

## Gateway Chapter Monthly Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Morning meeting was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by President Donna Beaman. Evening meeting has been canceled.

**Secretary (Charlene Wall) Report:** Previous minutes have been reported on the website. Judy Lewis made the motion that the minutes be accepted. Nancy Feldman seconded the motion with the motion being carried.

### **President (Donna Beaman) Report:**

1. New Officers Mary Brooke Maher (Programs), Donna Hinden (Treasurer), Judy Lewis (Newsletter), Regina Mohan (Public Relations) were installed. (Regina was absent because of a broken toe.)
2. Donna reported that two stitch-ins have been set for the summer with a sign up sheet being sent around for other dates to be volunteered:
  - a. Judy Lewis on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Judy will prepare a salad with pizza being ordered and paid for by the members in attendance
  - b. Maribell Knickerbocker on Saturday, July 26

### **Committee Reports:**

**Workshops (Debbie Jacobson) Report:** not present and no report

**Webmaster (Janice Marsh) Report:** No report. Janice did ask the membership if corrections needed to be made, to please contact her.

**Philanthropy (Debbie Jacobson) Report:** Neither Debbie nor Regina were present. Donna Beaman reminded membership that \$544.00 was given by the members as well as copies of books for the classroom. Donna also shared with membership an e-mail sent by Pat Dugan, ANG North Central Area Representative, commending our Chapter for our Philanthropy project this year. A copy is attached.

**Treasurer (Donna Hinden) Report:** Donna reported that total expenses for the preceding month were \$168.00 with expenses being \$120.24 leaving a balance of \$5479.25. A copy is attached.

**Newsletter (Judy Lewis) Report:** Those who received their newsletter's mailed hard copy were informed of an error in printing. They were printed in color but are too expensive to continue. It was the printer's error and will not happen again. The next newsletter will be for July-August. Deadline for information will be end of June.

**Membership (Kathryn Nagy) Report:** No new members were reported. We have 77 members.

**Fundraising (Nancy Kinker) Report:** No report.

**Public Relations (Regina Mohan) Report:** Not present and no report.

**Programs (Mary Brooke Maher) Report:** Mary Brooke asked if anyone wanted to participate in a sub-committee about the year's up-coming programs. Suggestions were made about approaching members who have not been attending and what might draw them to meetings. A group will meet to decide the programs for the next year.

**Old Business:**

1. The Spring Luncheon is coming soon and plans are going well. Ellen Ippolito had sign up forms with her. Nancy Kinker offered to bring 2 bags of ice. The board members have signed up to bring drinks. Linda Lesh is a member of Gateway Chapter and is Barb Smith's landscaper. Linda will bring Barb a potted plant for her patio as a thank you for offering her home for the Spring Luncheon. There will be the annual drawing for free membership for a year with 3 attendance prize drawings. The prize for the "Most Unusual Stitching Spot" will also be handed out.
2. Donna showed the Ort Box directions she purchased from National. A suggestion was made that it might be next year's programs.

**New Business:**

1. Evening meeting attendance has been zero or close to it the last few months. Donna indicated that if even one person wanted to attend the evening meeting, she would be there, but did not enjoy driving in to wait in an empty room for members who never showed up. Question was raised as how to bring up attendance at evening meetings. Much discussion and suggestions were made. A survey will be designed and sent out to members to find out their wishes on evening meetings as well as other concerns.
2. As a chapter, we need to be working on getting new members. Discussion on this subject was had. The suggestions were given to perhaps reach out to women's groups, children's groups, and youth groups. Members were asked to consider all and will be brought up in the fall for action.
3. Show and Tell was next with many beautiful stitchery projects being shown and pictures taken.
4. A picture of the pumpkins completed from last year's workshop was taken.
5. Not least, it is Florence Bell's birthday today. Membership offered many returns on the day.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a. m.

Respectfully submitted by Charlene L. Wall, Secretary