

Sewing Etc. Club  
Meeting Minutes July 6, 2023  
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1. Meeting called to order by President Marylu Belisle at 9:33am  
Officers present: Marylu Belisle, President; Barbara Ott, Vice President; Jeanie Nishime, Secretary; Kathy Moskovitz, Treasurer  
Members present: 36  
New members: No new members

2. Minutes for June 1, 2023 were distributed electronically to the membership. Moved by Debbie Head and seconded by Vicki Dibble to approve the Minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Treasurers report:** Kathy Moskovitz

Beg balance: \$4,953.54

Income: \$7 (1 member)

Disbursements: \$116.33 (6 months raffles and kids comfort quilts)

End balance: \$4,844.21

4. **President's Report:** Marylu Belisle

President Belisle reported that any changes to our Bylaws need to be submitted to the master Board. We changed one item to allow us to include invited guests to activities. Marylu will get the Bylaws prepared and sent by August to the master Board.

We will receive the form for facility reservations in August. Marylu suggested we reserve the same days and times as this year.

We should be able to choose the Lanai for next year's luncheon. Moved to reserve the same days as times as this year by Jan Kawal and seconded by Terry Chamberlin. Motion passed unanimously. Barbara Ott and Terry Chamberlin will work with Marylu to set the dates for next year's calendar. We will not know until December if the dates are approved.

HOA has reported that staff are leaving because of abuse by residents. Any abusive behavior toward staff should be reported to club officers so that it can be reported to the HOA. Both abuse of staff and O'Connell people who are employed by the HOA should be reported. Be kind towards the staff rather than treating them harshly if unhappy with their work. Jacqueline Ettinger suggested making something to show our appreciation to the staff. We make a lot of donations for outside groups, why not for our staff?

Moved by Jan Kawal and seconded by Karen Lohr to set aside craft projects for staff appreciation.

Discussion: Susan Baker asked how many staff members should be considered for a gift? Probably the staff we work with. We will need to determine which staff should be involved in the donation. Marcia Bruce indicated that we have met our Camp Pendleton goal for Christmas stockings.

Motion passed unanimously.

Maryann Barbee, Emma Chang, Sharon Kleven and Karen Lohr were thanked for teaching/assisting with workshops.

**5. Officers Report:**

Vice President: Barbara Ott - Planning for the fall potluck on Oct. 5.

Secretary: Jeanie Nishime - Final, approved minutes will be posted to the Sewing Etc. Club website. Draft minutes will continue to be sent out to the members via email by Marylu.

**6. Coordinator's Reports:**

Programs: Terry Chamberlin pointed out that signup sheets for classes are in the back. Meet the machines is next class. This is the first time this class has been offered mid-year. Please be sure to write legibly so that teachers can read your name and contact information. We will have assistants for all classes. Chris Sanderson will assist with the coil coaster class.

7/20 bag class by Charlotte St. Laurent - materials list in back.

7/22 two sizes of fabric pumpkins in morning and coiled coasters in afternoon.

August preview - 4 season placemat with Charlotte St. Laurent.

2024 planning - interest survey to develop classes for next year. Please fill out the checklist to indicate your preferences. Anyone with an idea for a craft that runs around 2 hrs., please let Terry know of your interest to teach.

Website: Chris Sanderson indicated that the website development is moving along. Archival material is not up to date yet. Pictures also need to be loaded. Share Time will be pictures of what was made in classes rather than general items. Luncheon pics will also be posted.

- 7. Philanthropy:** Marcia Bruce stated that she has received pushback for starting stockings in January. She told a story about why we do things for the Camp Pendleton YMCA. It's not just a charitable contribution, it's to thank those who sacrificed for our country; so no more push back! Marcia shared some book titles to check out regarding those who sacrificed for our country.

Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates; *The forgotten war that changed American history* by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yeager; Signing Their Lives Away by Denise Kurman and Joseph D'Agnesse

It was noted that Lillian Chu and Emma Chang saw Pearl Harbor bombed.

- 8. Tool time:** Pam Bechill shared a doubled-sided sticking tape that is washable. It can be ironed and doesn't leave a lot of residue on the needle. It washes and disintegrates in the wash. The tape helps stabilize stretchy fabric. Pam likes to serge it first to stabilize the fabric. It acts like a basting stitch.

**9. Other Discussion:**

Barbara Ott asked if beds could be donated to Camp Pendleton. Kathleen Payne shared how furniture items can be donated. There may be a charge. Marcia Bruce indicated that the Rotary Club takes care of the donations - cost is for gas and volunteers. The items are given at no cost to the service men and women.

Terry Chamberlin: small portable sewing machine case from her neighbor is available for anyone interested.

Marylu Belisle: embroidery/needlework frame is available in our sewing room

Susan Baker suggested that gifts for staff be something other than Christmas Stockings. She preferred that stockings be reserved for Camp Pendleton. If we give stockings, Karen Lohr suggested embroidering staff names on the stocking. Kathy Moskovitz prefers to put a tag with the names rather than embroidering in case they need to be passed on to someone else. Marylu questioned whether we need to present staff with another Christmas related gift when we already give a monetary gift. Marylu will send out a survey to determine members' ideas for staff gifts.

#### **10. Share Time:**

Leslie Whitley loves the tool bag that Marylu shared last month and has purchased one for herself.

Kristin Schneiders: Fabric in the Sewing Room is available in the bins by color - good quality and larger pieces.

Ellen Nelson has cleared out her stash and it is being organized by Sharon Philippe. Any fabric not taken by members is donated to a high school fashion design class by Chris Sanderson.

Kathy Moskovitz: Shared coiled rope that she purchased; will sell it to anyone who needs it (8 ft needed for the coiled coaster project)

Barbara Ott: Loves a doggie bag pouch from the UK. Someone needs to figure out the pattern.

Jeanie Nishime: Shared her casserole carrier made in Emma's class

La Vergne Brown: Made a bag using the coiled coaster technique. Many items can be made using the same technique.

Charlotte St. Laurent and Pam Bechill: 4 comfort quilts for the same family - Sadie, Lilia, Brock and Alaina. Quilts are signed with the name of the quilter. If shared at the meeting, Marcia will take the quilt to the base.

Emma Chung: Showed her scrap quilt

Marcia Bruce: Blanket and hat crocheted for new babies on base. She challenged everyone to share one finished UFO at the next meeting.

Ana Yoshida: Knitted and crocheted baby blanket. Slippers which will be felted and were started over 2 years ago. Marylu says the club has a felting washer and encouraged more felting projects.

Vicki Greene: Doll made with colorful pieces of fabric

Sharon Kleven: Fabric pumpkins decorated with raffia and silk leaves. Cinnamon stick or twig could also be used as a stem for the pumpkin.

Mary Ann Barbee: Casserole carrier made in Emma's class.

Debbie Head: Quilt along in green and purple completed during the pandemic; used toilet paper rolls to quilt it. Cradle quilt and pillow made with scraps.

Marilyn Milligan and Leslie Whitley : Crazy quilt and cradle quilts and pillows; knitted baby blankets and sweater

Gail Ebersole: Purple and green quilt made with a honeybun (makes smaller pieces to quilt)

Jacquelyn Ettinger: No sew blanket and hat

Janice Walker: Corner-to-corner crocheted baby blanket. She also volunteers to hold and rock babies at the Camp Pendleton Child Care Center.

Pam Bechill: Hand pieced and hand quilted wall hanging quilt and doll quilt; 2 Christmas stockings; fabric coffee filter (reflecting her obsession with recycling!)

**11. Drawing Winners:**

Terry Chamberlin; Chris Hall; Emma Chung

**12. Adjournment:** Moved by Vicki Greene and seconded by Charlotte St. Laurent to adjourn at 10:50