



Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild Minutes of General Meeting November 27, 2024

Location: Royal Canadian Legion, 141 Hwy #20 E. Fonthill, ON

This evening's facilitator: Past President Carol

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm by recognizing 5 guests and thanking tonight's greeters.

Carol notified the quilters of the passing of founding member Jackie Morningstar, and that a celebration of life will be held at the Thorold Legion, November 30th from 1 to 3pm.

A festive assortment of savoury and sweet treats and drinks have been brought in this evening by our members and organized by our social committee, Gloria and Marty. The evening started with a happy gathering around the table and visiting.

Jean introduced the craft program for the evening and procedures for the first part of the evening. A craft area is set up for English Paper Pieced Star with Coby, making a snowman decoration with Lynn, no template Hexagons with Jean and a Poinsettia bow ornament with Gloria.

She also encouraged everyone to visit the program table to sign up for a class at our January meeting and to feel free to sit and visit if that's what they wished this evening.

As crafts wound down Jean announced that Luci was at the table for sign-ups for the AI Cote workshops that would open in a moment and that because of the popularity of this workshop, she has arranged with AI to do a second. The first will run Feb. 27th at our meeting hall, Royal Canadian Legion in Fonthill and the second on Feb. 28th at Trinity Reform Christian Church, 1230 Old Martindale Road in St Catharine's.

The break began with a rush to the sign-up table and everyone replenishing their drinks and snacks and visiting and sharing the success of their crafts, as well as buying 50/50 and Lonnie draw tickets.

Carol started the business part of the meeting with a report from Treasurer, Theresa.

Because it was Christmas a fourth prize was in the Lonnie Draw.

Lonnie Draw winner	1	Joanne
	2	Tania
	3	Tania
	4	Karen

50/50 Draw Winner was Susan.

Giving Back report was given by Gloria. She and Sharree had delivered 20 quilts and 20 pillow slips to Gillian's Place and they plan to deliver quilts with pillow slips to the YWCA in December.

She said that tonight's collection for the Raft Youth Shelter looked like a great success and Julie was asking for help to load it into her car.

The call for more placemats looked like a success and although she didn't have an exact count we may have almost enough for this year.

The next Sew Day will be January the 9th.

Donations of fabric for the Mennonite Quilt Groups was also acknowledged with thanks from Arlene.

Publicity Chairman Carol announced that at the January meeting she would present an alternate demonstration to any members interested on how to access information from our website.

The Program Committee again asked members to be sure that they sign up for a class in January. They also updated the status of the AI Cote workshops. The Thursday workshop in Fonthill was booked but two spots were available for the Friday workshop in St. Catharine's at this time.

Vice President Maureen asked everyone who brought in a Quilter's Soup Jar to come and take another for the challenge.

Also, a display has been arranged to promote quilting and our guild at the St. Catharine's Centennial Library in March. Two volunteers would be needed to help plan and set up the display case with Maureen. Wanda and Luisa volunteered to help.

In Show and Tell we saw twelve beautiful quilts. Some were Christmas gifts and two were for our Community Quilts. Carol thanked tonight's white glove ladies.

Carol thanked everyone for their food donations and the Social Committee for all their excellent work organizing the evening's festivities.

Gloria ended the evening with a funny joke. *Remember - it was a puppy.*

Carol wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe Holiday.