

Rip 'N Sew General Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2021

In the Courtyard & Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

New Member welcomed

51 new members have joined; 326 members in total

A quorum was established with over 35 members attending.

December birthdays celebrated with song

Secretary's report by Diane Stern: Sue DeLucia made a motion to accept the November minutes as posted (in room & newsletter); seconded by Louise Howden. Motion passed.

Treasurers' report by Cheryl Haywood and Maryanne Edens: attached
Balance is \$19,165.85 as of 11/30/21. Line available for equipment purchase is \$7,090.54.

1st Vice President's report by Cheryl Schalk:

- There will be new classes in January. If full, put your name on the wait list.
- Fees will be the same as previous year: \$6.00 plus a new needle.
- The fee many vary if a materials fee needs to be added.
- A supply list will be provided in advance so you may be prepared.

2nd Vice Presidents' report: Jennifer Steele & Robyn Reynolds

- Still need monitors for December
- January calendar coming soon
- Age exemption for monitoring is 85, optional to excuse you or serve
- Medical exemption request in writing to the president(s)
- If you are new to monitoring, or "rusty" and want support, sign the calendar in red. Someone with experience will co-monitor and give you extra assistance.
- Read the newly revised checklist so you know your responsibilities.

Sunday, December 12 from 2-4 pm is a concert on the Great Lawn (RH Johnson backyard) to honor the owner of Memo's Restaurant, who recently passed away. Past performers are welcomed to come play.

Co-Presidents' report: Gina Ogle and Ronnie Williams

Gina expressed her enthusiasm for the incoming new board, and the "perfect balance" of skills and experience they bring to the club. Next co- presidents: Debbie Dorn (expert on policies, actions led to the update of our club rooms in the near future) and Jeanne Phillips (expert with IMS, prior board member and long-term member). Jean Hackbert and Cheryl Schalk will continue as 1st Vice Presidents. Robyn Reynolds and Jennifer

Steele will also continue as 2nd Vice Presidents. Mary Anne Lewton joins Cheryl Haywood as co-treasurers. Denise Bryan joins Diane Stern as co-secretaries.

Gina reviewed her term as president. After the club shut down for Covid control, Gina was instrumental in getting our meetings on Zoom so we could keep connected. She spearheaded the mask making task force, and announced astonishing statistics to show the high level of our community's accomplishment. To further our connections, she guided the club members to video classes* and post them to YouTube at no charge. Gina acknowledged her good balance working with Ronnie, and thanked Debbie Dorn for summer coverage. Final words: "Be Kind".

*(These classes are still available, plus on flash drive—check with a 1st VP if interested).

The Serger Committee was introduced: April Sliva, Maryanne Edens, Marsha Smith, Marilyn Zenz and Sue Ambler (on Zoom). They have completed their research for new "air threading sergers", which partially self-thread, and reported on their findings and recommendations. (Full report sent to the Board, proposal approved on 11/18/2021).

They spoke about the current problems. Mulqueens would not offer service on our old sergers, which are 11 years old. **Sun Valley Quilts** in Sun City was the vendor selected because of their close proximity and willingness to come to Rip 'N Sew to repair machines purchased from them.

Bernette B64 was chosen for its ease of use, customer service, 2-year guarantee. It is an "entry level serger", adequate for our use. The committee was impressed by the Sun Valley personnel.

Pricing was designed as buy 4, get one free. \$999 per machine, which will increase to \$1300 come January 2022.

There was much discussion whether to purchase 4 or 5 machines. The current room arrangement would work, as the intention is to sell off some of the old serger machines. Should we keep 1-2 of the better, older ones? Members commented on their hesitancy to use the old machines, because of threading challenges, and their desire to use "air" threaded machines. They anticipated using the newer ones, leaving the older ones idle.

Lorraine Pfirrmann made a motion to purchase up to 5 self-threading sergers, at the discretion of the [Serger] Committee and Board. Seconded by SueDeLucia. Motion carried unanimously.

- Notes: Serger committee will teach how to use the Bernette B64
- Anyone serger-certified already will not have to pay a \$6.00 fee, but must be recertified on the new Bernette B64 machines. All others expect to pay \$6.00.
- There are at least 9 people on Sewing for Kids who would like to be certified right away.
- Sun Valley Quilts cannot not offer this same pricing deal, due to limited inventory. This may be a manufacturer offer, so check on the Internet for other quilt or sewing shops.
- Sun Valley Quilts will offer training in-house, once we receive our purchases.

Other business: expect new badges on or about February 1, 2022. Your Rec Center # will be the one used, and the RNS # will become null and void. Badges will have an option for a magnetic backing.

MEG – the Lecture Hall is being remodeled. Barbara Ruzic will hold a meeting there on January 4th, after which you must check with the calendar to locate the room for each meeting.

Reminder: modulate your voice volume in the club room. Have fun, but remember some people are concentrating on work. There is a bench, as well as tables and chairs, outside to sit down and take your phone calls.

Reminder: club rooms are closed during general meetings. Snacks will now be available in the Social Hall to enjoy at meetings.

Reminder: when using a sewing machine, sign in on the clipboard and put the letter of the machine next to your name. If something goes wrong, someone may call you to get more details about what went wrong/what you experienced. You are never penalized if something happens to the machine when you are using it. You can also have the monitor help you make a report.

Meeting adjourned 10:22 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diane Stern,

Secretary

Balance Sheet - Nov General Mtg - As of 11/30/2021
(Cash Basis)

11/30/2021

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Account	10/31/2021 Balance	11/30/2021 Balance
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
BMO Harris Bank	6,093.77	5,419.79
Causes Checking	6,467.31	6,655.52
Equipment Savings-For equipment	6,580.54	7,090.54
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	19,141.62	19,165.85
TOTAL ASSETS	19,141.62	19,165.85
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Credit Cards		
Credit Card-C Card	844.36	378.00
TOTAL Credit Cards	844.36	378.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	844.36	378.00
EQUITY	18,297.26	18,787.85
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	19,141.62	19,165.85

Income / Expense Nov. General Mtg - Nov 2021
11/1/2021 through 11/30/2021 (Cash Basis)

11/30/2021

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Date	Amount
INCOME	2,654.31
Classes	13.00
Club Social Events Income	920.00
Ticket Sales	920.00
Donation	100.00
Interest Income	10.00
Member Renewals	1,225.00
New Members Income	175.00
QFN	93.70
Backroom Sales	93.70
SFK	-5.49
Backroom Sales	93.70
Supplies Material	-99.19
Supplies Sold	123.10
EXPENSES	-2,163.72
Club Social Events Expense	-500.00
Equipment Maint. & Repair	-1,243.99
Operating Expenses	-285.93
Kitchen Supplies	-18.61
Office Supplies	-183.81
Room Supplies & Expenses	-23.76
Telephone	-59.75
Supplies Purchase for Sale	-133.80
OVERALL TOTAL	490.59

