

PebbleCreek Quilters Club
Board Meeting
Sienna Room -TF Clubhouse
May 1, 2023 at 9:00-11:00 am

Attendance: Linda Labenz, Donna Aybar, Joellen Cruze, Hiromi Bashore, Chris Booth, Irene Lukes, Darlene Helker, Debbie Arsenault, Linda Rowe, Roberta Penchina, Carol Moonan, Deb Campbell, Carla Peccianti, Cynthia Nunn

CALL TO ORDER: President Debbie Arsenault called the meeting to order at 9am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Roberta moved and Hiromi seconded the motion to approve both the Board Meeting and General Meeting/Spring Luncheon minutes from April.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President: Debbie is now writing and sending out the weekly newsletters. Get information to her by Wednesday if you want something to be included. Do not include things that are already on the calendar. Let her know if you think this shortened version of the newsletter is successful. It is hoped that members will read it if it is shorter.

Vice President: Linda Rowe reported the April Luncheon had 120 members attending, great décor and good program. Very successful event!

Secretary: Carol M for Julie. Board members said they appreciated receiving last month's minutes emailed to them a few days before the board meeting, since they will be approving them. Will pass this request on to Julie.

Treasurer: Darlene reviewed some large bills from the past month. \$2762.57 to catering for the Spring luncheon, (\$2414.02 was taken in for the luncheon), \$ 400. for Service on the longarm, Community Service backing fabric \$679.90, Luncheon spring décor \$266.09,
Income: \$530.14

Expenses: \$4404.69

Checking Account \$6321.82.

Longarm Savings: \$12,116.66,

Balance: \$18,488.48

Linda Rowe moved and Hiromi seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Community Service - Hiromi Bashore reported that her committee tried using Polyester batting, thinking it would save \$\$\$. They received several complaints, and have now purchased 80/20. They will research more about polyester because some people like it.

Community Sew Day went very well with 24 or 26 people there. Only one kit left. Next Saturday is planning day and they will make kits.

This Month's Delivery: 9 to SW Family Advocacy, : 1 quilt to Magdalene House, 8 Dog beds to Pet Companions.

Publicity: Cynthia Schwartz was not able to attend but sent in this report.

One of the goals of Publicity is to highlight and celebrate many of the quilters in our club, including novices, experts, and those in-between. To that end, I will be coordinating with Chris Booth to include photos and articles about quilters who are showcased in the Quilters' Windows. In addition, the PC Post articles will feature events, such as the Veterans' Appreciation Quilt Luncheon and the Quilt Show.

For the June PC Post, two articles were submitted: 1. *PebbleCreek Quilters Elect New Board Members*, and 2. *What Do Quilters Do With All Those Scraps of Fabric?*, an article about dog beds and photo of Patsy & George Wagner.

If anyone has any suggestion for articles, and we aren't limited to one article a month, please send ideas my way. The next deadline is June 10th for articles in the July PC Post.

And, thank you Cathy Howell who helps proofreads articles and volunteered to help me with Publicity.

Longarm - Roberta Penchina said the Pantographs are a problem. In the past they were allowed to be signed out, but were not always returned, so sign out was stopped. After discussion, Deb Campbell made the motion and Roberta seconded: "Shared equipment in the room should not be removed. The exceptions are the longarm leaders that can be signed out and books in the library both of which will have a check out list." The Motion was passed. Roberta also announced that some people who borrow the leaders are sewing their backs to them using normal machine stitches. Basting stitches should be used to prolong the life of the leaders.

The committee will redo the storage system for the Pantographs to make them easier to identify and return to the correct place. Ron Paul, who services our machine, suggested we try to find an older machine from 2002 – 2014? when we (hopefully) get a second machine. Computerized machines would not hold up as well as the older machines.

Education - Deb Campbell reported 2 classes for May: Kathy Brown, Lightening Zigzag. So far only 1 person is signed up. Weekend Bag class, May 23. Also UFO, BOM

Aug: Curved log cabin, BOM

Sep: Marka teaching crumb quilting on Sep 12. Also EQ will be taught by Karen Mack, but will not need to be in the room.

Oct: Diane Rottman, teaching her Elephant Quilt.

Dec: Sew Kind of Wonderful will present at the Dec 11 Luncheon, and do a class on Dec 12.

Discussion about the next Beginner's Quilt Class – how often should it be held? How much time does it take up space in the room? Cheryl is available for a Tues evening from 5:30 – 8. The board felt that once a year is a good frequency, so Deb C will plan to schedule again in January.

Membership: Linda Labenz reported - This is a new committee Debbie just started. Purpose is to track members through the system. Goal is to restart the Ambassador program, including a welcome letter, a personal call after someone signs up, tour of room, explain website, rules, charities, longarm, io group and meetings. Linda will do data entry into membership roster for new members. A tour would be required before doing a class, becoming certified on LA, or using the room. Tours will be held as needed but not for only 1 person. Tours would be held at least once a month, followed by a social gathering to which board members will be invited. New members must sign up and attend the meeting.

Opportunity Quilt: Cynthia Nunn has set up 10 different showings for the quilt, some at 35th Ave on Black Bag Days, Mulqueens, trying several other places, including a quilt show which would cost \$75 for a booth. Also this Wed at 1pm, Go to the Movies fundraiser for the CAC. Email more ideas directly to Cynthia if you have them.

Window/Display: Chris Booth reported the first window display went up yesterday. Cynthia Schwartz will do an article about the Board Member Quilters for next month's window and submit to the PC Post. The Opportunity Quilt will be hung in the large window in several future months.

Gallery Sales: JoEllen Cruze is having a work party on May 15 to make bowl cozies. Will make about 20. Other events planned for the 3rd Monday of the month.

Equipment Manager: Carla Peccianti reported that Joellen will be part of the committee. Kathy Brown has organized the rulers, etc.

Veteran's Quilts: Linda Rowe reported we have 20 vets identified and she has met with catering. All quilts are accounted for. The Luncheon will be Thursday, Nov 9.

Social: Donna Aybar reported that a new movie coming to Harkins in Mid-May – Opens May 12. Book Club-The Next Chapter. She will contact them about us coming as a group. Everyone would pay for their own tickets.

June 22 she has the Oasis Pool Ramada reserved from 10-3. She plans a Catered lunch and a game day.

Challenge Quilt: Kathleen O'Connell – no report.

Small Group Liaison: none

Webmaster: Maureen Strachan Is requesting photos be sent to her to be posted on web. Need approval for email Mass Marketing for 3 years at a cost of \$431.67 plus tax. No motion is required as this is less than \$500.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review survey responses. The responses were very helpful and they are available for anyone to review – see Debbie.
2. Discuss Quilt show 2024. Historically we have had a show every other year. Our show is not a fundraiser. Debbie has a chair to lead show, but we are concerned about the building availability due to the building renovation. This will be discussed again next month, hopefully we will have a better idea of timeframe for closure. Possibility of having a sale/show in the Clubhouse instead??
3. Review Contingency Plan for Creative Arts Center Shut Down. This is a living document and will be changed and updated as we have more information.
4. Review request for new small group - Applique, leader Linda Rowe. This is one idea for a small group, anyone is welcome, new small groups are encouraged! The group must be open to everyone in the club if our club is going to sponsor it. Hives: Linda Labenz is suggesting “Charity Hives”, a group of about 6 people to make a charity quilt together. Idea is to continue when the room is closed working in homes. This will increase social sharing. We should try to include some new members in a group. Patterns can be shared at a General meeting and open a group to all those interested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Board Meeting - Leadership and Committee Leads should think about and record their responsibilities. Over the summer, think about and write what your job description is.

July Board Meeting - Budget review After the June meeting, you will get a copy of the budget from this year to review. Be sure to tell the board if you won't be using all the \$\$ in your budget so it can be reallocated.

Chris asked for permission to have classes be allowed to show their projects at the next meeting even if they will not be done. The board agreed this would be appropriate.

Roberta discussed the requests for a ruler class on the longarm. Using rulers on the longarm have frequently been a problem and can easily cause damage to the machine. The longarm committee has decided they will not offer a ruler class for the safety of the machine.

ADJOURNMENT Roberta moved and Hiromi seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Moonan for

Julie Baird

PebbleCreek Quilters Club

General Meeting

Chianti Room- TF Clubhouse

May 8, 2023 7:00 PM

Attendance: 75 members

Call to order: President Debbie Arsenault called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Debbie welcomed 8 new members to the Club.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made to approve the April 10 General meeting minutes by Pam Branfuhr. Karen Bogadi seconded the motion.

Reports from Officers:

VP: Linda Rowe reported 122 members paid for the Spring luncheon with 115 members attending. Big thank yous went to Debbie Arsenault for organizing the luncheon, Donna Aybar for the beautiful centerpieces, and Karen Mack for the delicious chocolate covered strawberries. The luncheon was a great success with a fabulous Show and Tell.

Treasurer: Darlene Helker reported an April income of \$530.14 (longarm usage, gallery sales, new members and luncheon reservation.) An Expense of \$4404.49 (longarm maintenance, Batting and batting for Community Service, and luncheon catering)

Checking Account \$6321.82. Longarm Savings: \$12,116.66, Petty Cash: \$50.00,

Balance: \$18,488.48

Secretary: Darlene Helker for Julie Baird: No report.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Community Service: Hiromi Bashore thanked everyone who participated in the recent Sew Day. Everyone did a great job making quilts. She also thanked the club for their continued support of the charities and all the quilts that have been made. This Month's Delivery: 9 to SW Family Advocacy, 1 quilt to Magdalene House, 8 Dog beds to Pet Companions.

May 20th is the next Community Sew Day, everyone is encouraged to attend.

Publicity: No report.

Longarm: Roberta Penchina stated Ron Paul provided the yearly servicing to the longarm. She is planning an upcoming meeting for all certified longarm users for a general review of the longarm rules, do's and don'ts. More information to come.

Education: Paula Handrup for Deb Campbell:

May 11th: Lightning Zigzag quilt by Kathy Brown. Openings are still available.

May 16th: BOM (Block of the Month)

May 24th: The Weekender Tote Bag by Pam Branfuhr

June 5th and 19th: MNM (Monday Night Madness) Come and sew for lots of fun

June 6th: UFO group

June 8th: Block Design Tote by Donna Aybar

June 20th: BOM

Membership: Linda Labenz reported the Ambassador Tour will be restarting for all new members and those members who have not received a tour of the Fiber Arts room. Use of the Website will be covered also. Tours are by reservation only, so reach out to Linda to schedule a tour. (ljlaben@me.com)

Opportunity Quilt 2024: Linda Rowe and committee members revealed the completed Tula Pink Sampler quilt top in which over 90 members participated in making. The committee is currently looking for a longarm volunteer who would provide custom quilting on the quilt. Please notify Linda Rowe if you are interested.

Window Display: Chris Booth: a new display is currently in the window. It is beautiful.

Gallery Sales: JoEllen Cruze: No report.

Equipment Manager: Carla Peccianti reported Kathy Brown and JoEllen Cruze will be assisting her. Equipment is not allowed outside the room, it is not allowed to go home with you.

Veteran's Quilts: Linda Rowe reported the Veterans Luncheon is November 11th. If you have volunteered to sew a quilt, let Linda know how it is going, or if there are any obstacles. Carol Moonan and Marka Locker will be the coordinators for the 2024 Veterans Quilts committee.

Social: Donna Aybar reported that Friday May 26th will be the outing to attend the new "Book Club, the Next Chapter" movie. Since only approx 20 members were interested, the plan, as of now, will be for everyone to buy their own ticket online. A different choice of

restaurants will be provided, since BJs could not accommodate a larger group on Friday. Watch for more details in the newsletter.

June 22nd: Oasis Pool Party from 10AM - 3PM. Come and play Mexican Train and eat lunch. More details to come.

August 28th: Pajama Party.

2024 Challenge Quilt: Kathleen O'Connell reported the information has been posted on the website.

Webmaster: Maureen Strachan had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

The CAC expansion and building time frame: Debbie shared that as President of the club, she will be attending monthly meetings and receiving updates regarding the CAC expansion, most recently, May 4th.

The architects have filed the building plans with the City of Goodyear, costs are yet to be finalized. The hope is to use the same construction company as the Toscana remodel to save money.

All clubs will be notified of the building closure in the time frame when they get notice. It is unsure, as of yet, if PODS or off site storage, will be used to store clubs equipment. The building will totally be closed during construction.

The Vibrant Art community is moving forward with fundraisers. Last week's movie fundraiser was a huge success. Plans for another movie fundraiser is scheduled for October 6, at the theater, "Holy Fritz".

Save the date for a Fall Dinner and Dance scheduled for November 3rd in the TF Ballroom. Silent auction items and donations were discussed. Debbie is working on these. Let her know if you are interested in helping.

Contingency plan: The board is working on a PCQ contingency plan, in preparation for the building closure and is working on the communication plan so that as soon as we get the building closure date, we will be prepared for: packing and storage, education and community service to continue, longarm usage, and membership and social activity to remain in place.

Our goal is to have a working plan in place. Please be patient. The board will keep everyone posted as we receive information and dates.

Survey Response: Thank you for filling out the survey. 40% of the PQC club members participated in the survey. The board has already started to implement some of the responses

and is listening to the membership and will be asking for assistance to implement other ideas in the future. We have a great club and an opportunity to increase our fellowship and enhance camaraderie to build a stronger quilting club.

Small Interest Group Liasan: The club is expanding the amount of small groups, as requested by the Survey results. Several small groups are already in place, and can be found on the clubs website along with lead contact information. The board is looking for a liaison to help with communication. If interested, please let Debbie know. Thank you

Applique club: Linda Rowe is beginning an Applique small group club that will meet once a month. Any form of applique is invited. The 1st meeting will be an informational meeting. More details to come. Watch for in the newsletter.

CAC Fundraising: Update on donations to the CAC Expansion selling items donated by former quilt member, Sharon Pucelik, is \$1,413.00 which includes the sale of the Hoppity Hoppity Bunny Quilt which was sold last evening after show and tell. Carole Schumacher is on the Fundraising Team for the CAC Expansion and will continue to update the Quilters Club on the status of fundraising as we have more information. Contact Carole with any questions.

Name Tag Drawing: Jan Frustaglia won the drawing for wearing her name tag. Congratulations Jan!

June General Meeting: The next General Meeting is June 12, 2023.

Adjournment: Carole Schumacher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Branfuhr seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned oa 7:40 PM.

Show and Tell commenced. View pictures of the website.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Helker for Julie Baird

