

Gateway Chapter Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 15, 2018

Janice Marsh, President, called the morning meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

Janice Marsh, President, called the evening meeting to order at 6:52 P.M.

Review of minutes:

1. **Secretary** Minutes from the January meeting were accepted as posted.
2. **President** (Janice Marsh): There were no corrections and the minutes were approved as posted. Janice Marsh welcomed members and reminded attendees to sign in and wear a nametag – either stitched or paper. She announced that there would be a Board meeting on March 15, after the morning meeting, in the same room at Ladue Chapel and all members are invited to attend.
3. **Secretary** There was no new correspondence or new Board motions requiring action by the membership.
4. **President** (Janice Marsh) Janice encouraged all members to go to the National ANG web site and get signed in as a Member. She is available to help anyone complete this function.

Officer Reports:

President (Janice Marsh):

1. Final Board Meeting for this year is Thursday, March 15, following the morning meeting.
2. Three Board positions are open for the new year, beginning in May 2018. First VP-Programs, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor are the 3 open positions. The Nominating Committee members are Jan Poneta, Hanna Evens and Mickey Knutson. They will be calling on all members in an effort to fill the open Board positions.
3. ANG has a Development Committee to keep the art of needlepoint active and to increase education and awareness. The Golden Needle Society is an ANG endowment fund. Information was available for all members at both meetings and can also be sourced on the national ANG web site.
4. The ANG web site Stitch of the Month and the Stitch of the Month Archives are only available to Members, you must be registered and signed in to take advantage of the stitches and classes offered on line.

Treasurer (Donna Hinden): The Treasurers report currently includes money received for the Retreat and Michele Roberts class. The balance of \$7,8075.02 will be decreased when the April expenses are paid. Donna has negotiated and contracted with Ladue Chapel for our meetings in the next year. Our cost will be \$200.00 for the year.

Newsletter (Judy Lewis): Articles are due February 24th, for the March issue. *All members are welcomed to submit an article to Judy for the newsletter. Please remember that it should be needlepoint related.*

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.

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

Programs (Eileen Chalk): We are continuing with the Posey project and Eileen taught both the morning and evening classes. Eileen will be retiring from this position in May and has volunteered to actively assist the new Programs Board Member with ideas and development for the future. Eileen has compiled a binder of projects and will be happy to share that resource.

Membership (Kathy Scioneaux): Kathy was absent. We currently have 63 members.

Fundraising (Stephanie Hornsby, Kathryn Nagy): Both Stephanie and Kathryn were absent but are moving forward with some of the ideas that were presented to us in the January meeting. They will have items for sale at the March, meetings so bring your checkbooks!

Standing Committee Reports:

Philanthropy (Vicki Sauter): Vicki is looking at options for a spring project. All options to be presented to the Board for approval prior to presenting to the members. The Birthday Bags were well received and they have sufficient quantity for the next year.

Social (Ellen Ippolito): Happily Ellen is back and feeling much better. Nancy Feldman is getting out of her boot and recovered nicely from foot surgery.

Workshops (Donna Beaman): Signups are still being accepted for the Michele Roberts class April 29th, deadline to register is March 29th. Send checks for \$92.00 to Donna Beaman (make checks payable to Gateway Chapter, ANG) to get into the class. **Maximum attendance is 24. It is also stipulated that all attendees must be in attendance when class starts and stay until completion of class.**

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 page. Leigh Hulverson and Janice March are currently managing the FB page.

Special Committee Reports:

1. **Spring Retreat** (Nancy Feldman): The Spring Retreat will be at Sign of the Arrow, on Sunday, April 22, 2018, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Currently SOLD OUT as maximum number is 20. Nancy has a waiting list in the event there are cancellations.
2. **Nominations:** Slate is open for three positions, Treasurer, Programs and Newsletter. Jan Poneta, Hanna Evens and Mickey Knutson have volunteered to be on the Nomination Committee and will be contacting all members to discuss the openings. The slate currently includes Donna Beaman as candidate for Public Relations.

Unfinished Business:

No update on the Stitch-Away, October, 2018. Janice Marsh, Hanna Evens and Kathy Scioneaux are still researching locations.

New Business:

Donna Beaman shared magazine articles featuring the art of needlepoint, which seems to be appealing to younger stitchers: "*HouseBeautiful*", issue February 2018, pg. 96 and "*Better Homes & Gardens*," issue January 2016, pgs. 6 and 8. Evidently, it is not your Grandmother's style of needlepointing any more.

The morning meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM. With motions to adjourn by Linda Lesh and Donna Hinden.

The evening meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M. with motions to adjourn by Anne Freeman and Vicki Sauter. Both meetings were followed with the Patterns and Posies project taught by Eileen Chalk.

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.