



Knerdy Knitters of the SFV

Minutes of the Aug. 22, 2016, Guild Business and Membership Meetings

Held at Panera, 132 E. Palm Ave., Burbank, CA

Approved Sept. 26, 2016

- I. **Business Meeting Call to Order:** President Tammy Takahashi called the business meeting to order at 7:09 p.m., Monday, Aug. 22, 2016.

II. Roll Call

Members present:

Tammy Takahashi, President
Sarah Smith, Treasurer
Jeannette Hartman, Secretary
Chris Bahls
Lydia Cowger
Julie Kornblum
Anastasia McGee

Ginny Mateen
Deb Mobley-Burns
Kim Neuhauser
Krystal Poole
Andrea Smith
Rita Smith
Virginia Van Osdel, DDS

Nonmembers present:

Melissa Hernandez

- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Sarah moved, and Jeannette seconded, a motion to approve the July 25, 2016, business meeting minutes as corrected; the motion carried. Anastasia moved, and Julie seconded, a motion to approve the July 25, 2016, membership meeting minutes, which also carried.
- IV. **Finance Report:** The guild currently has \$1, 198.73 in its checking account. No expenses have been paid since July 1, 2016, and only two members have renewed and paid dues since then.
- V. **New Business:**
- A. The September *Swift* will focus on color and tools for planning project colors. If space permits, the results of the survey will be given. Photos will focus on the Aug. 29 WIPs, Chains and Stash Exchange party.
- B. Virginia has found another option for the 2016-17 membership gift bag: an 18.5" x 14" x 4" canvas bag with a colored bottom and matching colored handles. The guild logo can be imprinted on the bag. For an order of 50 bags, the cost will be \$4.20 each, for a total of \$210. This comes in under the \$300 budgeted. By a show of hands, members present voted for the latest proposed bag with blue bottoms and handles.

- C. Tammy proposed moving the monthly guild meetings to the Burbank Police Department, 200 N. 3rd St., to accommodate the growing attendance. The room can accommodate 30 people with auditorium seating, has good parking and is free. Members can either bring in food (but no alcohol) or eat before the meeting. It will be easier to hear reports and presentations. Tammy will check on the availability of the room for the fourth Monday of the month. She proposed trying it for the September meeting if the room is available.

VI. Other business:

- A. Deb and Julie proposed eliminated paper copies of the minutes at the meeting and emailing the minutes with the meeting reminder. Minutes are posted on the website usually within a couple of days of the guild meeting they cover. Tammy said she would add a link to the draft minutes to future meeting reminders.

VII. **Business Meeting Adjournment.** Tammy adjourned the business meeting at 7:23 p.m.

VIII. **Membership Meeting Call to Order:** Tammy called the guild's membership meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

IX. Events and Projects

- A. Charity Knitting: Chair Kim Neuhauser brought patterns for knitting or crocheting nests for injured or sick birds and wildlife to be used by rescue organizations. She brought a finished nest for members to see and asked members to give her their finished nests so she can send them on to the organizations. She will add the pattern to the guild's Ravelry site.
- B. KAL / CAL: Sarah presented two patterns for the September-October Knit-Along: the Banyan Tree Square and the Honeycomb Cable Afghan Square. Both involve knitting cables. She will post the new patterns on the website and on Ravelry.

Anastasia presented Floral Dimensions, the next Crochet-Along pattern. She discussed the following patterns for the November-December CAL: Catalina, which is a pattern you have to buy, and Lotus Square, which won't become a square until the last round so gauge has to be correct throughout for the shape and size to come out right.

- C. WIPS, Chains and Stash Exchange Aug. 29: Tammy announced that this event will be held at the Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant, 145 S. San Fernando Blvd. We will be able to have a private room for 35 people. We'll need to order enough food and beverages to total \$400 or the guild will have to make up the difference. There is no admission fee for this event, but members are responsible for their own food and bar tab. Members should bring yarn, patterns, magazines, needles, hooks, notions that they would like to exchange with other members. Remaining yarn will either be used in raffle baskets (if it still has a label and is new) or donated to charity.
- D. LA County Fair Demonstration Knitting weekends: Volunteers have been scheduled for the two weekends that the guild will be giving knitting and crocheting demonstrations at the fair's DIY Design Studio. On Saturday, Sept. 10, the volunteers will be Anastasia and Jeannette; on Sunday, Sept. 11, the volunteers will be Joanne Bronson, Stacie and Tim

Rasmussen and Tabitha Davis. On Saturday, Sept. 17, the volunteers will be Sarah, Anastasia and Deb; on Sunday, Sept. 18, volunteers will be Virginia, Tammy and Lydia. Each day's session runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers will get free parking and admission. Members are invited to stop by and say hello if they are visiting the fair.

- E. Preparations for the Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 3: For the past two years, this event has been held at the Holiday Inn, which is a little small. Traditionally, the event has included a Fashion Show of completed projects, prizes for everyone and a chance to dress up (if you wish) and have adult beverages. If you have ideas for this event, please send them to Tammy. (One idea proposed was to wear crazy holiday sweaters.) There will be NO SATURDAY STITCHES that day.
- F. Miscellaneous local events:
- a. Lydia announced that Dizzy Blonde Studios will be holding its "Knit Dizzney 2016" on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Disneyland Resort with goody bags for the first 40 participants, a meet-up and a chance to get yarn in the new Capt. Hook colorway and project bags.
 - b. Tammy mentioned that Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles is reaching out to knitters and crocheters to participate in a Knit-and-Crochet Along to provide blankets and prayer shawls to comfort patients in memory care facilities. Watch the newsletter for more information.

X. Show and Tell:

- a. Melissa: A scarf in progress on her table loom.
- b. Krystal: An afghan made up of squares crocheted in afghan stitch (AKA Tunisian crochet) and then cross-stitched.
- c. Kim: A sample bird nest for the charity project and her Santa Rosa Plum cardigan by Carol Feller, which is the project for a knit-along at A Major Knitwork. She's just finished the body of the sweater, which uses five colors of yarn.
- d. Chris: The Fun Fun Fun Shawl in three colors with simple stitches in Madeline Tosh.
- e. Jeannette: A bottle or traveling coffee mug sling done in white construction twine.
- f. Deb: Section 1 of her Mandala Madness afghan, a circular crocheted afghan that uses 18 patterns and ends up covering a queen-sized bed.
- g. Anastasia: Her finished Pizzazz square from the Crochet-Along and a Little Coffee Bean baby sweater. The sweater uses a new color every two rows and she's been using up stash scraps to make it. She's gotten to the sleeves now. Additionally, the owner of Geeky Teas has commissioned her to do a crocheted blanket for a living room decorated in the fashion of Sherlock Holmes (the TV series).
- h. Julie: The baby blanket she showed last month has been finished and given to the newborn. She wove a tallit for her sister-in-law in honor of her adult bat mitzvah. She also made a golden white shrug to cover her arms during the service (she was wearing a tank dress). The shrug was essentially a 15- to 18-inch rectangle with stitches picked up from the ends for ribbed cuffs. She has also returned to knitting a teal sweater.
- i. Sarah: Another Calla Shawl.

- j. Tammy: Finished her log cabin modern blanket in black, white, red and gray for her son. It took 3.5 years to finish. That has allowed her to return to her shawl.
- k. Ginny: Has finished two baby sweaters for her future grandchildren (made with American-grown wool, spun in America). Each sweater took two skeins. She's also working on a child's sweater. She's also finishing a Stephen West Spectrum shawl.
- l. Lydia: An update on the baseball cap she's knitting. She also showed a blue scarf and is planning to do a pair of fingerless gloves that use nine colors.
- m. Megan Takahashi: Showed her first crochet project, a cowl that started out as a scarf.
- n. Virginia: An eyelet pattern tank top by Kaita in Shibui linen in the color Mineral. She also gave an update on her two-at-a-time toe-up socks; she's just turning up the heels.
- o. Andrea: Knitting a sitting cat in purple yarn for the birthday of a friend who loves purple and loves cats.
- p. Rita: Working to finish a baby blanket for a cousin.

XI. **Membership Meeting Adjournment:** Tammy adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Next meetings:

- Saturday Stitchers, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, Starbucks, 1520 W. Olive Ave., Burbank.
- TGI Fiber, 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, TGIFriday's, 19855 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch.
- Yarn Club, 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, Panera, 132 E. Palm Ave., Burbank.
- Guild meeting: 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, Panera, 132 E. Palm Ave., Burbank.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Hartman, Secretary