

**Minutes of the General meeting of AQA Inc. held at Uniting Church Surrey Hills, Victoria
on Monday 2nd May 2016.**

Meeting held: 2nd May, 2016

Present: 79 **Apologies:** 7 **Guests:** 2 Toni Shields & Faye Murphy (our guest speaker for today)

Minutes of previous meeting:

Moved: Kaye Hardman

Seconded: Kate Potocnik

Correspondence: Is on the noticeboard.

Additional: Acknowledge from Impact for the donation. Also a note from Kathy Kaplan of appreciation.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report: The Financial Statement for March 2016 is on the noticeboard in the foyer, along with it being in the Newsletter and on the Website. If you have any concerns, please see Kate Potocnik. Insurance is also due to be paid. The Insurance Company had us as 50 members, however, this has now been amended to 250 with an increase of the premium to \$2665.00. Storage has been increased by \$50.00 per month, so we can store all our Gift Quilts and equipment

Membership: Ros Devine is absent. New badges were given to Alana Kirk, Sally Swan, Amy (Jean Prices' Grand-daughter) and Dianne Dalton.

Library: Stock take will be done in June on 1st Monday (6th June). There was an error in the newsletter – it should have been that there will be NO borrowing in June, returns only are permitted. Themed books out for each month – this month, the theme is Stars.

Gift quilts: At the last Sit n Sew meeting, it was our Gift Quilting day. Many thanks from Kaye for all who were present and assisted. There will be another Gift Quilt day in September. A number of gift quilts will be given to Peter Mac on the day of our Biggest Morning Tea

Exhibitions/Symposiums:

- BMT Raffle books are available and proceeds will go to the BMT 2017 – money will go to Prof Clare Scott for research into Ovarian Cancer.
- Raffle quilt is on display in the foyer, along with the 2nd prize. All prizes are made out of Liberty fabrics, by members of AQA. LOL group is busy planning for 2017 BMT. Theme of the BMT is Show me the Liberty – bring, show or wear anything Liberty – and if you don't have anything Liberty – come anyway.
- Tracey Leonard may even wear her red shoes ALL day if there are enough gold coin donations
- Symposium 2015 raffle quilt money will also go to 2016 BMT.
- Entry forms for the Exhibition will be in your newsletter, and available on the Website.

AQIPP/Art Quilts:

Heather: AQIPP 2017 advertising has begun – the theme will be **Reflection**. Please take a flyer for anyone you may think may be interested in

Anne: Ice dying and sun dying last month. Anyone is welcome to attend, even if it is just to have a look.... The address is in the newsletter.

LOL/Retreat:Cindy

The Retreat is on in 2 weeks' time in Queenscliff. Venue can sleep 36, and there are still some places available \$190.00 for the weekend. Please see Cindy if interested. Saturday night dinner is at a hotel – please let Cindy know if you are not interested in the dinner. Information will be handed out to all today if you are here.

AOB:

- Contractor has been employed to fix the hole in the ceiling.
- Committee to see Kaye at the end of this meeting.
- Poppies are being loaded onto a plane on their way to the Chelsea Flower show in UK.
- Thanks to everyone who helped with AQC – white glove, helping teachers, etc.
- AQA brochures were at AQC – promoting AQA. We are now looking into the idea of postcards – bright, colourful and more up-to-date.
- The Military quilts at AQC were outstanding. Dr Annette Gerro was promoting her book of the quilts – and we now have an autographed copy of the book in our Library.
- A question re Facebook was asked, after discussion our Website is the way to go for AQA....
- Website – Susan King is stepping down, after numerous years of being Website Coordinator. A brief description of the position was given – if you are able to download a file, you are able to do this. Please think about taking the position on – Susan is happy to help. Thanks to Jacqy Wong for volunteering to do it – an assistant would also be great. A presentation of 'Thanks' was made to Susan.
- Next month is our Winter Warmers Soup Day. There will be 2 soups are available along with a bread roll - Pea & Ham and an allergy free Pumpkin soup.
- Stall at AQC was packed with Liberty fabric and Kaye did a bit of financial damage – without the Treasurer knowing.....
- Needles & Pins in Warrandyte is closing down. Fabrics are on sale with 25% off and over time, prices may decrease further.

Banner: Mother's Day

Meeting Closed at 11.35am