

Sewing Etc. Club - Final
Meeting Minutes September 7, 2023
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1. Meeting called to order by President Marylu Belisle at 9:31am
Officers present: Marylu Belisle, President; Barbara Ott, Vice President; Jeanie Nishime, Secretary, Kathy Moskovitz, Treasurer
Coordinators: Sharon Philippe; Terry Chamberlin; Chris Sanderson
Members present: 30
New members: None

2. Minutes for August 3, 2023 were distributed electronically to the membership and were accepted as corrected.

3. **Treasurers report:** Kathy Moskovitz

Beg balance: \$4,853.11
Income: \$7
Disbursements: \$0
End balance: \$4,860.11

Kathy received a thank you letter from Friends of San Pasqual Academy with a photo of 13 graduates. The Academy was to close because of a lack of funding but they are remaining open and currently have 60 students. Since the continuing students have Christmas stockings, the Club will make stockings for any new students enrolled since last December.

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

- The Social Committee board approved changes to the Sewing Etc. Club bylaws to allow guests at workshops. The bylaws will include the following approved change, "A member of the Sewing Etc. Club may invite a resident or non-resident guest to attend an event or a class with the approval of the organizer and/or instructor of the event/class. The member inviting the guest is responsible for requesting the approval and for notifying the front gate at least 24 hours in advance of the event/class. The organizer/instructor is responsible for determining that the guest's attendance will not displace a resident. The member is responsible for assuring that the guest will comply with the HOA Code of Conduct."
- Dates for next year's meetings will be submitted for lottery.
- The OHCC Fall Bazaar is scheduled for 10/21. We will need to sign up for a booth.
- OHCC Anniversary activity: our club will buy a page in the anniversary book for \$100. Bunny Quint reported that Ellen Bower is in charge of May's Anniversary activities. She can let us know how the club can participate during the celebration.

- August workshop: 4 seasons placemat class was attended by 4 people.
- Locking display cabinet: Tom Murphy, who is in charge of the new design for the Clubhouse, indicated that planning should include our Club's input. He will work with Marylu's husband to design a cabinet if we want to proceed. A few of the pumpkins, coasters, and/or microwave bowls can be displayed in the locked cabinet located in the area across from the Sewing Room.
- Bunny Quint checked on changing the club's name. Our Treasurer and bank will need to coordinate changes to our accounts if we change our name. Marylu asked members to send her suggestions for names that better identify who we are.
- Barbara Ott is coordinating nominations and the fall luncheon.
- Terry Chamberlin held a brainstorming session after August's meeting for next year's workshop suggestions.

5. Officers Reports:

Vice President Barbara Ott requested that anyone wanting to run as an officer or coordinator to please let her know. Elections will take place in November. Thursday, Oct. 5, from 11-2 is the date for our fall luncheon. Anyone who wants to make pumpkins to use as a centerpiece and door prize, please let Barbara know. Kathy M. has batting to donate and there is a big bag of batting in the sewing room which can be used for the pumpkins. A luncheon décor planning meeting will be held after the meeting. It was moved by Jan Kawal and seconded by Vicki Green that "Guests, who are invited by a member, will pay \$5 to attend the luncheon." Motion Passed unanimously.

Secretary Jeanie Nishime: no report

6. Coordinator's Reports:

Membership, Sharon Philippe: 126 members; article submitted to OHCC magazine

Programs, Terry Chamberlin: Thanks to all who attended last month's brainstorming session. She is working on next year's schedule. Terry will start compiling the workshops and will look for commitments at October's meeting for 2 hr. workshops.

September's schedule includes:

9/21 Terry Chamberlin, knitted slippers

9/23 Jeanie Nishime, beginning serger class

Scheduled for October are a felting class and holiday ornaments. Marylu explained that felting can be done by needle, washing machine or a felting machine which combines the two methods. Felting an old sweater from a thrift store can be made into purses, mittens, or other garments. Sign up sheets will be available at the luncheon.

Bunny Quint thanked Terry for all her work on the workshops. Everyone agreed.

7. **Philanthropy report:** 12 people bought backpacks for the students. Additional cash donations were made by various members so that all the needed backpacks could be purchased.
8. **Tool Time:** Marcia Bruce located an old book titled, Tips for Quilters. Tips included: “take a day off and buy more fabric”. She shared packets with interchangeable knitting needles and the crocheted bag she made to keep them. Marcia has a “stash account” with money given to her by her daughter to purchase craft supplies.

Last month, Marcia challenged the membership to enter a project for judging at a fair. Leslie Whitley entered a tatting project into the Del Mar County Fair for competition several years ago. She was encouraged by Marcia’s challenge and may try another tatting project. Kathy Moskowitz worked for the San Mateo County Fair and got free fair passes. Marylu will provide information on how to enter a project after the first of the year and will check whether fair passes can be made available to those who enter.

Marylu’s neighbor gave her a bag of batting in which a Pendleton comfort quilt request given to Nancy Hanson was enclosed. Marilyn Milligan took the request to make the quilt.

9. **Share Time:**

- Marcia Bruce: two blankets from Jeanne Wilson for the Y
- Terry Chamberlin thanked Charlotte St. Laurent for figuring out the 4 seasons place mat which she received from her aunt. She sent her aunt pics of the placemats. Charlotte made bigger mats to use as a centerpiece. Mary Ann Barbee made a colorful version of the placement.
- Vicki Greene: cradle quilt and pillow in pinks
- Emma Chung. Quilt top made with various scraps
- Ana Yoshida: knitted baby bonnet and blanket; corner to corner crochet blanket; knitted blue and white blanket
- Marilyn Milligan, Mary Ann Barbee, Charlotte St. Laurent, Susan Baker, Debbie Head: comfort quilts. Susan requested another inch to the width of batting. Kathy M. washes and cuts the batting so she will add the extra inch. Charlotte found one set of pictures smaller than usual. Marcia will check with the Y to see if the size can be standardized. She indicated that the Y has a process for tracking and accounting donations to a higher level. The maker’s information form is requested so the Y can submit the proper paperwork. Be sure to include the form with your quilt.
- Kristen Schneiders: Wall quilt
- Chris Hall: 6 cradle quilts and pillows
- Debbie Head: frogging folic quilt (pattern from Fabric Café)
- Pam Bechill: kimono jacket - she will reschedule the class which had to be cancelled; felted black purse; quilt from a 1989 quilt challenge.
- Marilyn Milligan and Leslie Whitley: baby blanket and sweater
- Jeanie Nishime: surged baby burping cloth which will be the project at her 9/23 workshop

10. **Other Announcements:**

Marylou stated that there are 16 employees at the Clubhouse. At a previous meeting, we discussed making items (knit/loomed hat, microwave basket, etc.) to show our appreciation to the staff. If you want to make something to donate to staff, please have it ready by Thanksgiving.

11. Drawing: Leslie Whitley, Sharron Seidenberg, Charlotte St. Laurent

12. Adjournment: Moved by Sharon Philippe and seconded by Mary Ann Barbee to adjourn at 10:38.