

Sewing Etc. Club
Meeting Minutes February 2, 2023
<https://ohccsewing.wixsite.com/ohccsewing>

1. Meeting called to order by President Marylu Belisle at 9:30am

Officers present: Marylu Belisle, President; Jeanie Nishime, Secretary; Kathy Moskovitz, Treasurer

Officers absent: Barbara Ott, Vice President

Members present: 40

2. President Belisle wished everyone a happy Ground Hogs Day! New members were introduced: Diane Rorabaugh, Karen Nelson, Chris Hall

Thank you to returning members! She reported that the Board agreed to create three director positions:

Membership: Sharon Philippe

Programs: Terry Chamberlin (aka: calendar girl and cookie lady!)

Past President and Website management: Chris Sanderson

3. Minutes for January 5, 2023 were distributed electronically to the membership and were accepted as presented.

4. Treasurers report: Kathy Moskovitz

January 2023

Beginning Balance: \$4027.52

Income: \$1279.00 (membership dues - 106 members, \$500 donation)

Disbursements: \$47.21 (Pendleton quilts \$25.54, check order \$21.67)

End Balance: \$5,163.94

Ending balance is large because we get a large donation for the philanthropy projects we do. Teri Summerhays at San Pasqual Academy (SPA) was asked for input regarding the needs of the students. She indicated that hygiene bags are needed in the spring. Sixty (60) students are at the school and items requested for the bags include items such as shampoo, soap, shaving cream, deodorant, sunscreen etc. In June, graduating senior laundry bags with supplies were requested.

In the past, Kathy has gone out to purchase the needed items. The club is in favor of continuing to support SPA. We can take a tour of the academy and Kathy will reach out to Teri regarding the field trip. Gail Ebersole felt there was a good tie in with our sewing skills. However, Kathy indicated that bags were sewn last year and the same students are still at the school. The bag contents are all that are needed at this time.

\$500 was spent in the past for various bag projects for SPA. Moved by Sharon Philippe; 2nd by Vicki Greene to designate \$200 for toiletries for SPA.

Discussion: Jeanne Wilson felt \$200 was too little and suggested upping the amount to \$400. La Vergne Brown said there are other groups also supporting SPA so we don't need to take responsibility for the entire project. Terry Chamberlain estimated that spending just \$5 for

60 kits will take at least \$300. Sharon accepted an amended motion to increase the allocation to \$300; 2nd by Vickie. Motion was approved unanimously to spend up to \$300 for SPA toiletries. Jan Kawal asked if help was needed to put bags together. SPA does the packing so no help is needed.

Peggy Anstey reported that Tri City medical needs baby blankets, 30x36, for the bed warmers - preferably flannel or baby material. When we get the details, we will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting. If they want a certain style, we can have a workshop. The blankets go home with the baby. One sided receiving style blanket is what is needed. We can use club funds to buy fabric and we can also put together a kit. Two members indicated that they have large quantities of flannel to donate. Anyone with flannel to donate can bring it to the sewing room and label it "flannel for baby blankets".

5. President's Report: Marylu Belisle

The Board is recommending a Ride Share program to give rides to members who are unable to attend meetings or workshops without transportation. Money has been donated annually by Ken Donohew and Ellen Kippel to clubs with activities to get people out of their homes. Members expressed a willingness to pick up members for the meetings and to return them home! Sharon Philippe will coordinate the rides.

Chris Sanderson, Terry Chamberlin and Jeanie Nishime will update records on the website. Links to all notices will be placed on the website. Paper copies of minutes prior to 2020 will be shredded. Club rules require 2 years plus the current year minutes be retained. Jeanie will post approved minutes to the website. Karen ??? would like to retain the history of the club. Terri Eckhardt confirmed that historical data is available on the website.

Bulletin/Calendar: Board preferred the bulletin format. Some members like the calendar format. A vote of the attendees indicated that the majority preferred the traditional bulletin. Yearly calendars are printed and Terry has secured a space in one of the clubhouse slots to display the calendar. She warned that this is a fluid list, subject to change.

Board meetings will take place quarterly in March, June and September. All members may attend.

The following people attended the January "Meet the Room and Meet the Machines" class: Helpers: Mary Ann Barbee, Susie Bergerson and Attendees: Marge Dudkowski, Barbara Ott, Sue Patten, Ralene Friend, Chris Hall, Bernice Clark, Margie Raisigel.

6. Vice President's Report: given by Marylu Belisle for Barbara Ott

Spring luncheon will be in the Mykonos room from 11:30-1:30, March 31. A short meeting will take place at the luncheon and there will be no April meeting. Sign up for the potluck, set up and clean up are on the back table.

7. Membership report, Sharon Philippe:

110 members on the roster including 20 new members. Dues must be paid by the March meeting (March 2) after which the roster will be purged for non-payment of dues. You must

be a member to come to the luncheon and to workshops. Coordinators for workshops will check membership based on the sign-up sheet.

Members are encouraged to wear name badges. At the March meeting, badges will be available to all members. If badges are lost, they will not be replaced. Forms to order generic badges from the front desk will be distributed at the next meeting. The cost has increased to \$11.

March 2nd meeting will begin with a welcome coffee to welcome new members. 9:00-9:30 for the coffee followed by the meeting at 9:30.

8. Secretary's report, Jeanie Nishime:

Chris Sanderson will provide training to Jeanie and Terry to post information to the website. Terry Chamberlin will review other club websites for ideas. If anyone has web design experience, please let one of us know.

9. Program report, Terry Chamberlin:

A new table will be placed at the back of the room for workshop sign ups. Look on the way in and out and take a cookie as you sign up. Holes in the schedule will be filled by member requested workshops.

Marcia Bruce: Christmas stocking is a thank you to military personnel. We do it early to leave Nov./Dec. open for members to create items for their families. Last year's stockings were creative and beautiful! Kit includes 2 pieces of fabric for outside and inside plus batting. Challenge: one piece of batting given but you get your fabric and put it together. 50 challenge kits are available and will be due at the luncheon. 10 Cradle quilts are needed. Kit includes batting and are also due at luncheon. All cradle kits were passed out!
Special Tool Time message from Marcia: take care of yourselves so that we can do projects for Pendleton and San Pasqual - get a mammogram without delay!

10. Show and share (time to ooh and ahhh!):

Jeanne Wilson: blanket for Camp Pendleton and hats for babies. Blanket for Tri City Medical – any size is fine. 1,150 blankets were crocheted for her pediatrician daughter!
Sharon Philippe: quilt with herringbone stitch made up from left over flannel; 2002 fabric used for Missouri Star quilt
Kristin Schnieders: appliqué quilt and star and flower quilt
Vickie Greene: crochet and loom blankets. She will offer a class in August to teach the loom. Heavier and rougher yarn is needed.
Susie Bergerson: blanket and hat for Tri City Medical; headbands and hats for granddaughters and their dolls made with scrap yarn
Terry Chamberlin: bagful of hats made with different yarns; Bernat yarn is her favorite. Loom hat takes about 2 hours. Hats are for Pendleton. Terry will offer a class on crocheting/looming hats. Jeanne Wilson asked if the club still has chemo hats. The project was discontinued because of lack of demand. Sharon will include something in the OHCC Living magazine article. If chemo hats are needed in the community, Terry offered to make them.

La Vergne Brown: sweatshirt jacket and purse with many pockets made many years ago. She has lots of sweatshirts and patterns for jackets. Time to resurrect some of these projects. She has lived in OHCC for 39 years!

Pam Bechill: jacket with flannel batting for warmth; button necklace;

Patty Rice: knitted purple sweater

Gail Eversole: felted yarn bag; mother knitted her fisherman sweater

Jeanie Nishime: vest with unique button and bound button hole

Kathy Moskovitz: kitchen boas to thank Karen Lohr and Chris Sanderson for their service to the Sewing Etc. Club!

11. Announcements:

March 16 Sewing fest projects: thread catcher, fabric scissor holder and flex frame eye glass holder

Marcia Bruce offered a “thank you” to Marylu and Jeanie for stepping in to maintain the club.

12. Door prizes: Three, \$5, gift cards will be given at each meeting.

13. Adjournment: Moved by Vickie Greene, 2nd by Jan Kawal to adjourn the meeting at 10:49am.