

Sewing Etc. Club
Meeting Minutes March 31, 2023
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1. Meeting called to order by President Marylu Belisle at 12:26pm
Officers present: Marylu Belisle, President; Barbara Ott, Vice President; Jeanie Nishime, Secretary
Officers absent: Kathy Moskovitz, Treasurer
Members present:
2. President Belisle thanked Barbara Ott and Terry Chamberlain for organizing the pot luck and all who brought food and participated in the spring luncheon. Thank you to Terry for organizing our monthly events and to our teachers: Charlotte St. Laurent, Emma Chung, and Jeanie Nishime. Review sheets will be distributed to the instructors to determine whether the classes were the right length, etc. More teachers are needed.
3. Minutes for February 2, 2023 were distributed electronically to the membership and were accepted as corrected.
4. Treasurers report accepted as submitted:

Beginning Balance: \$5,163.94

Income: \$21.00 (Dues: Bronstein, Whitley, Milligan)

Expenses: \$497.41 (name badges \$97.41, San Pasqual toiletries \$300, Armed Services YMCA \$100)

End Balance: \$4,687.53

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

Ken and Ellen Kippel were acknowledged for the support they provide to the club. Ellen provided a check to donate to the Camp Pendleton Y. Ellen never learned to sew but could take mechanical things apart and put it back together. Both skills are valuable!

6. **Vice President's report: Barbara Ott**

Barbara thanked all for set up, food and take down. She introduced our guest speaker, Amanda, who is the volunteer coordinator for the Camp Pendleton YMCA. She is a Pittsburg Steeler fan. Amanda's husband is in the Marines and stationed at Pendleton for 7 years.

Operation Kid Comfort supports children of deployed service members. 86 registrations for quilts at Camp Pendleton or other bases. Quilts are for kids under 12 years of age. Eight photos and the child's interests are provided so quilts can be customized. After photos are collected and printed on fabric, they are sent out to quilters. Families are charged \$5 and shipping costs. Started in 2010 with 1 quilt. In 2022, 2,125 quilts were created with over 100 provided by OHCC sewers.

A question was asked whether donations can be made for shipping costs. If a check is provided to Operation Kid Comfort, funds will be used to cover any costs incurred by families. Marsha Bruce takes the quilts to Camp Pendleton (but you have to share your quilt during sew n share!)

Our other guest from the YMCA was Sheila who spoke to our group in 2017. She garnered 7 volunteers from that meeting. Now a dedicated person is assigned to kids quilts. Sheila finds gifting quilts a very emotional experience.

Other projects at Y: Toy give away; food and diapers available on the 4th Friday of every month; pantry in office - can come in once every 2 weeks for groceries and other items. Amanda will provide our club the list of needed items. Thrift store on base will take household items (dishes, cooking utensils, etc.) toys, books, clothing type things. Furniture is handled by the Rotary Club for the active duty personnel assigned to Camp Pendleton. (This is a correction from what was reported during the meeting.)

Volunteers are also needed to hold infants in the Infant Room. Ballgown give away takes place in Sept. Y starts to collect gowns in the summer. Men's wear and accessories are collected as well. A calendar of events will also be provided to our club.

Sewing club donation for Comfort Quilts was given to Amanda by Barbara Ott. Charlotte St. Laurent loves making comfort quilts. She indicated that many families will send back cards to say thank you. Karen Lohr presented her brother-in-law's, sister's quilts which included a flag, Easter basket and lap quilts which were donated to Camp Pendleton.

7. **Share Time**

Marcia Bruce: 200 Christmas stockings is the goal. 97+ are on display but many more came in today. There are many creative stockings are on display.

Marilyn Milligan donated a quilt to the club.

Janice Walker: Judy Lenz received granny squares from a deceased friend's son. Her friend went blind but she could crochet granny squares. Janice took the squares to Mexico and had them made into blankets. Janice also showed her knitted scarf.

8. **Announcement:** No April meeting but workshops are scheduled. Sign-ups in the back. La Vergne, who is 97, will be teaching a class in April!

9. **Adjournment:** 12:54 moved by Barbara Ott and seconded by Marilyn Milligan