

Minutes AQA GENERAL Meeting February 6, 2017

Held Uniting Church Hall, Valonia St, Surrey Hills

Banner: Year of UFO's

Minutes of previous meeting

The following corrections were made to the minutes circulated:

Nanette Griffiths was replaced with *Nanette Drinkwater*. Ros has apologised to both members for the confusion Addition in **Archives** after Routt of: *since then Jenny Omand has brought them up to date for which we thank her.*

Moved Ros Devine **Seconded** Robyn Packham **Passed**

Present` 85 **Apologies** 13 **Guests** 4

As Jan Mac is ill, any 4 red cross blocks should be handed to Ros Devine

Correspondence

The list was on the notice board, mostly newsletters in. Letter from Vic Quilters requesting we provide a prize for Showcase, we agreed to again sponsor the professional appliqué category.

President's Report

Welcomed members back for 2017

Ros reported on the very successful working bee held in January which included library, cleaning and sorting (thanks especially to Heather Bingham for her tidying up under the stage). There was much sorting cutting ironing and preparation for quilts by the gift quilt ladies.

The new lease has been signed. We were reminded that pins and sticky tape etc should not be used on the walls.

The incorrect calendar dates have been corrected, hard copies with correct dates available at the meeting and email members have been sent the correct calendar and correct dates were noted in the last newsletter.

Corrie Calegari has returned the quilts she had in storage for us, we have been grateful for her help in storing them. Also thanks to Pam Gladstones for the goods she has stored, now returned.

There is an article about the Lions Quilt, which is the topic of today's speaker, in Quilt Mania 117. A number of our members contributed to making it.

Members were asked to support the stall in the foyer today (and again next month) in aid of AQIPP

There is also a stall with suitings in aid of the Lions Quilt Museum project.

Ros has spoken with both the minister and our Church Council representative about the possibility of donating quilts to a Uniting Church organisation. The local churches support the organisation, Lentara, based in Broadmeadows but they could not use quilts. The minister will try to find one that would, preferably in the Whitehorse area. There is a collection bin outside the church here, where you can donate goods for Lentara's Op Shop

Reports

Treasurer

The monthly statements are on the notice board in the foyer.

Membership

Blue renewal forms are ready to go out. They will be inserted with the next hard copy of the newsletter. Forms for email recipients will be available at the next meeting and those not collected will be posted.

After much discussion at the January committee meeting it was decided that in future the subscription categories would be changed to reflect the difficulty in defining the difference between city and country memberships. With the spread of Melbourne many country areas near Melbourne are now suburbs, there are anomalies within suburbs and position in streets. As the difference is only \$5 per year it was decided to only have the categories of Victoria \$35 and Interstate \$30, Junior \$15. Rent and insurance have both gone up and need to be covered

Membership numbers are stable with one new member. Welcome to Betty Wardrop .

Library

Tracy reported that the stock take went well and thanked the helpers. One item found is about the first Melbourne Quilt Exhibition, held at the Melbourne Town Hall and put together by AQA, Ps & Qs and

Waverley Quilters. The video will be transferred to disc and USB, so that it may be viewed by members now and in the future.

Gift Quilts

Fay Eaton thanked helpers for all they had done at the January working bee. Much sorting and preparation was achieved. It was very helpful to have two adjacent days so things could be left set up. Today there is a table covered with quilt fabrics prepared for volunteers to complete .

Art Quilts

Anne Cocks reported that the next meeting will be at her home, 10Angle Road Balwyn on Feb 20. They will talk about what members have created over summer.

Heather Bingham spoke about the stall in aid of AQIPP in the foyer today. She thanked Julie, Judy and Anne for running the stall and all the donors for their generosity. Anyone can donate items to sell next month.

BMT

The raffle quilt has been assembled, ready for quilting. We shall not be posting out the books of tickets for this raffle and the tickets are much simpler (and less expensive). Tickets will be sold at meetings or on request.

Any Other Business

Volunteers are needed for the meeting roster, please see sheet at the front desk, it is there when you sign in.

The following events were mentioned:

VicQuilters Heritage Weekend, Smeaton Mill, includes Heritage quilt show, Mothers Day weekend in May

The Appliqué Guild AGM 25th February at Essendon

Mapping Shepparton, Workshops in Textile Arts, 5-12 March \$10/20 each. Google Shepparton Festival

Member news:

Former member Mardi Martindale was 100 in January.

Meeting closed 11.40 am

Guest Speaker

Robyn Falloon with Ruth Nunn showed and spoke about the Lions Quilt

Show and Tell

Door Prizes 1.Jenny Moores 2.Allana Kirk 3.Ros Robinson

Raffles 1 Maureen Mackie 2. Lynn Steel 3. Judy Ballantyne