

Gateway Chapter Member Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 18, 2018

Janice Marsh, President, called the morning meeting to order at 10:09 A.M. with 15 members attending.

Janice Marsh, President, called the evening meeting to order at 6:55 P.M., with 9 attendees including Board members.

Review of minutes:

1. **Secretary** Minutes from the November meeting were accepted as posted. (Mickey was absent from A.M. meeting and A.M. notes were taken by Leigh Hullverson.)
2. **President** (Janice Marsh): There were no corrections and the minutes were approved as posted. Janice Marsh welcomed members and reminded attendees to sign in and wear a nametag – either stitched or paper. She announced that there would be a Board meeting at 11:00 A.M. today, in the same room at Ladue Chapel and all members invited to attend.
3. **Secretary** There was no new correspondence nor new motions requiring action by the board.

Officer Reports:

President (Janice Marsh): President called for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Every year there are four positions that turn over and this year is Treasurer, Newsletter, Public Relations and Programs. We have one volunteer, Hanna Evens, and we need two additional volunteers for the Nomination Committee.

Janice also announced the Michele Roberts Pilot Project on Sunday, April 29 is open for registration. The class will be held at the Needlepoint Clubhouse and open for a maximum of 24 attendees. Cost is \$92.00 and includes all supplies. **Attendees must be committed to stay the entire day, late arrivals and early departures are not acceptable**, this per Michele Roberts.

Treasurer (Donna Hinden): The Treasurers report shows transactions for November and December, 2017. Copies are available for review by all members. Current balance is \$7,407.02.

Newsletter (Judy Lewis): Articles are due February 25th, 2018 for the March issue. There were no new advertisers this month. Please contact Judy if you have an article for Needlenotes. Please contact her if your article will be late.

Public Relations (Donna Beaman): Donna was absent. Janice reported update on the Michele Roberts Pilot Project.

Programs (Eileen Chalk): Eileen was absent. We are continuing with the Posey project and patterns 4 and 5 will be taught by Linda Lesh.

Membership (Kathy Scioneaux): Kathy was absent. We currently have 63 members.

Fundraising (Stephanie Hornsby, Kathryn Nagy): The Dime Drop jug continues to be a success at each meeting and function. Currently looking for good ideas to raise money. Suggestions were proposed to possibly start selling items with the ANG vinyl logo on products; 3 ring project

binders in various sizes, magnetic ort container, project tool boxes, travel bags, stainless-steel cups, etc. Also, a possibility of decal/stickers might be sold separately for personal personalization. A signup sheet (no obligation to buy) was circulated to determine how many members would be interested in purchasing any of the items presented.

Standing Committee Reports:

Philanthropy (Vicki Sauter): Vicki was absent. She has reported to Janice that she is looking at options for a spring project. All options to be presented to the Board for approval prior to presenting to the members.

Social (Ellen Ippolito): Ellen was absent. No report.

Workshops (Donna Beaman): Donna was absent. Janice reiterated that signups are being taken for the Michele Roberts class in April. Send checks for \$92.00 to Donna Beaman (make checks payable to Gateway Chapter, ANG) to get into the class. **Maximum attendance is 24. It is also stipulated that all attendees must be in attendance when class starts and stay until completion of class.**

Webmaster (Janice Marsh): Janice reminded all of us to let her know of changes and updates that are needed on the web site. Janice is working on a new format for the *Needlenotes* newsletter in order to make it easier to create each issue. She would like a committee for review and suggestions and will submit in the spring. She is looking for volunteers to assist with this, if you have computer skills you would like to share.

Special Committee Reports:

Fall Retreat (Mickey Knutson/Jan Poneta/Linda Lesh): Mickey created a retreat report that provides general information for the archives and other organizers. It includes additional details about setup and results of retreat.

Spring Retreat (Nancy Feldman): The Spring Retreat will be at Sign of the Arrow, on Sunday, April 22, 2018, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Cost is \$15.00 and maximum number of attendees is 20. Send payment to Nancy Feldman for sign up.

Unfinished Business:

1. The Board is still working on the possibility of a Stitch-Away in October.
2. Our chapter received a letter from the Missouri State Fair, Entry Supervisor, thanking us for the \$20.00 sponsorship we donated. Our donation goes as an award to a needlepoint entry showing the best use of stitches (excluding basket weave and continental). Discussion followed about the following - collaborate with the Kansas City Chapter, promote the Fair within our Chapter and encourage members to submit work. It was agreed that it would be helpful to contact the fair planners and also visit the Sedalia, MO fair and learn how we can increase our visibility or participation. Julie Cook volunteered to lead a special committee for our Chapter. Any interested members can contact Julie for more information.

New Business:

1. There are four open positions on the Board for the 2018-2020 years; Newsletter, Programs, Public Relations and Treasurer. Need to appoint a Nominating Committee to present a ballot in April for voting. Hanna Evens volunteered at the morning meeting. During the evening meeting, Jan Poneta and Mickey Knutson joined as two more volunteers. The following scenarios will be reviewed by the nominating committee:
 - a. Current board officers may remain for their current role.
 - b. Current board officers may vacate their role and switch to another open role.
 - c. Board positions may be shared by two members with the exception of Treasurer due to specific required bank procedures.

2. Linda Lesh proposed creating an on-line gallery of members completed works for historical archives. Possibly this would function as part of Public Relations and would be visible on our Web site and Facebook pages. Linda Lesh and Julie Cook will create a committee to develop this idea.

Adjourn the meeting: The morning meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.

The morning business meeting was followed by Show and Tell and Patterns 4 and 5 of the Posies project taught by Linda Lesh.

The evening meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. with motions to adjourn by Stephanie Hornsby and Julie Cook. The evening meeting was followed by patterns 4 and 5 of the Patterns and Posies project taught by Linda Lesh.

If any motions require a member vote during our meeting, the following chapter bylaw will be applied.

ARTICLE VII -- Meetings:

Section 4. Fifteen percent (15%) of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.