

Sewing Etc. Club - DRAFT
Meeting Minutes August 3, 2023
<https://ohccsewing.wixsite.com/ohccsewing>

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
Coordinators: Sharon Philippe; Terry Chamberlin
Members present: 39
New members: Jacinta Brunkala who knits and crochets

2. Minutes for July 6, 2023 were distributed electronically to the membership and were accepted as corrected.

3. **Treasurers report:** Kathy Moskovitz

Beg balance: \$4,844.21

Income: \$17

Disbursements: \$8.10 (copies)

End balance: \$4,853.11

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

- Social time was added from 9:15-9:30. Sign-up sheet for refreshments is in the back of the room. Please no gooey items that need plates and forks.
- Same dates and times for meetings and workshops requested for 2024.
- Change in bylaws to include guests will be heard by social club presidents next Monday, August 7.
- Many donations were received last month. Thank you to Sharon Philippe and Chris Sanderson who helped manage the donations. The clubhouse took the folding table.
- The Board recommends purchasing a large locking case for \$250-\$800 on Amazon to display items created by the membership. Sharon Philippe commented that not all items are flat and will not fit into a case. Jacqueline Ettinger suggested putting the case in the clubhouse rather than the sewing room so that everyone could see our items. Bunny Quint agreed with Jackie that the case be mounted somewhere in the clubhouse so that others can see our work. Emma Chung asked whether the Woodchucks could make the case. Tom Murphy of Woodchucks will be contacted. Kathy Moskovitz indicated that the display cases belong to the clubhouse and we could display puffy things there.
- Motion: That the Sewing Etc. Club move forward to get a quote for a locking display case to be displayed in the clubhouse. Moved by Vickie Greene and seconded by Sharon Philippe. Unanimous approval with 1 abstention. Marylu will inquire as to where the display case can be mounted.
- Does the membership want a text or email notification when a large donation is received? Overwhelming support for notification about donations. Sharon and Chris take uncollected items to a sewing class in a local high school. Items are also donated to theater group in Oceanside. All members have access to fabric and notions in the

cabinets such as buttons, thread and zippers. Kathy M. reminded members that thread that can be pulled and breaks - throw it away! Marilyn Mulligan added that if it is on a wooden spool, it's probably old. Save the spools for craft projects - Vickie Greene uses them for her crafts. Egg cartons are no longer needed so please do not donate.

5. Officers Reports:

Vice President Barbara Ott announced that planning is beginning for the Oct. 5 fall luncheon to be held in Abravanel Hall. A signup sheet for decorations is on the back table. Next month, a signup sheet for grunt work will be put out. Food will be Costco catered. Bunny Quint suggested charging \$1 so that people are committed to coming if they sign up. The committee will decide on what to charge.

Barbara requested two volunteers for the nominating committee. The current slate of officers and coordinators are willing to stay on. Any members who wish to run for an office or as a coordinator, please contact Barbara. The slate will come out in Oct. Sharon Philippe and Debbie Head will serve on the committee.

Secretary Jeanie Nishime stated that all current minutes are posted on the Sewing Etc. webpage. She encouraged members to visit the webpage regularly since Chris Sanderson has spent a lot of time to clean it up.

6. Coordinator's Reports:

Membership, Sharon Phillip: no report

Programs, Terry Chamberlin: 4 seasons placement is next class. Charlotte St. Laurent drafted the pattern and will teach the class. Pick up a supply list and bring it to class. Wearable art kimono moved to Sept. Brainstorming sessions for next year's classes will take place after this meeting in the sewing room. Cookie signup sheet is on the back table as well.

Marylu reminded everyone to notify the teacher if you cannot come to a class you signed up for.

Maryann Barbee, Sharon Kleven and Karen Lohr did another Meet the Machines class which was well attended.

No one showed up for Dog Ditty Bag class.

Karen Lohr suggested that if there is not a 4-student signed up, then cancel the class. Terry wants to set a minimum skill level and minimum number of students for our workshops. She will work on guidelines at the brainstorming session.

Sharon Kleven's and Kristen Schnieders' Pumpkin class had 2 students; Kathy's coaster class had 5 students and she was helped by Chris Sanderson.

Discussion ensued regarding offering our workshops for the OHCC community. Vickie Greene felt that people who are interested in sewing would be members. Marcia Bruce indicated that we cannot charge OHCC residents. Marylu suggested that the fee would be for materials. Gail Ebersole suggested we charge \$7 which includes membership. Jacqueline Ettinger liked the \$7 fee and suggested displaying items for others to see in the

clubhouse. Leslie Whitley suggested display cases exhibit more than sewn items. Susan Baker emphasized that we must be clear about ability level whomever signs up for the workshops.

Janice Walker thought the name of the club may be misleading. She is a crafter; not a sewer. She didn't join for 3 years because she is not a sewer. Barbara Ott agreed that we need to emphasize that our club is more than just sewing. Gail E. thought we should include "Sewing and Needlework" to our name. Sharon P. said that changing the name is a legal item and difficult to change. She can emphasize it in the Magazine article. Bunny Quint is on the president's board so she will look at whether we can change the name. Marcia Bruce asked if we can spell out Etc.? We are a 5013c organization so the name is important. Ana Yoshida reminded everyone that we tried to change the name before and it was very difficult and were told, "no, no, no."

Other Discussion:

Marylou asked whether we can add our events to the OHCC Magazine. Sharon P. will check. Marylou indicated that there was some confusion about our ride service for club members. This service is only to OHCC Sewing Etc. Club workshops and meetings.

Marylou asked for a motion to change the Club's bylaws to drop "Card making" from the purpose statement in bylaws. Moved by Karen Lohr and seconded by Vickie Dibble; passed unanimously.

Marcia Bruce stated that the Y would appreciate small quilts, 36x45, that kids would enjoy. Knitters and crocheters can also make a play mat. Kristen Schneiders said the El Camino guild also donates quilts to the Y and can provide small quilts.

7. Philanthropy report: none

8. Tool Time: none

9. Share Time:

- Marylou Belisle: crochet blanket
- Kathy Moskovitz: "I spy" lap quilt to be gifted to a child. She has been collecting the pieces for years; coasters from class. Bonnie Krichbaum and Vickie D. took the class – it takes 1 hour to make each one.
- Terry Chamberlin: pumpkins from Sharon's class. Has made 12 more since the class.
- Charlotte St. Laurent: UFO quilt; used a 36 piece charm pack which was too small so had to add fabric to make it larger.
- Mary Ann Barbee: Baby cradle quilt and pillow; 3 more casserole carriers
- LaVergne Brown: UFO reindeer pillow - 4 years in the making
- Marcia Bruce: Jeanne Wilson's crocheted baby blankets; cloth frogs for Pendleton
- Emma Chung: flower quilt in purple and black
- Ana Yoshida: UFO felted slippers
- Yoni Oldfield: Poncho-sweater in gray and pink

- Vickie Greene: fruit loops hair dolls
- Sharon Philippe: quilt made with strips of green and pink
- Debbie Head: UFO pink and orange quilt; used flannel for back.
- Janice Walker: waterfall scarf; 3 crochet kittens made with donated yarn
- Leslie Whitley and Marilyn Mulligan: baby blanket in pink; baby blanket and sweater in cream and peach; lap quilt; sample vest for Pendleton
- Susan Baker: string/strip quilt in blues; used all scraps for her quilt.
- Sandra Coleman: cradle quilt and pillow

Marcia Bruce challenged members to create a craft to be judged at next year's county fair. 8-9 months to prepare. Consider making something with your grandchild.

10. Drawing: Sharon Seidenberg, Jacinta Brunkala, Ana Yoshida

11. Adjournment: Moved by Sharon Philippe and seconded by Mary Ann Barbee to adjourn at 10:41.