

Gateway Chapter Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2014

Call the meeting to order. The only meeting of the day was called to order at 10:02 a. m.

Secretary (Charlene Wall) **Report:** Judy Lewis made the motion that the minutes be approved as listed on the website. Regina seconded the motion which was carried.

President (Donna Beaman) **Report:** Donna stated that she was glad to see that so many members had made it to the meeting even though it was a snowy day.

Committee Reports:

Workshops (Ellen Ippolito) **Report:** Ellen was not present, but Regina reviewed the upcoming Libby Sturdy workshop. There are 6 spaces left in the workshop. February 1st is the last day to register for the March 23rd workshop. The workshop line drawing picture was passed around for members to review. The workshop will be held from 9:30 to 4:30 at The Needlepoint Clubhouse. Members who want to ghost the class will pay the same fee as attending on the date. 8 X 12" stretcher bars are required.

Webmaster (Janice Marsh) **Report:** Janice asked if there were any corrections for the website, to please let her know.

Philanthropy (Debbie Jacobson) **Report:** Debbie was not present. Regina stepped in to review our year's project. We are collecting books and funds for one elementary school class in need of books. The project is in memory of Sarah Jacobson. Funds and books can be given at any time.

Treasurer (Carol Bosche) **Report:** Carol was not present and no report was given. Donna indicated that we have plenty of funds.

Newsletter (Judy Lewis) **Report:** Judy had hard copies of the last newsletter at the meeting if anyone needed one. Please hand in articles for the next newsletter by February 18 for the March newsletter. Janice Marsh stated that she found out that some other chapters charge for hard copies of their newsletters. We do not have a charge extra for the newsletter or for the postage to mail them out; this is covered by the local dues.

Membership (Kathryn Nagy) **Report:** Kathy was not present but had submitted that we have 75 members and no new members. Janis Forsen is our newest member and was present.

Fundraising (Nancy Kinker) **Report:** Fabric bags are still available for \$15.00. If there is an item from Land's End needed, they have our embroidery logo. Tote bags with the chapter's logo range from \$20.00 to \$30.00. Judy Lewis showed the group a project bag that was purchased for \$15.00. A committee of Judy Lewis, Nancy Kinker, Regina Mohan, and Janice March will look into producing them with initials and/or our chapter's logo for sale.

Public Relations (Sally Ross) **Report:** Nothing new to report. Sally had extra copies of the tri-fold if anyone wished.

Programs (Regina Mohan) **Report:** Since we have a guest speaker today, the 4th coaster was handed out at the close of the meeting.

Old Business: Donna reminded people about the Rebate Program, which is available for classes purchased from the national organization. We have 2 photos now for the photo contest. They appeared in the newsletter.

New Business: Jan Poneta has withdrawn from heading up the Nominating Committee. Charlene Wall stepped up, but 2 more members are needed to serve on this committee. Elections are to be held in April. Positions up for election are: Programs, Public Relations (Regina Mohan volunteered), Newsletter Editor (Judy Lewis volunteered to do it for one more year, with possibly doing it for a total of two years), and Treasurer. Regina also volunteered to be Sunshine for the coming year.

Judy Lewis brought up the question about the chapter's position on sending cards of sympathy and/or support. Nancy Kinker's father passed away, without us knowing of the event. Question was raised if we could send out an e-blast with the information and if as a chapter we could send out a card. Nancy was asked if an e-blast was ok. She indicated that she would not mind. Discussion about if any information could be sent out to the general population or not. Once the Sunshine person found out information of this nature, she would ask the person involved if the information could be shared. Only after receiving the ok would she get in touch with the Webmaster who would then send out an e-blast.

Hannah Evans made the motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. Charlene Wall seconded and the motion was carried. The meeting ended at 10:34 a. m.

Our guest speaker was Sue Keightley. She started studying the craft of temari balls over a year ago. The balls started being made in China. The craft moved to Japan over 500 years ago. The balls indicate loyalty and friendship. Sue showed us various stages of the ball making progress. The balls were amazing. Sue had some balls that she would sell to the membership. She encouraged the membership to get on line and research the temari balls. We thank her for her time and bringing a new craft to our attention.

Respectfully submitted by Charlene L. Wall