

American Needlepoint Guild

Gateway Chapter

Thursday April 21, 2016

The morning meeting was called to order at 10:03AM by Co-President Charlene Wall. There were 10 members present.

The evening meeting was called to order at 6:55PM by Co-President Charlene Wall. There were 5 members present.

Both meetings were held at Ladue Chapel.

President's Remarks

Charlene announced that the next Board Meeting will be May 19th. It will be at 1:00PM at Ladue Chapel, between the morning and evening meetings. Newly installed officers will take their place on the Board.

The Spring Retreat at Sign of The Arrow was a success! Of the nineteen members who signed up to attend, seventeen were there. We had a great time, stitching the day away!

The budget for 2016-17 will be a projected one at this time. Figures will be based on the budgets from the last two years. Charlene will meet with Donna Hinden when the officers and committee chairs have turned their budgets in. Charlene and Donna will put the budget together and email it to each Board Member for their thoughts and acceptance.

These remarks were read at both meetings.

Secretary's Remarks

Nancy Kinker reported that the minutes from last month's business meetings have been posted on the Chapter's Website. Minutes from March's Board Meeting have been emailed to each Board Member. Two corrections were made, and those corrections were emailed as an addenda to each Board Member.

I sent Thank-you notes to Terry Dryden and Sign of The Arrow (Julie Filean and Randi Hanpeter) for the Spring Workshop and the Spring Retreat respectively.

These remarks were read at both meetings.

Treasurer's Remarks

Donna Hinden reported that as of March 31, 2016, there is a balance of \$10,388.43. Included in this balance is the money that has been taken in for the October Stitch-Away and not been paid to Cedar Creek Lodge. These remarks were read at both meetings.

Committee Reports

Workshops--Jan Poneta: There was no report at the morning meeting. At the evening meeting, Jan reported that 24 members have paid-in-full for the October Stitch-Away.

The Spring Workshop will be on March 9 and 10, 2017 at Ladue Chapel. The cost of the Workshop, Textured Paisley, will be \$120.00. This includes canvas, threads, embellishments, and two days of instruction. Deadline for sign-up is December 12, 2016. There is a photo of the project on our website. Jan will have a completed model of the project available for interested members to look at at both of the May meetings and at the Spring Luncheon in June. Jan will be sending the model back to Toni Gerdes following the luncheon.

Although nothing has been formulated, members should consider volunteering for committees to plan the next workshop, in 2018, as well as fund raising for it.

Webmaster--Janice Marsh: Janice was not present at either meeting, and there was no report.

Fund Raising--Donna Beaman: Donna was not present at either meeting, and there was no report.

Philanthropy--Debbie Jacobson: Debbie was not present at either meeting, and there was no report.

Public Relations--Regina Mohan: Regina was not present at either meeting, and there was no report. Some ideas were discussed at the evening meeting. They were:

1. New design for the trifold, possibly post card size. Jan Poneta will look into printing costs. A smaller size may be more appealing to potential members.
2. Still explore the option of placing information in customer's bags at the local shops.
3. Think about using social media to attract new members. Jan will also look into obtaining a release form for members to sign if photos of their faces were to appear with their projects on Facebook and LinkedIn.

These ideas will be forwarded to Donna Beaman who will become the new Public Relations Chair in May. Jan, Leigh Hullverson, and possibly Janice Marsh could help Donna set these sites up.

Social--Ellen Ippolito: Ellen reported that the Spring Luncheon will be Saturday June 11, 2016 at Barb Smith's home. A cost of the catered lunch from Gourmet-To-Go is \$20.00. Ellen has paper copies with menu choices and all other pertinent information. The flyer will be printed in the Newsletter. Just print it, make your menu choice, cut off the left side of the flyer, and return it to Ellen along with your check for \$20.00 payable to **Gateway Chapter ANG**. Attendance is limited to the first 30 members.

Ellen went on to say that Regina Mohan is still at Barnes Convalescence Hospital in Clayton. Cards and visits would help her pass the time. Nancy Hanon is home recovering from hip replacement surgery. Kathryn Nagy broke her left arm.

These remarks were read at the evening meeting.

Newsletter--Judy Lewis: Judy asked for articles for the May/June Newsletter to be sent to her by April 25th.

These remarks were read at the evening meeting.

Membership--Leigh Hullverson: Leigh was not present at the morning meeting. At the evening meeting, Leigh reported that there are currently 75 members. Two have resigned for health reasons.

Programs--Charlene Wall: We will continue to work on our Brenda Hart Project.

Old Business

Charlene reminded us that UFO projects will be due in September. Bring your finished canvas projects, or pay \$10.00 for incomplete ones.

New Business

Charlene read the names of members who were presented by the Nominating Committee to fill expired terms as officers of our organization for the next two years. They are: First Vice President for Programs; Judy Lewis
Newsletter; Ginger Grigsby
Public Relations; Donna Beaman
Treasurer; Donna Hinden, who will serve another two years.

Charlene asked for a motion to accept the slate. A motion to that effect was made by Judy Harper and seconded by Hanna Evens. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Installation of the new officers will take place at the start of the May Business Meeting. Charlene thanked the Nominating Committee for their time and a job well

done. On a related note, Kathryn Nagy has volunteered to work with Stephanie Hornsby on the Fund Raising Committee.

Ellen asked about prizes for the Spring Luncheon. In the past, two names have been drawn at the luncheon as attendance prizes. A \$25.00 gift certificate each to The Clubhouse and Sign of The Arrow will be given to the lucky winners. Although this was discussed, there was no motion for the allocation of funds. It will be brought back at the May meeting. Also discussed was an honorarium for Barb Smith in the amount of \$50.00. This is the Chapter's way of saying Thank-you to Barb for hosting the luncheon. After a short discussion of available charities, a motion was made by Judy Lewis and seconded by Hanna Evens. All were in favor. The motion carried. Ellen will get the name of the charity that Barb would like to have the donation made to.

These remarks were made at the evening meeting.

Two members had Show and Tell projects.

Charlene asked for motions to adjourn the meetings. The motion to adjourn the morning meeting was made by Judy Lewis and seconded by Nancy Feldman. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:46AM. The motion to adjourn the evening meeting was made by Leigh Hullverson and seconded by Vicki Sauter. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kinker, Secretary
April 24, 2016