

Rip and Sew General Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2022
Social Hall

Jeanne Phillips opened the meeting at 9:35 am:

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Debbie Dorn.

Welcome new members and guests - Jeanne

August birthdays – both our treasurers!

Secretary's report: Diane Stern read the April minutes, which were approved as written. [After the meeting, a member made one correction: the Summer Survivor Beach Party was actually held at Palm Ridge July 7th.]

The August minutes were read and approved as written. In addition to the cabinet re-facing, both rooms will be repainted and the lighting changed to LED.

Treasurers' report: Mary Ann Lewton and Cheryl Haywood

We are expecting new members in October, when our new membership drive begins. Annual dues will remain at \$25.00. The actual Treasurers Report will be posted to our website, after bank statements are received.

First Vice President's report: Jean Hackbert

We are looking forward to a full calendar of classes in October. Watch for classes for beginning sewers and basic skills. Terese will teach log cabin on September 13th. In our weekly Sunday newsletter, click on "Classes and Activities" and "Current Calendar" for full details. If there is a skill you want to learn or teach, call the 1st VPs.

Second Vice President's report: Robyn Reynolds

SignUp Genius is working very well. With the club closure (for remodeling), if you were scheduled to monitor for a September date, make sure you have made a new selection. Dates for October and November are open.

Presidents' report: Jeanne Phillips planned a schedule for the club closure. Sailrite committee will come in on 9/1 and Treasurers on 9/2 to handle the closets that are specifically assigned to them. The sewing pods and

machines have been marked so they can be returned to the same locations. Jeanne expressed appreciation to the numerous members who came in to work, and tasks were completed ahead of schedule by two days! The label maker will be put to good use so we can find things when we re-open.

- Debbie Dorn said we pay only \$5 to the Rec Center for coffee service. There is a new Hospitality Committee, who will coordinate food to be brought to the social hall. The aim is for you to stay in the room and have fun, and keep our new club room clean. The Hospitality Committee may host other events in the future.
- Show and Tell days will vary, so check the calendar for details.
- Thanks to Jeanne for creating our first ever budget; we are able to hold our dues to \$25.
- We hope to have a ribbon cutting in October, held outside, to celebrate our grand re-opening.
- The sewing rodeo will reprise in November, for first-time competitors.
- Thank you to Sue Truax for her work in publicity. We are in the newspapers regularly now, and we should have new pictures with the grand re-opening.
- This is your club. Put your ideas in the suggestion box. Cindy Stedman asked for a TV to be put in the back room, to watch breaking news or YouTube sewing techniques together, as examples. Debbie responded that the Board will discuss this at the next meeting. If approved, it will be offered up via electronic vote to members.

Robyn recognized Debbie for going to several Rec Center meetings to present the case for refurbishing the Rip and Sew rooms. Thanks also to Jeanne for organizing the club room closures.

New business: The cabinets will have a new key system. All keys will be the same, except for IMS, Treasurers and Officers cabinets. The cabinets will also be renumbered in a logical way.

Debbie said there will be a Club Expo on November 9th, specific to RH Johnson clubs. 10 am to 1 or 2 pm. Food trucks will be in the parking lot. We are looking for volunteers who can “sell” our club, as in promoting RnS and increasing membership, Tours of the Rec Center will continue. This

event is in lieu of the large gathering of all clubs in one room. We hope to have free gifts, such as needle books, and our trifold brochures.

Discussion of table heights: there are 2 tables pushed together in the back room, for working on large quilts. There is a need for a similar matched set for shorter people to cut fabric. Could 2 tables be cut down and pushed together or set up near each other for easy pairing? This will be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Shelves in the back room are gone. New wire racks on wheels have been assembled. Shelf liners may be purchased.

Next meeting October 6th
Meeting adjourned 10:13 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diane Stern,
co-secretary