

American Needlepoint Guild

Gateway Chapter

Monthly Meeting-----February 16, 2017

The morning meeting was called to order by Co-President Kathy Scioneaux at 10:03AM. There were 9 members present.

The evening meeting was called to order by Co-President Kathy Scioneaux at 7:03PM. There were 5 members present.

Both meetings were held at Ladue Chapel.

President's Report--Kathy Scioneaux

New Business: The Embroiders Guild of America(EGA) will be hosting a finishing class on Saturday, April 22nd. A finisher from Silver Needle will teach finishing for 4 types of small projects. The class is geared toward embroiderers, but needlepointers are also welcomed. If anyone is interested, please contact Kathy Scioneaux for further information.

We need a member to coordinate the Spring Luncheon. It will be on Saturday, June 3rd at Barb Smith's home. Jan Davenport has graciously consented to be in charge. Detailed information will be available in the newsletters, as well as the monthly meetings.

Old Business: The Spring Retreat will be held at Sign of the Arrow on Sunday, April 2, 2017. The cost is \$15.00. Mail your check to Charlene Wall. Make it payable to Gateway Chapter ANG. There are 12 spots left. See the Newsletter for times.

A discussion regarding returning to Cedar Creek Lodge for another overnight in October was held. The members present felt that there had not been enough time to explore other venues, that the contract to commit Chapter money for a deposit was too hurried, and there still issues over food--both served there and bringing in from the outside. Maribel Knickerbacher volunteered to join Hanna Evens and Charlene Wall in planning the next Stitch-Away. There was no further discussion. Kathy asked for a motion to table the Stitch-away for this year. The motion was made by Judy Lewis and seconded by Donna Beaman. All were in favor. Kathy will let Charlene know what was discussed and then decided.

As of this meeting, there is only one office that has been filled for next year. Kathy will be doing Membership. The Chapter needs President, Secretary, Programs, Social, Workshops, and Philanthropy filled. There were no volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Phone calls by Charlene and Kathy were not successful. There is a distinct possibility that if no one volunteers to be President, that the Chapter will disband. Monies that remain in the Treasury could be used for our educational purposes, or revert to the National organization.

Secretary's Report--Nancy Kinker

Minutes from last month's meetings have been posted on the Chapter's website. There have been no additions or corrections. Kathy asked for a motion to accept the minutes as posted. The motion was made by Judy Lewis and seconded by Ellen Ippolito. There was no discussion. All were in favor. The minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasurer's Report--Donna Hinden

Donna was not present at either meeting as she continues to recover from her recent surgery. Kathy did not have a current balance, but figures that Donna provided indicate that the balance remains about \$6,000.00.

Committee Reports

Fund Raising--Stephanie Hornsby and Kathryn Nagy: Neither were present at either meeting. Stephanie was ill and Kathryn was out of town. Stephanie sent their report which Kathy read. The most recent fundraising event at Pieology the weekend of February 4th, 5th, and 6th netted \$27.00. The next event at Pieology will be March 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. Classes will be held at The Needlepoint ClubHouse that weekend. Flyers with the discount information will be available at the ClubHouse prior to that weekend. Flyers must be presented at the time of ordering for the Chapter to receive credit.

Membership--Leigh Hullverson: Leigh was not present at either meeting. She sent in her report. There are currently 64 members.

Newsletter--Judy Lewis: Judy reported at both meetings that the next Newsletter for March/April will go out at the end of March. Judy needs articles for this issue by March 25th.

Programs--Judy Lewis: Judy reported at both meetings that the project for this month and next will be the Tic-Tac-Toe canvas. Information on this project has been sent out via emails. Judy reviewed the instructions today, with the actual stitching starting at next month's meeting.

The snap tray project will begin in April. The Chapter will furnish the canvas and supplies for finishing. Members will supply their own threads. This project and the finishing may continue over the summer; it doesn't have to be completed by the end of the business year in May. The canvases will be available at the March meeting.

Philanthropy--Judy Lewis: Judy reported at both meetings that she is still collecting underwear for the elementary schools that keep a supply for children in need. The donations are overseen by The National Council of Jewish Women. Judy also asked for continuing donations of the courtesy bottles and supplies that are found in hotel rooms. She will continue to collect these items and drop them off, again at The NCJW. At the morning meeting, Ellen Ippolito talked about an organization that she has recently volunteered at. It is called "It's Your Birthday". This organization provides birthday cakes, party favors and gifts to children that are in shelters or homeless. Many of these children have never experienced a birthday party. Ellen thought that this might be an organization that the Chapter could become involved with next year. Information on this organization can be obtained at itsyourbirthday.org.

Following this discussion at the evening meeting, Vicki Sauter volunteer to become the Philanthropy Chair for the next two years.

Public Relations--Donna Beaman: Donna reported at the morning meeting that she has finally obtained all of the signatures required by National for members' photos to appear in Needlepointers magazine. Donna will submit the article and picture of the magnetic board to the magazine for publication.

Donna has reprinted 100 additional trifolds. She will take them to the local shops for display. Donna also talked about ways to make the Chapter more visible in an effort to recruit new members. As a potential recruiting tool, Donna will look into craft events Faust Park and Sappington House as well as displaying members projects at County Libraries.

Her report was read at the evening meeting.

Social--Ellen Ippolito: Ellen reported at the morning meeting that Sallie Ross has been hospitalized for pneumonia. Ellen has sent Sallie a card on behalf of the Chapter. Ellen also stated that Ginger Grigsby and former member Regina Mohan continue to deal with chronic health issues. Donna Hinden is recovering from surgery for a broken femur and is doing out patient rehab. Please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Scioneaux has a new granddaughter.

Ellen's report was read at the evening meeting.

Webmaster--Janice Marsh: Janice was not at either meeting. She did not have a report.

Workshops--Jan Poneta: Jan was not at either meeting. She did not have a report.

There was Show and Tell at both meetings. At the morning meeting Maribel Knickerbacher, Peggy Sims, and Nancy Feldman showed projects. At the evening meeting we looked at projects by Vicki Sauter and Anne Carol Goldberg.

Prior to adjournment of the evening meeting the subject of the future of the organization was brought up. Kathy reiterated that if the Chapter does not have a President then the Chapter cannot exist. Any money that is left over in the Treasury goes to the National organization. Kathy will contact our Area Representative for input. Anne Carol said that all of the members need to be notified of this state of affairs. In view of that, we decided that Kathy and Charlene will draft a letter that will go out both via email and regular mail. We felt that using a colored envelope that was hand addressed would catch members attention. Nancy Kinker volunteered to do this. We want this to happen before the next general meeting on March 16, 2017.

Kathy asked a motion to adjourn the morning meeting. It was made by Ellen Ippolito and seconded by Donna Beaman. There was no discussion, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.

Kathy asked for a motion to adjourn the evening meeting. It was made Anne Carol Goldberg and seconded by Vicki Sauter. There was no discussion, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kinker
February 19, 2017