

Gateway Chapter Member Meeting Notes Thursday, April 18, 2019

President--Janice Marsh called the April meetings to order at 10:10 A.M. CDT and the evening meeting at 6:35 P.M.

Review of minutes (Secretary-Mickey Knutson):

1. There were no corrections of the posted minutes from the previous meeting, the March monthly meeting notes are approved as posted.
2. There was no new correspondence.
3. No motions set forward by the board for discussion and vote by the members.
4. **Board Nominations:** We have filled our slate for open Board positions, and nominations will be accepted until our May meeting when we will vote on new Officers. Judy Lewis has been nominated for President, Hanna Evens, Secretary, Janice Marsh, Membership, Jane Normile has already partnered with Kathryn and Stephanie to take over Fundraising, and Ann Patterson has volunteered to be our Webmaster. Nominations will be accepted until our next meeting on Thursday, May 16th. Members will vote in May and new officers will be installed at the May A.M. meeting.

Officer, Committee, and Special Committee Reports:

1. Officer Reports:
 - a. **Treasurer** (Kathy Scioneaux): A final report is being prepared and is available for all members to review upon request.
 - b. **Membership** (Nancy Feldman): We have 68 members, two new members and one deceased. Membership is not allowed to anyone not paying both local **and** national dues.
 - c. **Programs** (Julie Cook not present): Eileen Chalk presented a sample of the “*Hydrangea Through Window*”, by Terry Dryden, our project which we will start in the fall (voted and approved by the Board in January 2019).
 - d. **Fundraising** (Jane Normile, Kathryn Nagy, Stephanie Hornsby): We are continuing the Dime Drop. Working on projects for the EGA conference in STL this fall. We will have a table to sell STL and stitch themed items and welcome suggestions and ideas from our members.
2. Committee Chairmen Reports:
 - a. **Philanthropy** (Vicki Sauter): Members brought Birthday Bags for food pantry *Circle of Concern*. It was questioned if we will continue this through the summer and it was proposed that those attending summer stitch-ins bring their birthday bags to the stitch-ins.
 - b. **Social** (Ellen Ippolito): Barb Smith is recovering nicely from her back surgery April 4th. Peggy Sims passed away in the hospital on April 14th. Her memorial was private.
Spring Luncheon: Judy Lewis has kindly volunteered to do the luncheon in her home this year (Barb Smith is recovering from back surgery). The date is Saturday, June 1, 2019, 11:30 to 2:30. Invitations and menu selections were distributed at the meetings, please be sure to RSVP by May 23rd.
 - c. **Workshops** (Stephanie Hornsby): April meetings were last call for the Pumpkin workshop in June. Working on securing a contract with Tony Gerdes for 2020, for the Kimono that was voted on and approved by the Board last fall.
3. Special Committee Chairmen Reports:
 - a. **Spring Retreat:** The spring retreat, Sunday, April 7th at Sign of the Arrow was very successful and our appreciation and thanks to Randi and Julie at Sign for hosting us.

Everyone enjoyed the gifts and took advantage of the generous discount they offered to us that day.

- b. **Stitch-Away** – (Kathy Scioneaux): We have 19 members signed up for the Stitch-Away in New Haven, October 13-15, 2019. Final payments are due in May.
- c. **EGA – ANG – Stitch-Day** (Kathy Scioneaux) Saturday, May 11, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church on Clayton Road and Hwy 141. Kathy will order lunch in and will contact attendees via email to provide lunch details, and you may also bring your own lunch if that is your preference. Be sure to wear your name badge and bring one Show and Tell item along with your stitching for the day. To date a combination of 35 total attendees from the ANG and EGA chapters have signed up to attend.

Unfinished Business:

1. Innovations in Textiles 2019. (Donna Beaman) – we are still pursuing this to determine the return on our investment (\$150.00) for this event taking place in the fall of 2019.
2. Show Me Stitchers (EGA Seminar in downtown St. Louis on November 1): Our Chapter is planning to have a table to sell stash items (i.e. Garage Sale!). This will be managed and organized separately from the items sold by our Fundraising chairmen. Janice Marsh and Mickey Knutson have volunteered to manage this sale and welcome additional volunteers. Members should start pulling items from their personal stash that they are ready to depart with, canvasses, books and threads. Items that do not sell will not be returned and all money from this sale will belong to the chapter.

New Business:

1. **Summer Stitch-Ins:** Regular meetings are suspended during the summer months of June, July and August. Summer Stitch-Ins are a Chapter tradition hosted by member volunteers and usually held on a Saturday in the hostess volunteer's home. Hostesses select the day/date and it does not have to be a Saturday. Members bring a bag lunch and a stitching project (or two) and Hostesses provide beverages and dessert. Eileen Chalk is hosting Monday, June 17th at her home in Washington, MO, Leigh Hullverson will host in August, day/date pending. We still need a hostess volunteer for July.
2. **Fall Retreat:** The Needlepoint Clubhouse has generously offered to host us in the fall for our annual retreat. Stephanie Hornsby has volunteered with Nancy Kinker to organize this event at The Clubhouse. A firm date will be announced at our May meeting.

Adjourn the meeting:

The meetings were adjourned at 10:55 A.M. and 7:20 P.M.

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.