

AQA General Meeting - 6 March 2017

Banner	Membership				
Present	79	Apologies	18	Guests	1

Minutes of the previous meeting

President's report

Ros thanked the helpers, including Wendy Fry and Dymphne Anderson, for setting up.

Allison Burger was in the foyer to collect membership money. Cash payments should be in a named envelope, and remember to ensure we have your correct details. Subs due 30 April.

The AQIPP stall in the foyer is to fund the running of the AQA Exhibition "Australian Quilts In Public Places", to be held in Box Hill Town Hall in November 16 – December 21.

Volunteers needed for Show and Tell. Thanks to Lynn Steel and Valda Martin for helping out.

After lunch a presentation of 20 gift quilts was made to Peta of Foster Carers Box Hill. We were expecting Anglicare as well but their representative was unable to attend.

Correspondence

An email was received from Essendon quilters who no longer have a print newsletter and are using a blog for communication. They requested we send Quilters Patch to their blog for inclusion on it. Ros has only agreed to their including our events, as their individual members are not all AQA members.

Reports

Treasurer: The financial report is presented, seconded and passed at each committee meeting two weeks prior to this meeting so no motion needs to be put here. As the general meeting is on the first Monday of the month the report displayed is for 2 calendar months earlier. Meryl McEwen suggested the wording used be "*that the report be presented to the meeting*".

The term deposit is to be rolled over for another 12 months.

A petty cash system is to be set up again for amounts up to \$40, with receipts presented. Larger amounts will be paid by cheque, again a receipt is needed.

We are having difficulty returning the mechanical credit card machine as the bank wants our electronic one, which we have never had.

Library New covered books are available in the library today

Helpers are needed each month at the meeting.

Tracey has taken on organising the guest speakers and finds she needs more help in the library, please put your names on the roster, 2 per month.

Suggestions for speakers would be welcome.

Gift Quilts. Jan Mac spoke about and showed quilts finished from pieces (and two tops) in the store cupboard, cushions from a quilt found in an op shop for homeless youth, and she thanked all contributors. Please continue to make the Project 70273 red cross blocks, thanks for those already donated. Faye Burville and Faye Eaton have been making up kits for members to take and piece etc to provide more gift quilts. Some are available in the hall today. There is a coin box for donations of coins for needed supplies.

The next Sit and Sew on 20th March is to be for gift quilts, all welcome, there will be tasks for all tastes. Sit and sew as usual too. You may like to bring a small plate of lunch to share too.

Art Quilts. Anne Cocks reported that the group have put the 16 blocks, each interpreting a portion of a photo, together. It will be on show at the AQIPP exhibition. Members of the group will next meet at the Sit and Sew for March.

AQIPP: Heather Bingham reported that the first entry had been received. She thanked all contributors of goods to the AQIPP stall, there is enough for another stall next month.

Retreat at Queenscliff May 5 – 7 Bookings open March 14 on trybooking.com. Members should speak to Cindy if they have any questions

BMT The raffle quilt is on display today and was shown to the meeting. All fabric used was donated by the Liberty contact (this includes the pieced backing and smaller quilt for 2nd prize.) Ticket books are available in the foyer please take one as they will not be posted out.

Symposium: 19-20 August at Box Hill Town Hall. Tutors are: Wendy Williams, Di Ford-Hall, Vicky Jenkins, Julie Adamson, Raylene Richardson, Judy Newman and Michelle Yeo

Anna Amory will be in charge of bookings while Shirley is away. Anna Amory and Chris Serong will be contacts until Shirley returns in May.

Payment cannot be by credit card, so please use direct deposit or cheque.

Elaine Maslen said preferred food choices can be catered for.

General Business

Facebook: Shirley Lodington reported that AQA is looking at establishing a Facebook page. It would be an open forum. Show and tell quilts included only with permission, no photos of people without permission. It would be mainly for reminders and promotion. Gift quilt photos could be included. Copyright is a consideration and will be included on forms for show and tell. Later on, there might be a closed members' page.

Ros asked if members knew where the blocks for the 30th birthday celebration were. Most were returned to maker but a few not. They might be in the banner bag. (Later checked but the 30th birthday blocks were not found in the bags or cupboards.)

AQC is to be held on April 20 - 23, 2017 at the Exhibition Building, Carlton

Meeting closed at 11 30 am

Show and Tell: Thanks to Lynne Steel, Margaret Coulthard, Helen Gammon, Julie Langford and Margaret Fleming for helping

