. Some teachers have volunteered, but others are welcome as space allows. There will be a fee and all class supplies for the projects will be provided. Look for more information next month.

**6. Door Prizes - Bettye Green**

Bettye announced that the fat quarters in the gift bags are donated from Stone Soup and the fabric is from Kris Warmoth donations.
Door Prizes went to: Melody VanLue, Marsha Caukins, Sara Shrock, Grace Coronin, Carol Peters, and Sue Tolsma.

**Show and Tell**

Twelve charity quilts were shown and 6 infant quilts.
Jody showed what she made from "free table" donations and Flea Market bargains,
Arlene made a whole quilt using the pattern demonstrated at our last guild meeting!
Sherry show what she did with "orphan quilt blocks" as "walker bags".
Carolyn showed her large king sized quilt, "turning 40".

**Program**

Jan's Jackets
Jan stated her purpose was to teach enough this evening that each of us would be able to make a jacket on our own. She did a wonderful job of showing us a variety of jackets she has made with the modeling help of Beth and Julie. She stated that she has made

over 100 jackets to date.  She gave tips about where to purchase the sweatshirts ad how to disassemble them.  A variety of methods can be used to add fabric to the sections before reassembling and finishing. She ended with a handout and a question and answer time. I think we were all impressed and motivated by her presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.