

**Minutes of the Gateway Chapter ANG Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, February 18, 2010**

The morning meeting was called to order by President Anne Freeman at 10:05 AM with 16 members and one guest present. The evening meeting was called to order by President Anne Freeman at 7:05 PM with 7 members and guest Melanie Maier present.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** At the AM meeting, guest Donna Dorr from Michigan was introduced and welcomed to our meeting. Also in the morning, new member Judy Lewis was welcomed to our chapter.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** AM Meeting: Donna Beaman moved to approve the minutes from our November meeting. Motion seconded by Peggy Sims and passed. PM Meeting: Regina Mohan moved to approve the minutes from our November meeting. Motion seconded by Debbie Trowbridge and passed. The meeting minutes are on our chapter web site for review by all members and should be posted a week after the meeting.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Barb Smith has agreed to host the Spring Luncheon in early June this year. This affair will be catered by Gourmet to Go and the cost will be \$20. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** No report.

**HISTORIAN REPORT:** No report.

**RETREAT:** The 2010 Winter Retreat will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2010 from 9-5 at The Needlepoint Clubhouse. There is still one spot left for this event.

**WORKSHOP REPORT:** The spring workshop with Lois Kershner is April 24-25, 2010. Janine passed around a photo of this Wildflower Meadow project. This is an intermediate workshop that is limited to 20 students and will cost \$135 for local ANG members. This price includes the kit and 2 days of instruction. The absolutely firm deadline for signup for this workshop is March 1, 2010. Lois will accept ghosts for this workshop. This event will be held at the clubhouse of Donna Beaman's subdivision which was used last year for the Sirna workshop. It has good lighting, electrical availability, and bathrooms. What more can we ask of a workshop location?

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The current balance is \$7069.83.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** No report.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** We started the day with 74 members, but as of the AM meeting, we have 75 members (welcome Judy Lewis!).

**FUNDRAISING REPORT:** Jill Rigoli has donated a Laurel Burch canvas with stitch guide to the guild. This was passed around at the meeting. Raffle tickets are currently being sold for this canvas: \$1 per chance, or six (6) for \$5.00. All proceeds will be donated to our current philanthropy project – the St Louis Crisis Nursery.

Borders donated a \$50 gift certificate to the guild and that will be used to buy books for the St Louis Crisis Nursery.

Lamona Brown has donated books that will be available for purchase at the garage sale in April. Regina will make a list of the books available to post on line.

We have chosen to discontinue the 50/50 raffle at our meetings because we have so much money in the bank and we were tired of funding Kathryn's lunch every month.

**NEWSLETTER REPORT:** No report.

**PROGRAMS REPORT:** Janine will be sending out a survey to members for input on guild programs. Please fill out the survey and return it in the supplied stamped envelope.

At our March meeting we will have canvas group therapy. If you have any canvases that are giving you concerns, bring them to this meeting so that the rest of the guild can provide their input. Please bring your favorite stitch books to share when providing assistance to others.

The April meeting will be our annual garage sale. Please bring any canvases or projects that you wish to sell to this meeting. If your projects are sold, you can split the proceeds with the guild, or donate all to the guild. If your items are not sold, please be prepared to take them back home as the guild does not want to be responsible for these projects.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Erbie Cooley let us know that Kay Schmitt fell last Friday while walking her dog and landed on her face. She has not been able to eat solid food and soon the doctor will determine what surgery will be necessary to help her heal. Please keep Kay in your thoughts and prayers.

Ellen Ippolito shared a flyer about a 13 year old friend of hers (Jessie Coulter) who will undergo open heart surgery on March 14 for the second time. Please keep Jessie in your thoughts and prayers.

Anne Freeman mentioned that a \$50 donation was made to Gateway ANG by Mary Ruth Kettenbach in honor of Susan Lucco's birthday in December. Thank you to Mary Ruth and Susan for this generous donation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MOTIONS:** Donna Beaman moved to adjourn the morning meeting at 10:30. Ellen Ippolito seconded it and the business meeting was concluded. Janine Webb moved to adjourn the evening meeting at 7:25 and Regina Mohan seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Dawna Freeland.