

Tiny Stitches, Inc.
Newsletter
December 2014

We bought a new Baby lock serger since we had several sergers that could not be fixed. Jack at Atlanta Sewing center will take our machines that cannot be fixed and use them for parts.

For December we gave out 40 layettes and 10 burials. The total of layettes for the year was 440.

Martha has been writing grant proposals and has turned ones to Jackson, Hart, and TriState EMCs, and is working on one for Amicolola.

The website is being updated with new graphics. Susan will contact Make It Loud to determine the status.

The shipment of fabric from Garan will be in on December 2. There are 9815 pounds of fabric, prints and solid knits, in 50 lb boxes. The unit in the climate controlled building was rented out so we will be using a unit in a non-controlled building temporarily. The freight charge is \$1034 and Garan will send us the invoice.

We will be having a fabric by the pound sale on January 31 to sell the fabric we cannot use that is on the shelves now. This includes colors that are not baby-friendly and some of the fabric that does not stretch. We will need to have a warehouse work day on January 10 at 9 AM to get ready for it. We will put the fabric for sale in the area where we pack on tables and not have the units open.

Those present voted (12-0) to reappoint the Board as constituted. Karen really needs to be replaced as secretary, so keep that in mind if you know of someone who could help us out.

The board approved Susan to buy some flannel this year since some volunteers did not want to sew the knit for receiving blankets. She bought 500 yards of pastel solids, which should be enough with what we have on hand. She also bought 20 skeins of yarn which was on sale for \$4.99 each.

Since we cannot account for a box of sport weight yarn that was in the warehouse it is necessary to remind everyone to sign in on the sheet when you take things from the warehouse and to take only what is necessary for the month. All workshop coordinators need to get supplies, so the ones that get there first should leave some for those who come later.

Tiny Stitches received a \$1000 shopping spree from Dollar Days. They have a monthly contest for charities that are nominated and we won a couple of months ago. Thanks to our anonymous nominator. We got 396 pairs of socks and 44 skeins of baby yarn.

We voted (12-0) to be at EXPO in March. Leon and Debbie will handle the details. "Our application and fee for electric has been sent in (paid by another anonymous donor). Debbie will be looking for volunteers to staff the booth. Shifts are usually 10-2 or 2-6. Entry into the EXPO is free for volunteers. We would like to have some new people as volunteers- it's not difficult work and you do have time to look around.

From Susan:

I feel this has been a very good year for us. We've received many donations, have had to buy very little yarn, and our warehouse units overflow with all kinds of fabric donations.

We have enough in our bank account to get us through 2015 and hopefully some of the grants being submitted will come through as well.

Even so, we would not be able to do what we do without all of your hard work. Thank you ... and the babies thank you too.