



## **Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes February 26, 2025**

**Location: Trinity Christian Reformed Church, 1230 Old Martindale Rd.**

**President Irene called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with special welcome to our many guests and thanks to tonight's greeters.**

**Jean our Program & Workshop Co-Chair introduced our speaker Al Cote with his presentation of "From There to Here AND Beyond. Al dazzled us with his vibrant and artistic work, with many of his quilts from International Shows. An artist who looks at fabric like cans of paint, he inspired us all. Questions and answers followed.**

**Coby our Program & Workshop Co-Chair expressed our great appreciation to Al Cote for his presentation.**

**Irene explained that there is a 10–15-minute break to mingle, speak with Al Cote, look at his quilts, and buy tickets on the draws.**

**At 8:15 Irene called the business meeting to order and introduced Theresa our Treasurer to give her financial report to the members.**

**Past President Carol reported on the upcoming guild elections. There are two executive positions to be filled and several committee openings.**

**Carol called on Secretary Lynda to give a synopsis of the job of secretary and then Maureen to give an idea of the Vice Presidents position.**

**Giving Back Co-chairman Gloria reported that it was regrettable that the February Sew Day had to be cancelled because of the weather but the next one is set for March 13th. The committee had quilt kits ready for pick up at the back of the hall.**

**Gloria acknowledged that Donna would be stepping down as chairman of the Neonatal quilts. Donna has held this position for 10 years and in that time over 1600 quilts have been donated to the hospital.**

**Gloria also notified us that long time member Pat will be moving to Florida to be with her family.**

**The 50/50 draw was held, and the winner was Pat Norton.**

**Publicity Chair, Carol along with a power point on screen showed some points on using the guild website. She pointed out that the website should be a members first place to go for current information on the guild, and if a meeting has had to be cancelled it would be posted on the site.**

**The Loonie Draw was held with the four winners being, Arlene, Towana , Marty and Sharon.**

**Program and Workshop Co-chairman Jean talked about the upcoming workshops by Al Cote on the two next days that would be held at the Trinity CRC. Spaces are still available for the Patti Carey workshop on March 27th, Conquering Curvaceous Quilt Blocks. She introduced VP Maureen to show her quilted garment that she will be leading a workshop on in April. Spaces still available.**

**Coby reported on her results of trying to put a bus trip together for the Quilt Canada conference in Toronto in June. A show of hands showed interest in Coby proceeding and suggestions were made that other guilds be notified of the bus trip. Coby also asked for input from the membership about possible speakers for next year's program.**

**President Irene took the podium to remind everyone about our quilt display that will be at the St. Catharines Library through March. She asked everyone to check it out.**

**Vice President Maureen reminded everyone of the upcoming VP Challenge and asked if anyone had any questions. None received.**

**Show and Tell time saw five quilts that had come in this evening for Community Outreach and three awesome members showed their finished masterpieces.**

**President Irene thanked our 26 guests this evening for joining us. She acknowledged Wanda and Louisa for a great job greeting everyone, and all the white glove ladies for their help. She also expressed a big thank you to Trinity CRC for allowing us to use the church for tonight's meeting and the next two days for Al's workshops.**

**Gloria ended the meeting with a joke that had us leaving with a big smile.**