

**Minutes of the Gateway Chapter ANG Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, October 20, 2005 and Monday, October 24, 2005**

Members greatly appreciated a wonderful program by Erbie Cooley on mounting a stitched piece to a straw purse.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm (Oct. 20) by Linda Elkow and at 11:00 am (Oct. 24) by Denise Beusen.

**Minutes:** The minutes are posted on line on the chapter web site and were also available in the meeting room on the display table. Erbie Cooley made a motion to accept the minutes as posted. Peggy Nedeau seconded. Passed.

**Treasurer:** Betty Rosenberger was not present. She reported a balance of \$4,106.70 as of September 30, 2005.

**Membership:** Linda Elkow reported that we have 68 members at the current time. One guest at the Thursday night meeting, Mary Ruth, was introduced.

**Newsletter:** Janine Webb was not present. The newsletter will go out the beginning of November; the copy deadline is October 30.

**Philanthropy and Public Relations:** Peggy Nedueau brought the stitched and framed "Little People" canvas for members to view. Pat Giarraffa volunteered to deliver it to the Ronald McDonald house. It was suggested that a picture of the presentation to the house could be put in the Suburban Journal. Erbie suggested that we also look into sending a picture to Needle Pointers. Susan Lucci volunteered to stitch the background for the other, larger Little People canvas. There was discussion as to where to donate the canvas. The members would like to look into a women's shelter. Linda Lesh will contact Lydia's House, a women's shelter.

**Ways and Means:** The December fundraising activity will be gift wrapping at Border's in Brentwood again this year. Mickey Knutson passed around the sign-up sheet. The dates are Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-6 and Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> from 9-2.

**Programs:** The November meeting will be a bracelet that has small frames for small canvases. The cost is \$20.00, and members can order them through Linda Elkow.

**Sunshine/Historian/Social:** Anne Freeman reported that the Holiday Party will be January 14<sup>th</sup> at her house from 10 am – 1 pm. Invitations will be mailed in December. Members will be asked to bring a dish and a \$10.00 gift.

**Webmaster:** Janice Marsh was absent; there was no report. Photographs of the September Drag 'N Brag winners and their works have been posted on our web site.

**Old Business:** A number of members shared their very positive experiences in Nashville at the ANG National Seminar earlier in the month.

**New Business:** The chapter will be starting a new incentive program, the Participation Challenge, in November. Members may earn tickets by a variety of different ways, including bringing a finished piece and bringing a guest. The details will appear on our website and in the November NeedleNotes. The tickets will be kept in the President's gavel pouch, and one ticket will be drawn at the Spring Luncheon to receive an ANG membership.

Mickey Knutson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm; seconded by Anne Freeman.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Ramsdell.