

RIP "N SEW GENERAL MEETING
VIA ZOOM
April 1, 2021

Attendance: Ronnie Williams, Debbie Dorn, Diane Stern, Dorothy Welnick, Jennifer Steele, Terese Farrar, Maryanne Edens, Cheryl Schalk, Jean Hackbert, June Boyer, Sara Tavares, Kathy Gundersen, Robyn Reynolds, Mary Jo Monten, Eileen Horan, Eva Weisberg, Phyllis Brokaw, Jeanne Phillips, Suzanne Toce, Marilyn Zenz, Karen Everett, Kay Hacker, Gynne Kuhn

OFFICERS PRESENT: Ronnie Williams, Jean Hackbert, Cheryl Schalk, Robyn Reynolds, Jennifer Steele (left early due to technical difficulties), Maryanne Edens, Diane Stern, Debbie Dorn
Absent: Gina Ogle, Cheryl Haywood

Ronnie called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance recited
Guests/new members - none
April birthdays - acknowledged
Quorum established

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Asked for any corrections: none
Motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed

TREASURERS' REPORT: Presented by Maryanne Edens
(see attached)

FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORT: Jean Hackbert and Cheryl Schalk

Calendar:

- Club activity has picked up as shown by increased requests to add activities to the calendar. We really appreciate that leaders remember to contact the first VPs to let us know their scheduling needs.
- The April calendar shows that the club is open every day. However, it will be closed if there are no monitors. Please call to verify that the club is open. Then you won't be disappointed. The Sunday RNS

e-news had a link to the April calendar for those of you who want to print a copy at home.

- Thanks to Cindy Stedman, Darlene Mullen and Terese Farrar who reorganized the quilting supplies and put out sets of quilt materials for members to pick up and complete. Quilts for the Needy met Tuesday to prepare quilts for delivery. Their regular meetings will resume this month on the second and last Tuesdays from 9 to 1. New participants are always welcome. Terese Farrar is the contact person.
- Sewing for Kids hasn't decided yet on when they will resume meeting.
- The location of group meetings may change as we go back to "normal." Please keep check the Google and e-news calendars. Sometimes we have to make changes on short notice due to Rec Center announcements.

Classes:

- Jeanne Phillips made a Rotary Cutters, Rulers and More class video. Also, Eva Weisberg's Janome Refresher video is completed. We have already received positive feedback on them. Jacque Humphries decided to film the six-pocket purse video at a later date.
- Video classes on YouTube, DVDs and/or flash drives continue to be popular with RNS members. Supply lists for video classes have been added to the sign-out book.
- Debbie Dorn gave a pop-up class on the AccuQuilt Cutter when Quilts for the Needy met in March. She also offered the same class a week later.
- Once we can meet again in person, Rip 'N Sew plans to offer demonstrations on the use of a personal hooper for embroidery and on the AccuQuilt cutter.

Miscellaneous:

- Room capacity signs have been removed. Although masks are no longer required, please practice recommended health procedures.
- Approx. 28 machines were serviced by Mulqueens after the club's Janomes and sergers were repaired and cleaned.
- Check out photos of our club's officers on the club room bulletin board.

Jackie Iverson will include these in the e-news as space allows:

- 1) Explanation of links for videos and clarification as to why members must contact a 1st VP to access the You Tube videos.
- 2) Request for user/instructors for Personal Hooper and Altos Cutting system to identify themselves.
- 3) Needle replacement info, pull from the bottom reminder, clean the serger reminder

Class Wish Book requests will be handled differently in the future. The goal is to streamline the process of providing desired classes and teachers for members.

There will be a sign-up sheet on a clipboard at the monitors' desk. We will let members know when we are ready to start the new procedure. Thanks to some wonderful assistance from Diane Stern, the wish books projects is off to a good start. Several steps need to be done:

- 1) Finish Excel spreadsheets of previous, current and possible classes
- 2) Diane Stern will contact previous instructors to see if they are willing/able to repeat the class.
- 3) Teachers may call members to see if they are still interested in taking a class.
- 4) We will develop a new way to organize/store supporting information from the previous classes (photos, samples) to reduce storage issues.
- 5) Where possible, we will make electronic records to reduce paper copies.
- 6) Develop a new plan to receive requests for Wish Book classes (e.g. clipboard sign-up sheet, info sheet, etc.)
- 7) The board suggested that we keep records of previous classes for only 2-3 years.

Sunset Sewers are not meeting yet. They should provide their own monitors. Call before you come to the club during late hours to make sure the room is open.

Debbie Dorn made a motion to keep meetings at 9:30. Eileen Horan seconded the motion. Accepted by majority, none opposed, 2 abstained

Summer meetings: **UPDATED SINCE THE GENERAL MEETING**

June 3rd is Show & Tell in the Lecture Hall (available 8:30 for set up, 'til 12)

July 1st is the Survivors' Picnic in the Social Hall (9:30-4)

August 5th is the Ice Cream Social. No room reservation; meet in club.

General meetings will be September 2, October 7, November 4, in the Social Hall, 9:30-12, December 2 in the Shuffleboard Room.

Space Allocation Committee needs feedback from Sewing for Kids. Marilyn Zenz will lead the group with support from Miriam Clish and Janet Lennon. Due to family commitments, Marilyn will not be as available now as she has been in the past.

Debbie Dorn will take finished clothing to the Navajo Nation.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORT: Robyn Reynolds
Monitoring shifts are covered for weekdays. Saturdays are mixed, no Sundays yet.

Daily checklist will be updated
2 orientation classes have been done.
2 renewals

UPDATED TOTAL = 273 members

CO-PRESIDENTS REPORT: Ronnie Williams
Gina ordered the Sailrite Heavy Duty sewing machine, following committee recommendations for attachments. 16 people volunteered, with 1 instructor and 1 maintenance person identified. Plans are not solidified, but you must be certified to use it. Jeanne Phillips set up the computer to indicate who (will take the training class). Expect a procedure similar to embroidery machine training and usage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Eva – we are well stocked in the store. Let her know if we are low in an item.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Sergers – Current machines are really dirty and getting old. Karen E. said the machines intermittently stop working. Consider placing in the future.

There are no covers, since they would push the threading out of alignment. Eva suggested we form a committee to research new machines. Scissors are not effective. Eva will order replacements. Tweezers are not long enough cords. Debbie Dorn volunteered to look at donated ribbon and replace with longer cords.

Mary Jo Morten has been collecting doll clothes, lap quilts, masks and pillow cases for foster children, age 0-18, to be donated at AZ Helping Hands. The next collection will be in November...materials with a holiday theme and flannel for pajamas are especially needed. Please use Member Pick Up drawer for drop off – contact Mary Jo.

Laurie Brammer is handling publicity. Contact her to let her know your charity work for the community.

Discussion about moving fabric to the front room for purchase. Allocation Committee has not decided yet. It is hard to keep things neat and would be another task for monitors. Donations are processed in the back room and is a dirt producing activity, not compatible with food when we resume eating in the room. Please follow the calendar and notice when a class is being given. It is very distracting to teachers/students when people shop for fabric. **It is strongly recommended that you plan to shop at a time that does not coincide with a class.**

Marily Zenz put new bag design samples in the back window.

31 quilts were knotted off on 3/30. Quilts for the Needy will meet weekly on Tuesdays, 9-12, to complete their work. Extra sewing machines will be set up in the back room to help. The dual feed foot works with the thick batting. Hospice of the Valley will pick up completed quilts.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Diane Stern, seconded by Sara Tavares. Meeting adjourned by Ronnie Williams at 10:50 AM.

Next meeting is May 6, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Diane Stern and Debbie Dorn, Co-Secretaries

