

American Needlepoint Guild

Gateway Chapter

Monthly Meetings October 20, 2016

The morning meeting was called to order on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 10:02AM by Co-President, Charlene Wall. There were 17 members present.

The evening meeting was called to order at 7:15PM by Co-President, Charlene Wall. There were 6 members present.

Both meetings were held at Ladue Chapel.

President's Report

Charlene discussed the following topics:

1. UFO forms will be passed around for members who wish to participate in the 2016-17 challenge. Please include the name of your project to be finished(stitching) by next September's meeting. If not, a forfeit of \$10.00 is due, payable to the Chapter.
2. Also being passed around are photo-release forms. Members will have to give their permission to be identified in any pictures that are posted on social media, or printed in the national magazine.
3. Paper copies of the current newsletter are available here today.
4. Gave a brief synopsis of the very successful October Stitch-Away.
5. Would like to have an interim Philanthropy Chair in place for the remainder of year. This is a non-voting position on the Board, up for reappointment in May 2017. If anyone is interested, please contact Charlene for a description of the office, or Judy Lewis for an outline of what the Chapter has done this fall.
6. Asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. See more on this in Old Business.
7. Kathy Scioneaux is still working on the Chapter receiving tax-exempt status.
8. Cancelled the proposed workshop with National Teacher, Toni Gerdes. This was discussed and voted on at the last Board Meeting. It was felt that there would not be sufficient funds in the treasury to support another workshop within a year of the last one. We had until the end of this year to cancel with Ms. Gerdes. There was no penalty for cancelling. She said that we are welcomed to contact her in the future.

Secretary's Report

Nancy Kinker reported that the minutes from September's meetings have been posted on the Chapter's website. There have been no additions or corrections. A motion to accept the minutes as posted was made by Hanna Evens and seconded by Judy Lewis. All were in favor, the motion carried, and the minutes will be accepted as posted.

Treasurer's Report

Donna Hinden reported that as of September 30, 2016 there was a balance of \$10,516.58 in the treasury. Donna has not received the invoice from Cedar Creek Lodge for the Stitch-Away earlier this month, which will reduce the balance considerably.

Committee Reports

Fund Raising--Stephanie Hornsby and Kathryn Nagy: Stephanie reported that the first dining fund raiser at Pieology netted \$61.15. A dollar amount for the second one was not available. The third fund raiser will be at Pieology on Sunday, Nov. 6th. Please consider eating in or taking something home on the 6th. This is the date of our Fall Retreat at the Needlepoint Clubhouse. Items that were ordered at the September meetings are ready for pickup and payment. Stephanie is taking additional orders for delivery in November.

In addition to the Pieology fund raiser, Stephanie has arranged for her friend, Vanessa, who is a massage therapist to give hand and arm massages as part of the Fall Retreat. Vanessa is donating her time from 1 to 4PM that day. Please consider a massage for a \$1.00 a minute.

Membership--Leigh Hullverson: Leigh reports that there are 70 current members. We have a new member today, Jan Davenport.

Newsletter--Ginger Grigsby: Ginger was not at either meeting. The next newsletter will be published on December 1st.

Programs--Judy Lewis: Judy will be turning the program over to Kathy Scioneaux after the meeting adjourns. Kathy will be presenting the two month project: Stitcher's Parking Lot.

Philanthropy--Position is currently vacant. However, Judy Lewis has found two worthy endeavors for us. Judy has asked the Chapter members to bring socks and underwear for children in grades K thru 5. These items will be distributed to children in need at schools in St. Louis City and County. The program is run by The National Council of Jewish Women. Judy also has asked us to bring the little courtesy bottles that are in hotel rooms. These bottles--

shampoo, conditioners, and lotion as well as small soap bars are collected and distributed by her Temple.

This afternoon we will be hosting a Girl Scout Brownie Troop from Bellerive School. Chapter members donated the following items: plastic canvas, Judy Lewis; plastic needles, Donna Beaman; yarn, Judy Lewis; felt backing for finishing, Nancy Kinker; and snacks and water, Charlene Wall. Linda Aboussie from The Needlepoint Clubhouse provided each girl with a \$5.00 gift certificate. The hour spent teaching the girls beginning needlepoint will go toward a badge requirement. Hopefully, it will get a new generation interested in needlepointing.

Public Relations--Donna Beaman: Donna has contacted National about the possibility of an article on the magnetic boards we made at the September meeting appearing in an upcoming issue of NeedleNotes. All those appearing in the photo will need to sign a release.

Donna will contact Judy Lewis to collaborate on writing the article.

Social--Ellen Ippolito: Ellen was not at either meeting and had no report.

Webmaster--Janice Marsh: Janice was not at either meeting and had no

report. **Workshops--Jan Poneta:** Jan was not at either meeting and had no

report.

New Business

Stephanie Hornsby asked for a membership survey regarding this year's fund raising efforts. She and Kathryn would be interested in what the membership thought worked, what didn't, and what else might be done. Would a straight donation or a coin drop work?

The annual Spring Retreat will be Sunday, April 2, 2017 at Sign of the Arrow. Hanna Evens will be coordinating.

The books and canvases that are here today are a donation from Mary Landwerth, a former member of our Chapter. For a small donation, members are welcomed to take what they would like.

Next month, we will hold a dual meeting with the local chapter of EGA. Their regular meeting day is November 8th, and their meeting place is a polling place.

Old Business

Please consider serving on the Nominating Committee. The committee needs to have a Board Member (not the President) and two at-large members. Offices to be filled are President, Secretary, and Membership. Non-voting positions to be filled are Social and Philanthropy.

The following members brought finished project for Show and Tell: Nancy Feldman, Hanna Evens, Jan Davenport, Mary Carol Kleusner, and Stephanie Hornsby.

A motion to adjourn the morning meeting was made by Judy Lewis and seconded by Nancy Feldman. All were in favor, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10AM.

A motion to adjourn the evening meeting was made by Stephanie Hornsby and seconded by Linda Lesh. All were in favor, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

The program for October and November is Stitcher's Parking Lot. Kathy Scioneaux introduced the project at the morning meeting. Kathy gave us some tips to work some of the stitches and areas. If anyone has a completed project by next month, they will be eligible for a prize. Judy Lewis passed packages of needles around. A needle fills one of the spots on the project. Charlene Wall filled in for Kathy at the evening meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kinker
October 29, 2016