

Rip n Sew General Meeting  
October 5, 2023  
RH Johnson Upper Courtyard

What a beautiful morning for a pancake breakfast outdoors! Thank you to Debbie Dorn for her concept, Eva for her full collaboration with her, and the Board for the many jobs they did to make this social event possible.

The General Meeting was called to order at 9:50 am. by Debbie Dorn  
Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Guests! No new members present – thank you old timers for being here!  
Happy birthday song to October babies!

Secretary's report: Diane Stern - July minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Mary Ann Lewton – 3 ways to pay your RNS club dues will be by check, cash or Zelle. Research and contact your bank to see if Zelle is a good option for you.

Nomination committee consisted of Joan Hardy and Sally Kinzel. **The Slate** is as follows:

Co-President: Jeanne Phillips and Rose Walden  
Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Jolene Piaskowski and Dianne Sievers  
Co-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Dianne Repsholdt and Stacy Jordan  
Co-Treasurer: Mary Ann Lewton and Linnea Shulman  
Co-Secretary: Nancy Pemberton and Karen Everett

Following Robert's Rules of Order, Debbie Dorn, Co-President, called for any further nominations from the floor for each position. Having heard no additional nominations, nominations for all positions were closed and this order of business was concluded. Elections will take place electronically, sent out by e-mail.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's report: Dianne Repsholdt asked Joan Hardy to handle gift incentive rewards for monitors. For August, Cheryl Peterson won a gift card to Joann's. For September, Maggie Miller won a gift card to Bob's Variety. Thank you to all monitors.

First Vice Presidents' report: Jolene gave a report on programming.

- You can purchase cards for all occasions for \$1 (on light table when you enter the club). Proceeds go to purchase food for the HART (Helping At Risk Teens) pantry, the group we held the peanut butter and jelly collection for a few months ago.
- Make & Take – Jackie Iverson has organized sessions on October 14 and 15. Sign up for this free activity, a coaster for a wine glass base.
- Holiday event: purchase \$10 or higher value gift cards in the grocery stores for Ronald McDonald House. Families can stay for free but have to buy their own food.

- Next year: left-right-center, Minute to win it (appetizer meal, teams of 4)

Robyn later added that Joan's Saturday class is full. Marilyn Zenz will repeat her ever popular mesh tote bag. Robyn also gave a heartfelt speech on how meaningful it has been to work on the Board [as 2<sup>nd</sup> then 1<sup>st</sup> VP] and encouraged everyone to at least start helping out by chairing a committee—there are several openings (see newsletter).

Hospitality Committee: Jolene - Potato Bar – October 19 – watch for sign-up sheet in the club room

Membership: 287 plus 5 new

Suggestion box: request for a t-shirt dress class, but Sue Ambler is no longer available to teach; need a replacement teacher

New business: October 26 will be an open Board meeting. Come and see how we work on behalf of the club. [Stampede Room, Men's Club, next to radio station].  
November General meeting will be followed by a big show & tell; stay for a pizza lunch.

Eva: Our Janome sewing machines were recently cleaned and repaired. According to the Mulqueens technician, a hole in the race (a \$72. part that holds the bobbin) is caused when the needle not pushed up high enough. Please use the needle insertion tool to put the needle in the correct needle entry hole (find with the mirror), then push upward. Tighten the needle screw with the screw driver.  
Also, how to use the self-threader: you will get a 90% success rate with the presser foot down, but only a 50% rate with the presser foot up.  
Janome refresher classes are given the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 11 or call Eva.  
Jackie Iverson, our webmaster, reminded us to see how to videos on our website, kept under member information.

Good of the Order: Jolene said you can drop off old sneakers at ARC for recycling. They will receive \$1. per pair for their charitable activities.

Meeting adjourned. Thank you to all those who stayed to clean up.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Diane Stern,  
Co-Secretary