



Knerdy Knitters of the SFV

Minutes of the March 27, 2017, Guild Business and Membership Meetings

Held at the Burbank Police & Fire Department, 200 N. Third St., Burbank, CA 91502

Approved April 24, 2017

- I. **Meeting Call to Order:** President Tammy Takahashi called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., Monday, March 27, 2017.

- II. **Roll Call**

Members present:

Tammy Takahashi, President
Sarah Smith, Treasurer
Jeannette Hartman, Secretary
Melissa Biederman-Zubi
Nicole Briggs
Rachel Decker
Michelle Lockhart

Anastasia McGee
Deb Mobley-Burns
Ivy Ramirez
Andrea Smith
Rita Smith
Joanne Williamson

Guests:

Ivy Ramirez's friend

- III. **Approval of minutes:**

- A. Approval of the February 2017, business meeting minutes: Jeannette made the motion, Tammy seconded the motion, and it carried.
- B. Approval of the February 2017, membership meeting minutes: Anastasia made the motion, Rachel seconded it, and it carried.

- IV. **Membership Meeting:**

- A. Introductions were made around the room.

- A. Events and Projects**

1. Charity Projects: Rachel passed around the sample sent by knittedknockers.org and the organizations materials. These will be passed out at Saturday Stitchers and TGIFiber meetings. She said that the knittedknockers.org website shows three different cast-ons for knitted knockers as well as patterns for crocheted knockers and loom-knitted knockers. She told the group that the Knerdy Knitters can participate in three ways: 1) serving as a collection point for people who volunteer to make the knockers, 2) adopting a site (a clinic or physician's office) and fulfill specific orders. This would need to be an on-going commitment. 3) fill orders for specific sizes from the state organization.

Rachel pointed out that the website's charity page lists the Burbank Temporary Aid Center (BTAC) as an ongoing guild charity. The consensus of the group was to keep that on the website and promote knitting/crocheting or giving items to BTAC at future meetings.

2. Knit- and Crochet-Along: Anastasia, the CAL chair, reminded everyone that patterns for March and April CAL and KAL projects are on the Knerdy Knitters website. Samples of works in progress were shown.

She also reminded members that the guild is having a challenge for the year: to knit, crochet, spin, felt or any other fiber craft something that reflects what you are a fan of: a sports team, an animal, a book, a movie, a time in history – anything that you are passionate about. The only requirements are that it has to be made entirely in 2017. Projects will be displayed at the holiday party on Dec. 2 where attendees will vote on the best and will submit ideas for the 2018 challenge.

3. Yarn Crawl 2017 – April 6 - 9: This annual event, hosted by more than 20 local yarn stores, includes free patterns, discounts on featured yarns and opportunities to win raffles both at individual stores and for the Yarn Crawl as a whole. Currently, the guild doesn't do anything organized for the Yarn Crawl beyond informal meet ups on the way. The idea of getting a party bus for touring the crawl in 2018 was enthusiastically discussed. Learn more at layarncrawl.com.
4. Design Circle: The next meeting will be held Friday, April 14, at Virginia's home. This members-only group is for people who are or want to become knit or crochet designers. The seven-member group is working on a pattern book that will be sold as a fundraiser for the Knerdy Knitters.
5. Annual guild retreat April 21-23: Seven guild members have said they are interested in attending the guild's annual two-night retreat. Not all of them have submitted their \$50 deposit. Checks should be made payable to the Knerdy Knitters of SFV (or via PayPal) ASAP. We'll be staying at the Julian Country Inn. Two rooms have been reserved: one sleeps six and the second sleeps 3 or 4. It may be necessary for some people to share a bed, unless you bring a blow-up mattress. The cost of lodging for the event is estimated at \$85 for two nights, but may vary depending on the number of people who participate. Retreat activities usually include a first night wine and cheese reception, winery/brewery explorations and knitting. This year on Sunday, participants will be asked to bring a skill to demonstrate or share for an exchange on Sunday. Julian and nearby Ramona have yarn stores, wineries, cider mills, craft breweries and many, many other entertainments. The area is known for its apple orchards so prepare to eat pie. If you put up a deposit and then can't make it, refunds will be given until April 13. Refunds will be minus any PayPal processing charges made to the guild.
6. LA County Fair dates and deadlines: Deadline information has recently been posted. The page to watch is <http://lacf.com/competitions>. These are the critical dates: Entry forms must be postmarked no later than June 22; entries must be delivered to the fair on Saturday, July 15; entries will be displayed Sept. 1 – 24; entries can be picked up

Tuesday, Sept. 26. Those present at the meeting agreed it was an experience well worth the effort to participate in. During the fair, the guild usually has volunteers on two weekends. There are a variety of categories that general split into wearable entries; afghans and other items; and toys that are donated. Past participants advised always blocking entries and noted that you can submit 10 to 12 items per class. Be sure to read the rules and categories carefully.

7. **Show and Tell:**

- a. Nicole: a red Malabrigo top-down sweater from Virginia's class.
- b. Tammy: a just-finished cowl of her own design in purples and greens and her CAL project in sage green, white, black, blue and purple.
- c. Rita: a gray and slate baby blanket that will have a ribbon laced into the knitting along the edge. The mother of the recipient was induced the day of the meeting.
- d. Andrea: a brown shawl.
- e. Michelle: a ribbed scarf in soft pinks, greens, aquas, blues and yellows; and a blue boy's cardigan with "Star Trek" detailing (an epaulet pattern on the shoulders and a chevron pattern on the sleeves)
- f. Anastasia: a mauve and variegated crocheted shawl; a gray knitted sweater and her CAL project (a blanket).
- g. Rachel: her version of the CAL in black, purple, blue and pink/mauve.
- h. Ivy: a wonderfully color-pooling crochet strip that will become part of a baby blanket in blues and oranges and a color-pooled square in blues and taupe that she may replicate to make another blanket.
- i. Jeannette: a purple top-down pull-over from Virginia's class and her version of the KAL stitch sampler project, a poncho.

V. **Business Meeting:**

- A. Finance Report: Sarah reported that the guild has \$1,886.85 in its bank account. That includes five retreat deposits totaling \$250, that will be paid out when the retreat happens.
- B. Newsletter: The March issue was distributed late. An April one is planned to go out on time. Jeannette will explore other options for maybe doing a strictly digital version of the newsletter that will link to the website rather than a PDF.
- C. Membership database coordinator: Nicole Briggs has volunteered to manage the administrative work involved in maintaining a membership database and making sure the appropriate people have up-to-date membership lists.

VI. **Meeting Adjournment.** Tammy adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Next meetings:

- Saturday Stitchers, 10 a.m. to noon, April 1 at Starbucks, 1520 W. Olive Ave., Burbank.
- Top-Down Sweater Workshop, 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, April 3, private home, \$25, members only.
- TGIFiber, 7 p.m. Monday, April 10, TGIFriday's, 19855 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch.
- Yarn Club, 7 p.m. Monday, April 17, Panera, 132 E. Palm Ave., Burbank.

- Guild meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, April 24, Burbank Police-Fire Headquarters, 200 N. Third St., Burbank.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Hartman, Secretary