

Rip and Sew General Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2022
Social Hall & Zoom

Debbie Dorn opened the meeting at 9:30 am
(note: Jeanne Phillips is out of town)

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Debbie Dorn.

Welcome guests - one (Kathy)
New members – Debbie read 13 names

Birthdays – song

Secretary's report: Diane Stern asked for approval, as posted on bulletin board and in our website. Sue DeLucia made a motion, seconded by Sue Ambler. Minutes unanimously approved.

Treasurers' report: Mary Ann Lewton and Cheryl Haywood
We actually had 18 new members last month. See reports posted on our website.

First Vice President's report: Jean Hackbert presented the Brown Bag Challenge, initiated at the April luncheon. Items 1-8 circulated around the tables and members voted for their favorite. Wendy Jerkich submitted an art quilt depicting a farm scene, and won a free class.

Two new classes: the SCW purse, to be taught by Jackie Iverson and Sue DeLucia and Advanced Janome, to be taught by Eva and Phyllis, will be scheduled soon.

Second Vice President's report: Robyn Reynolds reiterated what she wrote in this past Sunday's e-newsletter. No one may be left alone in the club room. We must have at least 2 monitors/1 monitor plus 1 member in the room. If not, the monitor should put a sign on the door (No monitors, club closed) and lock up by 9:15 am. Afternoon monitors should follow the morning procedures for opening up.

Sign Up Genius (SUG) problems? Robyn can help, or ask Jeanne when she returns from vacation.

Jennifer Steele is back and ready to do Orientation to the club.

Presidents' report: Debbie presented the slate of officers. Since we had a quorum, Debbie asked if members wanted to vote in person, rather than electronically. All present agreed to an in-person vote. The slate was unanimously accepted.

There will be a Club Expo on November 9th, specific to RH Johnson clubs, 10 am to 1 pm. Linda Gran volunteered to give tours and "sell" our club, promoting RNS and increasing membership.

By-laws are in review.

Marilyn Zenz is moving to Heritage and cutting back on her activities. Sue DeLucia called for recognition of Marilyn's contributions (applause). We will need someone to take over the backroom window display. There was discussion on what should be displayed in the window; Diane Stern said she will set a date for an interest group to get together to further the discussion and make plans accordingly.

The next Sewing Rodeo, headed by Sue Ambler and Dianne Repsholdt, will be coming up. This will be open to folks who are first time attendees only.

Committee Reports:

Eva thanked everyone for purchasing from our store. Bobbin Boats, rolls of tracing paper (\$4), thread case (\$10), Insulbrite still available.

Watch for details on the next Mulqueens sewing machine tune-up event; no embroidery machines.

Unfinished Business: TV for the back room-- Should we buy one? Will it be used? Is it a waste of money? Contact Cindy Stedman to voice your opinion.

Next meeting: December 1st. The Fire Dept. is invited to demonstrate how to use the AED.

Program: Introduce Erika Doyle, owner of Sewin' Asylum in Sun City. A large part of her background is the use of sergers. She teaches children, ages 8+, how to sew. She shared that the "Big Four" pattern makers, McCalls, Butterick, Simplicity and Vogue are actually one company now. They have not updated their instructions. All commercial patterns are sized for a B cup bra, but otherwise are multi-sized. There are indie pattern companies, such as Jalie, who size by letters and Love Notions. Seam allowances also differ, 3/8, 5/8, 1/4 inch.

Selecting the correct size and fitting a pattern to your own body type can be frustrating. Erika offers a "Sewing Lab" to address fitting issues and help you understand your own body. There is also a Sure Fit System, which includes a class on how to change a pattern, such as positioning bust darts for your measurements. "Hacking", in the sewing world, means changing a pattern, ex. adding design details or changing sleeve styles.

Sewin' Asylum also has a large format printer, ideal for printing patterns from a PDF file. (Note: Love Notions, which sells patterns online, has a \$5. Pattern special on Fridays.) Erika said her shop carries better quality cottons, rayons, blends, well-known name fabrics –for clothing and quilting, fat quarters & jelly rolls. Class prices vary from \$35 to \$175 (Sure Fit, 2 day plus personal fitting).

Note: Mettler thread is poised for a price increase; buy now. Erika gifted each of us \$5. Gift certificates to her store.

Jackie Iverson showed us two quilts made by herself and Jacque Humphries in her BOM, block of the month, modified from Dear Jane blocks (circa 1863).

Meeting adjourned 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diane Stern,
Co-Secretary

