

South Puget Sound Chapter of American Sewing Guild Annual Meeting

October 2nd, 2021 Virtually on Zoom

In attendance, Alice Tarby, Kate Freeburg, Shirley Lee, Ellen Daly, Sandy Dunkel, Debbie Ness, Vicki Steigner, Joan Lechter, Aletha Gilbreth, Deb Stump, Nadeen Ward, Sandi Grey, Michele Howe, Fran McCoy, Sarah Garmie, Anne Chernoff, Catherine Nugent, Doreen Rabe, Nancy Hill, Melanie Ransom, Barbara Skaggs, Sherri Barrett, Martha Dickens, Suzette Moskwa, Eilneen Longsworth, Janet Spade, Yolandatheresa Gray-Thomas, Marilyn Lawler, Donna Brook, Mary Lou Rooth

Meeting called to order by Kate Freeburg at 10:05am. Kates gives a welcome and goes over the agenda.

During 2021 11 NG's met via Zoom, as a chapter we hosted almost 110 Zoom Meetings. Several NG's have kept in touch via email, 7 groups have resumed meeting in person, and several groups had picnics or field trips this year. We added one new NG this year and membership has remained steady.

National continued their monthly leadership exchange meetings and National Neighbourhood Group Meetings. National convention has been cancelled, after being moved to October. A mini virtual conference was held in July, and virtual presentations will be held in place of the October convention.

Thank yous were given to committee chairs, NG leaders, and Executive CAB

Secretary Report: Alice Tarby, No corrections to last year's minutes. Aletha motioned to accept last year's minutes, Sandy seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed

Treasurer Report: Sandra Dunke reported as of 10/1 the checking account balance was £13914.63 and the savings account \$5147.27. Total income year to day is \$3070.54 and expenses have been \$2650.28. Our overall gain for the last year was \$420.56. We have received \$34.27 from Amazon Smiles. Most of the income received was from membership rebates. Income and expense report by category is available for review on the SPS ASG website. Sandy also provided a side by side comparison of income and expenses of 2020 and 2021. Alice motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Shirley seconded. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Events Report: Ellen reported on the events the chapter has held this year and upcoming events.

- January 30th Leah Boyan

- May 22nd Virtual Spring Fling, consisted of 4 classes and gave away 8 \$25 gift cards for stores we wouldn't normally meet at.
- May 29th Krista Moser Ombre Blossom Quilting class via Zoom, 6 people attended and all got their quilt tops finished.

We have one more event coming up on October 16th Judy Kessinger Fit, Fashion, and Fun via Zoom. We are offering this as no charge to our members as a thank you, non-members are welcome to join for \$20. Right now fall retreat is still going ahead, on October 28th - 31st. 2022 Spring retreat next year is April 28th - May 1st and fall retreat is October 27th - 30th. 2023 spring retreat is April 27th - 30th.

Kate apologized for missing Peggy Charlesworth and Yolandtheresa Gray-Thomas from the list of NG leaders earlier in the meeting. Ellen drew the first gift card winners - Debbie Stump and Aletha Gilbreth.

Membership Report: Shirley reported 195 members, we lost a few and gained a few over the year, but mostly held steady. We gained 12 new members since January.

Members were recognized for milestone years of membership as follows;

- 5 years - 9 members
- 10 years - 4 members
- 15 years - 11 members
- 20 years - 3 members
- 25 years - 1 member, Marlas Baker on October 15th

Shirley went on to let us know she tries to send out recognition pins the month the members are celebrating their milestone.

Alice Tarby of Bits and Pieces Presented the annual Fashion Show.

Mary Lou Rooth of the Beach Babes presented the Challenge entries and winners.

Home Dec: Vicki Steigner

Quilt: Ellen Daly

Wearable Art: Melanie Ransom

Misc: Kathleen Bertolini

Sunshine Report: Aletha reported so far this year she has sent the following cards

- 7 thinking of you cards
- 5 get well cards
- 8 sympathy

We had one community sew in, 14 members attended. 19 laundry bags and 55 pillow cases were made. A highschool senior also attended to work on her senior hours.

Alethea reported community service hours on behalf of Barbara O'Neil.

- 19 Laundry Bags
- 63 pillow cases
- 54 quilts
- 23 chemo caps

- Spaghetti bibs - no count
- Hearts for babies - no count

Aletha then provided details on locations that received the donations. All items were made by 53 members for a total of 684 volunteer hours, 53 of these volunteer hours were teaching children to sew in Lacy. Barbara believes some hours have not been reported.

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Election Results: Aletha Gilbreth presented the election results. 82 votes were received.

The results are as follows;

- President - Kate Freeburg
- 1st VP - Ellen Daly
- 2nd VP - Shirley Lee
- Treasurer - Sandra Dunkel
- Secretary - Alice Tarby

Ellen Daly motioned to accept the results and destroy the ballots. Janet Spade seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Installation of Officers: Nadeen Ward installed and presented the officers to the chapter.

Kate gave thanks to Marilyn for stepping up to run. Ellen drew more gift card winners - Melanie Ransom and Yolandatheresa Gray-Thomas

Kate thanked everyone for coming and noted she looks forward to the year ahead. The last 2 years have been difficult, Kate looks forward to things opening up more so we can resume the activities we all enjoy. We have submitted our application for the Sew Expo, hopefully that will be one of our first events next year. Ellen drew the final gift card winners - Eileen Longsworth and Marilyn Lawler.

Alice Tarby motioned to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Lee seconded. A vote was taken and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57am