**CSR/SC Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, INC**

**Chapter Advisory Board Meeting – Aug 11, 2018**

**Oscar’s Restauarant, 201 W 5th St. Summerville SC**

**Meeting called to order** - by President Judie Travis at 11:45a.m. Thanks to Sew Little Time for hosting. Absent were Tammy Newman, Marge Mitchell, Ellen Macklin and Lesley Owings.

**Present** - Judie Travis, Kristy Granberg, Joyce Sinclair, Kathy McCartney, Lenaya Raack, Anita Drennon, Erin Stoudemire, Marie Lussier, Cheri Dowd, Diane Zielinski, Chris McDowell, and Sandy Costanzo

**Secretary’s Report** – Judie Travis - The May 19, 2018 CAB meeting minutes were posted online. No changes were recommended. Kristy Granberg made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Lenaya Raack seconded – all in favor. A Get Well card was sent to Sandy Costanzo

**Treasurer’s Report** - (Joyce Sinclair) - Beginning balance was $16,957.59 as of May 19, 2018. Income was $304.25 from membership rebates, special events and yard sale at the picnic. Expenses were $330.19 for programs and special events. Checkbook balance as of Aug 11, 2018 was $16, 931.75. Funds earmarked for events are $2,500.00 for the 2019 retreat. Funds available are $14,431.75.

All refunds due for the 2018 retreat have been paid and there are 27 paid deposits for the 2019 retreat and 2 on the waiting list. After a review of cost and interest in the retreat it was decided, if available, we could contract for the small conference room at Camp St. Christopher and 4 more lodging rooms in addition to the original contract of large conference room and 15 lodging rooms. Anita Drennon made a motion to approve the additional space, with the chapter absorbing any additional costs if there are not the maximum number (35) of participants. Kristy seconded the motion, the CAB vote was unanimous and the motion was approved. Judie will contact CSC to book if available.

A total of $10.00 was received from the yard sale at the picnic in June.

There are 13 registered for the Give Back event on Sept 22, 2018.

**President’s Report** - (Judie Travis) – The Annual conference in July in Las Vegas went well and was very well organized. Judie took classes with 7 national educators (Sandra Betzina, Nick Coman, Julianne Bramson, Katrina Walker, Rae Cumbie, Linda McGeehee and Vaube Pierce)but felt only two (Rae and Vaune) may be a possibility for a chapter program. The ASG fabric contest was won by a chapter with 152% participation, second place had 135% and one of our members, Lenaya Raack won the random drawing, a pair of silver sewing machine earrings. There will be a Part 3 to the ASG fabric contest with details to be announced later. Ann Marie Soto was inducted in to the ASG Hall of Fame and Rosemary Faijger was re-elected for a second term on the BOD. Between 600-700 were in attendance and the conference for 2019 will be in Boston.

The picnic was attended by 18 people. The location worked well at Gibson Lake in Lexington. It was noted there should have been some type of a program, contest, hands on project to spark more interest. Consider this for next year.

Terri Foster has given up her position as Newsletter assistant (responsible for mailing the newsletters) and Louise Schmidt has taken this position.

A break was called for lunch at 12:00 p.m. Meeting resumed at 1:25 p.m. after a move from the restaurant to People, Places and Quilts shop. The noise level at the restaurant made it impossible for the meeting to continue there.

Marie Lussier resigned her position of Web site coordinator and Charlene McDaniel has taken this position. Charlene did a great job in getting the site updated and changing the graphics but unfortunately had to resign, due to a move out of state. Erin Stoudemire has volunteered for this position and she has given the site a new modern look, changed the tabs, and added event photos.

Pam Damour has been contacted for the September 12. 13, 14 2019 National Educator event and her contract should arrive soon.

My Grove will change over to Group works very soon, but should all work the same for those members on the site. The new site, Group Works has been updated to reflect the current chapter membership as of 30 July 2018.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership** - (Lenaya Raack) – There were 97 members as of July 31, 2018, which is up 2 from the previous quarter. We had 3 new members, 10 renewed memberships, 1 transfer member and 2 expired memberships. Lenaya sent letters to 2 members with expired memberships, 10 renewal letters and 3 new member letters. One visitor that attended Garment Group and Sewn together is expected to join soon and the transfer member is eager to get active in a NG.

**Retail Liaison** - (Kathy McCartney) – There were no new contacts made. Kathy wrote an article on House of Fabric for the last newsletter and plans to do another one for the November edition. Possibly Sew Suite Studios will the be next one to interview. She will bring the pattern box the Annual Meeting for one last chance to sell these vintage patterns and if no takers they will be discarded by whatever means works best. Enough attempts have been made at this.

**E-Mail Coordinator** - (Chris McDowell) – All running smoothly

**Education Programmer** - (Anita Drennon) –

**The Chapter Give Back event**, in celebration of National Sewing Month, will be led by Anita Drennon on September 22, 2018 at the Cedar Creek Clubhouse in Aiken, SC. 13 are signed up right now and could go to 25 if needed. Registration will open to the general public on September 5th and Cheri will advertise in the Aiken paper. Registration closes Sept 15th. Attendees will need to bring their machines and a brown bag lunch. A detailed supply list will be mailed to participants by Anita. Anita will supply the spray adhesive, stabilizers, bobbin thread, eyes for the fish, metallic threads and spray boxes. She will have the patterns for the Fish Water Bottle kitted for the participants. Material Girls will be responsible for the room set up and provide 2 ironing stations. Anita will prepare an educator contract for this event and prepare the evaluation form.

Lodging for one night for the educator was discussed for this event and the Bling Event in October. Kristy made a motion the chapter will pay one night lodging for the educator at local hotel (mid-range pricing) for the evening before the event. Chris seconded the motion, all in favor and motion was carried. The educator will responsible for their own accommodation arrangements and submit a bill to the chapter for reimbursement.

**Bling even**t: Linda Barrett-Hanslip will conduct the event on October 13, 2018, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Fairview Presbyterian Church from in North Augusta, SC. This will be a brown bag/bring your own lunch event due to the church no longer has a cook and there are no convenient delivery places. Linda will start with a trunk show, the how and why and where to add bling and the afternoon will be a hands on small table mat with crystals. Linda will provide all the supplies. Participants will bring a machine, BSS and a crystal hot fix tool IF they have one. Price is $25.00 for members, $30.00 for non-members. The Aiken NG will do set up on Friday morning. The flyer will be in the September newsletter and Anita will write the contract.

Annual meeting: November 10, 2018, 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.at Lexington Country Club in Lexington, SC. Material Girls and Sewn Together will host. Judie coordinated the guest speaker, with approval from Anita for fiber artist, Karen Baranich, who will do a program on wool felling and creative use of textiles in art. The scrap challenge will be displayed on a table by category and assigned a number for voting. The ASG fabric challenge will be a group presentation. There will be as 50/50 raffle (cash only) and a trash and treasurer sale. Price was set at $15.00 for members, $20.00 non-members and the menu has been set (chicken salad plate, quiche, chicken Marsala).

Judie Travis has booked Pam Damour for a National Educator Event in for Sept 12, 13, 14 2019. Contract will be sent to Judie for signature and events plans will be discussed at December CAB meeting.

There was a discussion of having a second National Educator in 2019. After several names were mentioned by Judie, Anita and Cheri the decision was made to try to contract Mary Rae, from NC for an event in February 2019. Since Cheri has worked with Mary she will make the contact.

A possible program for a future event is the button Lady from Heath Springs. Her contact info was in a packet that was lost, but Judie will try to find more on her.

There was a discussion on pricing of chapter events for Junior Members. Judie pointed out their ASG membership is half price and we want to encourage the youth and suggested that all event pricing be half price. Judie made the motion the all ASG registered junior members be offered half price for events and programs. Kristy seconded, all were in favor, motion passed. Flyers will reflect this change and a statement on this will be added to the chapter by-laws.

**2nd VP – Neighborhood Group Coordinator** - (Ellen Macklin not present) – Judie reported for Ellen. Judie and Ellen visited the Charleston group and met with Louise Schmidt to see how to revive this group and attract new members. The possibility of an open house in the area will be researched by Ellen. Names of two members from the Bluffton area will be given to Ellen to try some recruiting tools for that area.

**Social Media Coordinator** - (Erin Stoudemire) – Erin stressed the importance of NG letting her know what is going on with the groups and what she should post. She was given a list of groups that stick to their schedule and gave her permission to post this on SM as a recruiting tool. Erin stated she will do all she can but MUST have input to make this successful. She asked for more photos that can go out on FB. She ask to group to consider where they want to be in five years/ten years and what their ideas are for growing the chapter. This will be discussed again at the December CAB meeting with a plan for heading into 2019

**Website Coordinator** - (Erin Stoudemire) – The position of website coordinator has been completely turned over to Erin. She has worked with Judie on revising the site with new graphics, colors, tabs and updated information. New documents will be added as necessary.

**Newsletter** - (Sandy Costanzo) –The next newsletter will go out Sept 1st. This will have current event flyers and proxy ballot information for the elections at the annual meeting. The graphic for National sewing month has been added.

**1st VP** - (Kristy Granberg) – nothing new to report.

**Nominations** - The proposed slate of officers for next year (President - Diane Zieliski, 1st VP - Linda Montz, 2nd VP – Kristy Granburg, Secretary – Tammy Newman, Treasurer – Joyce Sinclair) will be in the newsletter with the vote at the annual meeting. The appointed position changes are: Cheri will be Education Programmer, Marge Mitchel will be nominations and Publicity and Advertising position is open.

**Old Business** – (Judie Travis) – The new banner is done (framed on folding easel, 2 sets). The chapter give back event will coincide with National Sewing month.

**New Business** - (Judie Travis) – The chapter needs to start planning on how to spend down some of the funds in the treasurer to stay within the ASG guidelines.

Does the chapter want to offer any adult scholarships for membership or for events? This will be discussed further at next CAB meeting.

Need to have a mentoring session with the outgoing and incoming officer’s after the election but before the new term starts in January. This will be planned later.

The Summerville NG has hosted a sit and sew and proposed doing this once a quarter. Discussed whether to do this as a chapter event or a NG event open to chapter members. It was decided to keep it as a NG event with invitations extended to all to attend. The NG will make all the coordination for this as fits their schedule. This can also be posted on SM as a recruiting tool.

**Neighborhood Group Updates**- see newsletter for details

**Connecting Threads** – Louise Schmidt – Charleston

**Garment Group** – Diane Lackey – West Columbia

**Material Girls** – Cheri Dowd and Marge Mitchell – Aiken

**Moonlight Stitchers** – Sally Klutz – Lexington

**Rockin Bobbins** – Mary Plexico – Columbia

**Seaside Stitchers** – open

**Sew Little Time** – Ann Mace – Summerville

**Sew-n-Sew** – Eve Hutchinson

**Sewn Together** – Margaret Shearouse and Tammy Newman – North Augusta

**Stylish Fit** – Margaret Tuck – North Augusta

**Next CAB meeting:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 at The Old Mill Pub in Lexington at 11:30 a.m. Moonlight Stitchers will host.

**Adjourn**: The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.