

## PebbleCreek Quilters General Meeting

October 10, 2022

Attendance: 72

1. President Karen Bogadi called the meeting to order at 7pm. She introduced the new members for the month and asked them to stand and were introduced. We now have 219 members. No visitors tonight.
2. The CAC needs funds to be used as seed money. They are asking the 6 clubs benefitting the most from the expansion to donate \$500 towards startup costs. Carole Schumacher moved that we write a check to pay this. Discussion followed. Overall, the clubs must raise \$200,000. We voted and the motion passed that our club write a check to pay our \$500 seed money.
3. Reminder that the last person in the room should check all the cabinets to be sure they are locked before they leave the room.
4. Dec 12 at 11am is the Holiday Luncheon which will be held in the Tuscan Falls ballroom. Speaker will be Helen Robinson from Sew Kind of Wonderful. She will lead a class for us the next day.
5. All are invited to attend the Veteran's Day Luncheon on Nov 10 in the ballroom. Sign up for luncheon on the website. If you are interested in attending the 2pm program, you must buy a ticket in advance. See Carol Moonan if you want her to buy you a ticket, or you may purchase one yourself at the Activities Office. Also see her if you have ever participated in making all or part of a Veteran's Quilt. We have a thank you gift for you!
6. Julie Baird shared information about upcoming classes scheduled.
7. Longarm: Roberta and Debbie spoke about the new longarm policy. Sign up for a four hour session from 8-12 or 12-4. Sign up for and use leaders if you need more time. Second and fourth Mondays of each month are now reserved for certification and recertification. Coordinate with one of the Longarm people to reserve your space. The space will be opened up for last minute use if not reserved.
8. Social Committee, Donna Aybar: Sunday 10/16 is the pool party at the Oasis Pool. 30 people have reserved a space. Monday 10/17 from 4-8pm will be a Gallery Sew Day to help Joellen make items for the Gallery.
9. Kathleen reported the "Cube" themed Challenge quilt is due in March. Information is available on the website.
10. Carole Schumacher: Retreat site in Glendale has new four day dates in Jan, March, August and November. She will pass sheets around \$140 plus food at the AZ House of Creative Retreats.
11. Wendy has openings for the Oct retreat at Mt Claret. Cost is \$175 for 3 days.
12. Motion to adjourn was made by Joanne Burch and seconded by Roberta Penchina.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21.

Mary Hill introduced representatives from the charities we support. Each representative spoke about how the items we donate are used and the response they receive from their clients.

Diane Walton, Hospice of the Valley. Our quilts provide a connection point to the families. 90% of the patients are at home. Ryan House is for children. We also make Clothing protectors for dementia patients. They provide 24/7 phone support.

Barry Worman, Director of Volunteer Services at Abrazo Hospital. We give flannel Receiving blankets and fidget mats. Blankets are given to those most in need as they would not have enough to give to all new moms. They are gratefully received. Fidget mats allow patients to relax and receive care because they have something to do with their hands.

Judy Ayres PC Breast Cancer Discussion Group. The pink pillows give her a chance to visit a new patient and talk. They are a "perfect gift". They are very much appreciated.

Janet Olson, Natalie's House, could not be here but Mary Hill shared information from her. This is a group home near Buckeye, for up to 6 girls. They are allowed to choose a quilt when they arrive. They use this on their bed and take it with them when they leave. The quilts become very special to them.

Samantha White, SW Family Advocacy Center was ill and not able to attend. They serve victimized children and adults.

Jim Ellison, President of Pet Companions Club at PebbleCreek. We make dog beds from our scraps. Over 100 this year have been made thus far. The Club was founded in 1997. First dog park was near the softball field. They are a 501c3 agency so can accept funds. The dog beds have been donated for at least 5 years now. He shares them with other local shelters.

Carissa Pletta, Volunteer Services Director at New Life Center. We make Zippy Strippy bags and Hope Bags. This is the largest domestic violence center in state of AZ. It includes an Emergency shelter and Hope's Closet. Sunshine Healing Services provides advocacy and services in downtown Phoenix. Clients can stay for 180 days maximum. The items we make help the residents know someone cares about them. Making a choice is very helpful to them when they don't have many choices in other parts of their life.

Paula Lewis made us aware of the Magdalene House. Dorothy Stevens is program director of Bridges Re-entry. This organization serves women who have experienced trauma and will be a new charity for us. They may stay rent free for up to 2 years. They take the quilt they receive with them when they leave. They can serve up to 6 residents.

Mary summarized that she also appreciates all the donations made and encourages us to continue to provide them.

Show and Tell Commenced.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Moonan