

Gateway Chapter Monthly Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2014

Call the meeting to order. Record the time. Morning meeting: 10:00 am; Evening meeting: Not held because of high winds and power outages; however, Judy Lewis, Regina Mohan and Judy Harper did make it to Ladue Chapel.

Secretary (Charlene Wall) **Report:** (Charlene was on vacation; Donna Beaman and Judy Lewis took the minutes.) Donna Beaman asked for a motion to approve last month's minutes. Linda Lesh obliged, Mary Carol Kluesner seconded the motion and it was approved.

President (Donna Beaman) **Report:** Donna noted that we had a new member present, Michelle Smith. Michelle met us through her friend, Mary Brooke Maher, who joined our group last year.

Committee Reports:

Workshops (Ellen Ippolito) **Report:** Ellen was on vacation, but Regina Mohan reported that the March 20th workshop with Libby Sturdy was completely sold out. If anyone is still interested in the class, Libby is allowing "ghost" participants. Call Regina for information. The canvases for the workshop will be available ahead of time so that they can be attached to the student-supplied stretcher bars. Regina will bring them to the March 20 meetings and they will also be available at the Needlepoint Clubhouse after the meetings. The Gateway Chapter is covering the cost of Libby's airline ticket, food and class fee. Each person is only responsible for the cost of the kit.

Webmaster (Janice Marsh) **Report:** Janice is interested in possibly updating our website. If anyone has seen a website that looks promising, let Janice know.

Philanthropy (Debbie Jacobson) **Report:** Debbie was not present, but Regina reported that next month would be the last month for collecting money so that each child in the class that we have "adopted" could go home with at least one book of their own for the summer. According to the teacher, all of these books need to be identical, so that is why we are collecting money. We need to collect a minimum of \$95.00 to guarantee each child in the kindergarten class one book each.

Treasurer (Carol Bosche) **Report:** Carol was not present, but here is the report for January:

On January 8th we had \$8,982.69. In January, we had deposits of \$497.08 and expenses of \$270.72, leaving us with a balance of \$9,200.05. This balance includes much of the money for the upcoming workshop.

Newsletter (Judy Lewis) **Report:** The newsletter for March and April is in work and Judy asked for any articles submitted as soon as possible.

Membership (Kathryn Nagy) **Report:** We currently have 75 members. Kathryn thanked those members who have sent their dues in ahead of time. There seem to be some members who are behind in sending in their National dues. Kathryn reminded members that they must be members in good standing of the National ANG in order to be Gateway Chapter members. National sends out snail-mail reminders to members. Linda Lesh asked if Gateway Chapter e-mail reminder letters could be updated to be more friendly in tone. Donna Beaman and Kathryn Nagy said that they would work on that together after the morning meeting.

Fundraising (Nancy Kinker) **Report:** There was a discussion about possibly selling snap trays with the Gateway Chapter logo or monograms for a fundraiser. Judy Lewis and Nancy Kinker will look into this and report back.

Public Relations (Sally Ross) **Report:** Sally has flyers for shops if needed.

Programs (Regina Mohan) **Report:** The Spring Retreat will be held at The Sign of The Arrow on Sunday, April 13, from 10:30 to 4:30. The cost is \$15.00. You will either need to bring your lunch or go out to one of the restaurants in the area.

After the business meeting, Regina distributed the 5th Coaster from this year's program to those who signed up for them. Several people brought some stitched coasters in from previous months.

Old Business: Donna Beaman reminded people about the Rebate Program, which will be available through August 31, 2014, and the Photo Contest (we have 2 photos now). Check the website for full details on both of these.

New Business: No new business was brought up.

The morning business meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.