

Gateway Chapter Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 15, 2018

Janice Marsh, President, called the morning meeting to order at 10:07 A.M. (20 attendees and 1 guest)

Janice Marsh, President, called the evening meeting to order at 6:55 P.M. (9 attendees)

Review of minutes:

1. **Secretary** Minutes from the February meeting were accepted as posted.
2. **Secretary** There was no new correspondence nor new motions requiring action by the board.
3. **President** (Janice Marsh) There were no motions set forward by the Board for discussion and vote by members.

Officer Reports:

President (Janice Marsh):

1. Final Board Meeting for this year is today, Thursday, March 15, at 1:00 P.M. and all members are welcome to attend.
2. There will be an E-blast going out to Members on the Tuesday prior to our monthly meetings, as a reminder for the meetings and also if anyone has a short announcement to be made to the Members. Please contact Janice to submit a topic.
3. Trying a new format for our business meetings; objective is to include only essential officer reports and reserve other officer report details for Board Meetings or via notes on the agenda or by member email.
4. Introduced a new format for our meetings, to follow Show and Tell, and calling this reserved time Member Chat. It is setting aside time for our members to share stitching experiences or new techniques that they have discovered or used on a retreat or class. This is a way for members to share suggestions to improve our meetings making them more informative for all. This segment will be timed by the President.

Treasurer (Donna Hinden): The balance of \$8,558.08 will be decreased when the April expenses are paid. The Treasurers report currently includes money received for the Retreat and Michele Roberts class.

Nominations (Jan Poneta, Hanna Evens and Mickey Knutson): We reached out via telephone to all Members to chat about Chapter activities, classes, meetings, and to give everyone an opportunity to volunteer to serve on the Board. We missed talking to a few as some calls were not returned. There were three openings for the Board to be installed in May and all positions have been filled, as follows:

Kathy Scioneaux has agreed to move from her position as Membership and take on the two-year commitment for Treasurer. **Nancy Feldman** will take the position of Membership and complete the one year of service that was left on Kathy's service.

Julie Cook will be our new Programs chair working closely with her Programs Sub-Committee of six volunteers: **Kathy Scioneaux, Eileen Chalk, Peggy Sims, Jan Poneta, Hanna Evens and Mickey Knutson.**

Leigh Hullverson volunteered to take on Newsletter, (which is a Board position that can be shared) and a second volunteer is needed, to work with Leigh. The newsletter is setup in a template in Word format.

Per our Chapter Bylaws, all members will have an opportunity to make nominations at our April meeting prior to the above nominations being approved.

Social (Ellen Ippolito): Nancy Feldman has a new granddaughter, and Susan Lucco is going to have her third grandchild. Megan Holmes has officially resigned from her full-time position at Maryville and will be full time at The Needlepoint Clubhouse. Anne Freeman has been ill and not able to attend meetings and shop stitching.

Workshops (Donna Beaman): Signups are still being accepted for the Michele Roberts class April 29th, deadline to register is March 29th. It is also stipulated that all attendees must be in attendance when class starts and stay until completion of class. Cancellation from class is acceptable with a personal emergency and money will be refunded. *A question was raised in the evening meeting regarding the supplies needed and size of frames for this class. Janice is checking with Donna and will let attendees know.*

Fundraising (Stephanie Hornsby, Kathryn Nagy): Stephanie and Kathryn set up a full display of logoed items for sale with shopping available after the meetings. Items include 4 sizes of binders, snap boxes, photo boxes, cloth bags, metal tins, dog tags, clip boards, water and coffee cups. They also are continuing to pass the "Dime Drop" cannister and will report the amount at our next meeting.

Concern was expressed that we continue to fund ourselves with our fundraising projects by selling merchandise to our members. ***Will add this concern to New Business for later discussion.***

Programs (Eileen Chalk): Members continued to work on the Patterns and Posies project and most are keeping up and all seem to be enjoying the challenge, the results are beautiful.

Unfinished Business:

1. Stitch-Away, October, 2018. Jan Poneta, Hanna Evens, and Kathy Scioneaux researching the options. Cedar Creek was a prior location and is just a 50-minute drive from 270 and Olive in St. Louis County.
2. Jan Davenport is organizing the Spring Luncheon which will be Saturday June 2, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Our thanks to Barb Smith for opening her home to all of us for this annual event. Watch your mailbox for details.

New Business:

1. Raise Local Dues: It has been suggested that we raise our local dues in an effort to keep our budget at a level where we can afford to bring in National teachers to provide education every year. We need to determine if this is a viable solution and a plan to increase local dues is agreed then we will also need to determine the dollar amount of increase. Janice will gather details about the last price increase and contact ANG about their next increase.
2. Advisory Group: In an effort to maintain continuity it is suggested we create an Advisory Group. It was suggested that past Presidents sit on Board as Advisory group. We need further discussion.

Notes from other Officer Reports:

Newsletter (Judy Lewis): Judy out of town but advised articles are due April 24th for the May/June issue.

Public Relations (Donna Beaman): Donna announced she will be collecting summer (Patriotic) themed finished needlepoint projects to display at the County Library in July.

Membership (Kathy Scioneaux): Kathy was absent. We currently have 61 members.

Philanthropy (Vicki Sauter): Vicki is looking at options for a smaller project this spring. “Pantry Pairs” and feminine hygiene products were suggested for members to donate at our April and/or May meetings this spring. (Pantry Pairs are items like peanut butter and jelly, tuna and mayonnaise etc.)

Webmaster (Janice Marsh): No report on website, our Chapter meeting events have been added to Facebook (Gateway ANG Chapter). Please send photos for sharing and suggestions for our FB page. Leigh Hullverson and Janice March are currently managing the FB page.

Special Committee Reports:

Spring Retreat (Nancy Feldman): The Spring Retreat at Sign, Sunday, April 22, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, currently SOLD OUT. Nancy has a wait list in the event there are cancellations.

The morning meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM. With motions to adjourn by Hanna Evens and Peggy Sims

The evening meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M. with motions to adjourn by Linda Lesh and Jan Poneta.

Both meetings were followed with Show and Tell, Member Chat and instructions for the Patterns and Posies project.

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.