MEETING POINTS December 2015

Meeting opened with Mel Hunt on guitar singing a Quilters' 12 Days of Christmas

Present: Members 103, Apologies 16, Guests 2

Kaye H. thanked members for their morning tea and for the Christmas table decorations & clothing. The committee members elected at the November AGM were introduced to the meeting

Correspondence: Kaye Hardman read a letter re AGM / Constitution and responded Letters read from Maxine Quinlan: Thanks and excitement re award at AQIPP and Jan Preston re 20 year badge

Vic Quilters letter re nomination of a student to attend a special youth class at AQC 2016 Odyssey House Invitation to the Graduation Ceremony and Christmas Festivity Hall hire to increase from \$25 to \$27.50 per hour

Treasurer's Report: as tabled and placed on noticeboard

Membership: Sheila Jolly received her 20 year badge

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Gift Quilts: A display in foyer – beautiful colour and quality. Katie CEO of Foster Carers' Association spoke and received 91 gift quilts. The Gift Quilt organising team: Ellen Mason, Tracey Leonard, Faye Eaton and Jan MacFadyen were all thanked. Tracey thanked all those who piece, who put blocks together, who quilt and those who bind and label the gift quilts.220 quilts have been completed since July this year. Faye Eaton said that even more quilts had been received today.

Quilt Exhibition: Shirley said that the committee has met. Theme will be "Sew It's Spring". The Raffle Quilt is underway – Liz Willing co-ordinating. Challenge will be a Christmas table runner – collect fabrics now, further details next year. A Quilt bag making day will be held on a Sit n' Sew Day

Retreat: May 13 – 15 2016 at Whitehall, Queenscliff and bookings will open Feb / March.

Ladies of Liberty: a few blocks are still outstanding, please return as quilt will be assembled January for quilting February, display at March meeting

AQQIP: There was an article and photo in the Whitehorse Leader newspaper. Quilts are on show until December 22nd at Box Hill Town Hall. Opening night – Kaye as MC, Julie Langford supplied beautiful flowers for speakers. Exhibition books are available for \$30. Sponsor Brother machine flyers for Christmas special available in foyer. Janet is stepping down as convenor, Heather Bingham will take over role

Art Quilts: The group met last month and "played" with paper. February meeting during 3rd Monday Sit n'Sew will be based on an artist

General Business: Shirley Pitman is unable to attend and wishes everyone for Christmas and enjoys the newsletter.

Odyssey House ceremony will be on Wednesday night, Valda has donated cushion covers for the children

Jeanette Widdows visited Kaye Cossar Stokes in Auckland and presented her with her 20 year badge **Meeting Closed 11.45am**