

PCQ General Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2024

Drawing for members wearing name tags.

Meeting was called to order by Debbie Arsenault at 7:00 pm.

103 members present with 3 guests.

Welcome new members, Sheila Johnson and Lynn Pollard. Debbie had guests introduce themselves.

February general meeting minutes. Any additions or corrections to minutes. Pam Branfuhr motioned and Karen Bogadi second to accept February minutes as posted. Minutes approved.

Communication Within the Club

Our club values good communication. Our club continues to have issues with rumors that are incorrect and can spread easily. The Board has implemented a "Fact Check" comment in the newsletter. Many of you might have seen the first one last week. Gallery Sales vs VAC Fundraising. Our gallery sales help to support our club, (last year our sales were \$1050.00 for the entire year). The VAC fundraising helps to support the building expansion cost. These are two different issues. We have a budgeted line item for both in our current budget. Our Gallery sales income is important for our club. I encourage everyone, if you are not totally convinced that your information is correct, please contact a Board member and we will make sure it gets posted correctly.

A 2nd question was raised in the last few days. How do you know the availability of free sew time in our room? Or when you can enter the room without disturbing others? This is a great question.

We have a very busy schedule/calendar due to the high months around Pebblecreek. The calendar is always the best place to first see availability. Not only do we share the room with 4 other clubs. Our Education is strong within the club, our Small Groups keep growing, as a club of over 220 members, we have growing pains at times. Deb Campbell and I both encourage that instructors make sure that the class in session signs are on BOTH doors (If you choose not to be disturbed during your class instruction). If the sign is not on both doors, then members don't know that the room is occupied.

The small group leaders should also use a sign. Some small groups are small enough that others could be in the room at the same time. The best advice that our Board as a club can give is please be respectful to the class in session signs. If a group is in the room, please ask politely if you can be in the room before just assuming the availability.

Vibrant Arts council update information. As of our President meeting last week, the news reported that they are still collecting bids for the expansion. The go/no go decision they wanted to make by March has not been finalized yet, but it is slim that the construction will happen in summer 2024. I will continue to keep this club informed as I know more. The Parking Lot sale raised just over \$2,100.00 for the expansion.

Chris Booth talked about the window highlighting the work of Sandy Crabtree. Donna Aybar asked if people are on the list for the bus trip and you haven't gotten the email, see Donna. She has attempted to contact all members who plan to attend the quilt show and ride the bus.

Debbie introduced the new gallery sales lead, Dava Esman and thanked Jo Ellen for her past work.

Dava introduced herself and spoke about the intention of gallery sales and how it is utilized. The following is what she shared:

*I'm excited and honored to be the new liaison with the Gallery. I want to thank Jo Ellen Cruz for her long time commitment to this position, and hers are big shoes to fill!*

*Did you know that the income for our club to support our mission of education, community service and social comes from four places? Dues, of course, the longarm, the Opportunity Quilt and the Gallery sales. Yes, Gallery sales contribute to the overall budget to support all that we do. So, the more we sell, the more our income, and the more we can do!*

*I'm asking each of you to consider making one or two – yes, just one or two – items per year to contribute to the Gallery. Items that sell best are table runners, bowl cozies, aprons, wine bottle holders, tote and small bags, aprons and of course, quilts...and so on. Themed items for seasons, like Easter, Christmas, Hanukkah, and those for sports such as pickleball and golf. We have patterns for several things, and bowl cozy templates if that's easier for you... and even a few UFOs that would be lovely when done.*

*We want our items to be of high quality, and I am absolutely certain that out of our 200 plus members, there are at least 100 of you who can make...for example... a reversible table runner for Easter and St. Patrick's Day that would be of excellent quality. I want to take a moment to thank those who have donated in the past. Unfortunately, there is no record of who you are, but know you are appreciated.*

*As for materials, I don't know if any of you have any scraps.....but for these items, that works.*

*Otherwise..Hiromi has graciously agreed to share charity fabrics except backing. I mean, it all goes for the good of the club, right?*

*As in the past, you can leave the items in the closet but also, contact me, and I'll pick it up. However, now, please write the date you put the item in the closet, what it is and your name, unless you want to remain anonymous.*

*One last request, on March 20, from 2 to 5, we are lucky to have a table at the Robson Reserve arts fair. Our Opportunity Quilt will be there, and we'll have a table to sell items just like those in the Gallery. So if you have anything you'd like to contribute please let me know. I know it's a tight timeframe, so whatever...helps.*

*Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you in advance.*

Answers to questions: Robson will not take their percentage for the March 20th event. People do not need to price their items but they can make a suggestion.

Community Service report - Hiromi Bashore read a letter from Hospice for our donations.

Quilts were delivered to:

Hospice - 12

Magdalene House - 2

New Life Center - 5

Southwest Family Advocacy Center - 14

Pebble Creek Pet Companions Club - 18 dog beds

February Community Service Sew Day was a success. There were 19 participants, of which nine were non-CSC members. The theme was Jelly Roll Race and Jackie Cameron and Jan Ochterbeck organized and facilitated the

Sew Day in my absence. We prepped fabric in the cabinet prior to the Sew Day by cutting and packaging into kits. We did not purchase any fabric, used only what was in the cabinet.

Education report - Deb Campbell absent, Paula Handrup talked about the past classes and future classes. She had participants share their completed projects.

**Small group leads:**

Maureen shared the Quilt of the Month Quilts with participants and Carla introduced the 2024 plan for Block of the Month. Members can still sign up on the website or contact Carla or Julie.

Sue Whaples will restart the Featherweight group. They will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month.

The Embroidery Group shared their thumb drive holders and talked about the purpose.

Jackie Dronchoff and Pam Branfuhr presented Cindy Santoro's sale donation check of \$6,706 to be given on her behalf to the Creative Arts Center Expansion when plans are finalized.

Question: Did we receive a refund from the Holiday Luncheon? Where did that money go? Linda Rowe responded: We did receive a refund and it went into the general fund. She went on to explain that the club always pays for gratuity and taxes on our lunches and members only pay for the actual cost of the lunch. This will continue as the budget allows into the future. Debbie will address it in more detail in a newsletter.

**Announcements**

Spring luncheon is April 15th. Sign-ups available now on the website. There will be no meeting on April 8th. Even if you gave a check please make sure you have registered online that you are attending.

Adjournment - Roberta PENCHINA motioned and Darlene seconded to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Show and Tell Followed.