

Rip N Sew General Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2023
Social Hall

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Jeanne Phillips
Request to turn phones off
Flag Salute
Members in favor of coffee for meetings – order for today forgotten
Welcome guests and introduce new members
December Birthdays

Secretary Report: Motion was made by Sue DeLucia and seconded by Louise Howden to accept November General Meeting minutes as written. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Mary Ann Lewton reported that November was a very good month for the club with the backroom sales and renewing members bringing in extra income. We have a total of \$26,619.78 in our two bank accounts at this time.

First VP Report: Robyn Reynolds passed her role of VP over to Jolene Piaskowski. Jolene will share the First VP duties with Dianne Sievers. Jolene reported that classes have tapered off for the rest of December and will start up at full speed again in January. Anyone with an idea for a class should talk to Jolene. We will again offer the free “Make and Take” class on a Sunday, so watch for announcements. A wait list procedure is in place. Reminder: only \$5 for ½ day class, \$10 for full.

Second VP Report: Dianne Repsholdt reported that monitoring has been amazing. We filled 95 slots out of 110-115 available. She has a sign-up sheet available for anyone who does not want to use Sign Up Genius, she will then enter the names into the Genius for you. Remember, you must complete 4 monitoring jobs by December 31, per our bylaws. The monitor incentive drawing was done; Liz Baker won a \$20.00 gift card for Bob’s Variety! Presently, 316 members and renewals have been active (deadline is January 31, 2024).

President Report: Jeanne reported that the new budget for 2024 is being worked on. She also explained why the club did not change to a 501(c)(3) tax category. It would have required so much paper work that it would just be too time consuming for what we would get out of it. The Causes and Machine Repairs budget lines will be increased.

For the benefit of new members, Diane Stern spoke about the mask making donation of \$1500.00 received from the Rec Center. The original idea was to have a picnic for all who participated in this Covid era community project. However it was decided that the money will be used for sewing machine maintenance.

Jeanne stated that over 60 tubs of fabric were donated, which were sorted, tagged and shelved by the donation committee.

Committee Reports: We need volunteers for several committees.

Janome Trouble Shooting

Serger Instructors

Sailrite Committee Lead/teaching, cleaning and maintenance

Spring Luncheon

Summer Survivor 2024

Joan Hardy announced that there will be a stash sale on Saturday February 3rd from 9am – 12pm. This year we can also sell some of our handmade items. There are 4 tables left, which are free. The club will be closed all day on February 2nd to allow for set up. After the sale, we open sewing may resume at 12:30.

Sally Kinzel explained the rules for Secret Santa and encouraged members to participate. So far there are only 5 who have signed up. She wanted the forms filled out by Saturday the 9th, but will give us a few more days. She will match us up and then give us our secret person in a sealed envelope. Gifts will be brought to the club and placed in member pickup.

Lynn Craig spoke about the donations. She has graciously stepped up for Cindy Stedman, who is recovering from her stroke. Lynn thanked Joan Hardy, Louise Howden, Linda Logan, Cindy Stedman and Robyn Reynolds for helping with all the cutting and pricing of the fabric. She also thanked Susan Steele for separating the fabric by themes, stacking and keeping all the fabric neat on the shelves. Committee members will cut yardage upon request. Please restack neatly when you shop the backroom shelves.

Jolene Piaskowski reported that so far we have received \$450 in Ronald McDonald gift cards. Her husband will write an article to appear in the Independent Newspaper and Rec Center news on how the Tennis Club joined with us in this fund raising project. We will also have our picture taken with Ronald McDonald when we present him with all the gift cards.

Jeanne Phillips reminded us that we will have a table at the Newcomers Expo held at Palm Ridge on January 10th from 4pm-6pm. We need some volunteers to help at our table.

Debbie Dorn spoke about the Holiday Party on January 18th. The party will be held at Palm Ridge and will start at 5 pm. Food from Dickey's BBQ/ BYOB- other beverages available. She has hired a photographer for our glamour shots.

There will be a silent auction (bring your checkbook). Jackie Iverson told us about all the wonderful raffle items that have been donated. Debbie also needs more volunteers to serve food and others to bring a dessert.

New Business: We are required to have 3 general meetings per year, plus provided rooms for 2 social events at no cost. Discussion was held on how many General Meetings we should have per year (ex. monthly, every other month). We had 35 members present at today's meeting and the general consensus was to drop the extra General Meetings. The Board will make the final decision on this and vote at the next Board Meeting.

Karen Everett would like to keep coffee and some treats at the meeting, with some social time at the end. We will provide treats and coffee at the next meeting.

There will be an ARC car show on February 10th in the front parking lot. This will take up the whole lot. We asked for a show of hands who would still be coming to sew on that day, even though they would have to walk a considerably long way. About 5 said they would come. The board will make a decision whether to close the room for the day.

Several members motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 with many more seconding. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Denise Bryan, Co Secretary