

Gateway Chapter American Needlepoint Guild  
Thursday January 21, 2016

The morning meeting at Ladue Chapel was called to order at 10:02AM by Co- President Charlene Wall. Fourteen members were present.

**Charlene's Opening Remarks**

Minutes from the November morning and evening meetings have been posted on the Chapter's Website. There are no additions or corrections. Charlene asked for a motion to accept the minutes. A motion to accept them was made by Judy Lewis and seconded by Regina Mohan. All said aye. The motion carried and the minutes were accepted.

Co-President Kathy Scioneaux is out of town.

There will be a stitch-in at my house on Sunday February 7th, from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. This an alternative to Super Bowl! Please RSVP by February 5th. As usual, snacks, drinks, and dessert will be provided; bring your lunch and stitching supplies.

The no rules Name Tag contest concludes next month. We will vote for our favorites--in more than one category with a dollar bill. Vote as many times as you want. Money collected will go to fundraising.

**Committee Reports**

**Social**--Ellen Ippolito: Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with health issues: Peggy Sims, Mary Brooke Maher, Maribel Knickerbocher, and Debbie Trowbridge (husband,Terry).

**Newsletter**--Judy Lewis: The newsletter for March/April will go out on March 1, 2016. Please send your article to Judy no later than Feb. 25th. Ideally, Judy would like the articles by Feb 18th. She also asks that the articles be longer than three lines.

Judy gave an update on the money that the Chapter gave to teacher, Amanda Packman. Amanda was grateful for this donation. It allowed her to purchase items for her classroom that her school cannot supply. Next month, the Chapter will be collecting classroom supplies, as well as gift cards to Target and Office Max for Amanda's use. Judy said she bought each child in the class a pair of gloves for Christmas, and that Amanda bought headphones for the students. They use the headphones to block out noise when they work on their lessons in the classroom. Charlene will ask Janice Marsh to sent out an e-blast with this information.

**Workshop**--Charlene Wall for Jan Poneta: The workshop with national teacher, Terry Dryden is March 3rd and 4th. The two-day class on Funky Rose will be here at Ladue Chapel from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. Thirteen members have signed up. There are a few spots remaining, if anyone else wishes to sign up before Feb. 22nd. Jan Poneta will have Janice Marsh send an e-blast regarding late sign ups. Also, sometime around the 22nd, those attending will receive an e-mail detailing all the information for the class and a note from Terry Dryden. While there are some places along Clayton Road that serve lunch, Kathy thought that the group might like to

eat in. She has contacted Gourmet-To-GO. They will provide a box lunch for \$11:00 each day. Menu options and payment information will be included in the e-mail. The box lunch is voluntary. The attendees can go out, or bring their own lunch. After the Thursday class, the Chapter will be taking Terry Dryden out for dinner. Anyone who wishes to go along is welcomed. The place is yet to be determined.

**Membership**--Leigh Hullverson: We currently have 77 members. Judy Lewis asked Leigh if a welcome note or phone call was made to new members. Leigh said she did not do so, and she didn't think her predecessor did either. It would be easy to include a note in the New Member packets. No further action was taken. Linda Lesh asked if there were any thoughts on how the Chapter could acquire new members. These ideas were brought up: 1) invite the mothers who bring their children to nursery school here to an Open House. 2) contact the Girl Scout Council to see if there is a craft or sewing badge that might involve a needlepoint project. 3) print more trifold brochures for members to give to the general public when they ask "what is that you are working on?"

**Public Relations**--Regina Mohan: No report, but I will have 75 more trifolds printed.

**Philanthropy**--Debbie Jacobson: No report

**Webmaster**--Janice Marsh: No report

**Fund Raising**--Donna Beaman: No report. Charlene announced that there are 10 dry erase graphed clipboards available for \$16.00 each. The three small "dog tags" for \$5.00 each sold out this morning. The Chapter will have to have a good source of income, if it wishes to continue to have national teachers come for workshops. The following suggestions were made: 1) sell T-shirts with our logo on them. The logo is at Embroider Me. 2) Check for any new items at Embroider Me that might be used as tool bags, or project bags. 3) Look into larger Kaboodle Bags that Lois Tucker makes. 4) Make and sell project safes. Charlene will pass these ideas along to Donna Beaman.

**Treasurer**--Donna Hinden: As of December 31, 2015, the Bank balance is \$8,242.28.

**Program**--Mary Brooke Maher: No report, Not present due to illness. A report will be given at this evening's meeting by Jan Poneta. After the meeting adjourns, we continue with the next two stitches for our Brenda Hart Project. Nancy Kinker will be demonstrating stitches for March and April.

## **Old Business**

Charlene asked that anyone interested in being on the Nominating Committee to contact her. It requires a Board Member (other than President) and at least one at-large member. The slate of candidates is to be in place by the March Meeting. Positions to be filled include: Program, Public Relations, Treasurer (Donna Hinden will serve another two years--thank-you, Donna), and Newsletter (Judy Lewis has not decided if she will do the newsletter one more year or not). If anyone wishes to serve on the Nominating Committee or hold an office, please let Charlene or Kathy know.

## **New Business**

There will be a stitch-in at Sign of the Arrow on Sunday, April 10th from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Further details at next month's meeting regarding RSVP, cost, and maximum number of those attending.

Charlene has had an inquiry from The Household Arts Committee at the Missouri State Fair. In years past, the Chapter has given the committee \$20.00 toward prizes in needlepoint, crewel work, and embroidery. She wants to know if the Chapter is willing to continue the donation for another year. A short discussion followed. The consensus was we should continue for another year. The donation will keep our needlepoint craft in the public's eye. Charlene asked for a motion that we donate \$200.00 again this year to The Household Arts Committee. The motion was made by Mary Carol Kleusner and seconded by Linda Lesh. The motion was carried by a show of hands.

Show and Tell followed with Nancy Feldman, Mary Carol Kleusner, Linda Lesh, Maribel Knickerbocher, and Charlene Wall all sharing their finished projects with us.

Charlene asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Linda Lesh and seconded by Leigh Hullverson. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11.03AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Kinker

January 24, 2016

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## **Evening Meeting**

The evening meeting was called to order at 7:01PM at Ladue Chapel by Co-President Charlene Wall. There were six members present; Charlene Wall, Anne Freeman, Nancy Kinker, Jan Poneta, Anne Carol Goldberg, and Vicki Sauter.

### **Charlene's Opening Remarks**

Co-President Kathy Scioneaux is out of town.

Thanks to everyone who brought something to share at the chili lunch this morning. Announced plans for a stitch-in at her house. Please see morning meeting minutes for details.

Introduced new member, Vicki Sauter. Vicki attends Ladue Chapel. She learned of our organization in the Church Bulletin and further information from the Chapter's Website. Vicki works days at UMSL and will be joining us for evening meetings. Vicki has needlepointed for several years, most recently completing a piano bench cover. Welcome Vicki, we are glad to have you with us.

Secretary's report of the November minutes were approved as they appeared on the Chapter's Website. There were no additions or corrections this evening.

### **Committee Reports**

**Social**--Ellen Ippolito: Please see minutes from morning meeting.

**Web Master**--Janice Marsh: No report, not at either morning or evening meeting.

**Membership**--Leigh Hullverson: Please see minutes from the morning meeting.

**Fund Raising**--Donna Beaman: Not at either morning or evening meeting. Please see minutes from the morning meeting for suggestions offered from the members that were present.

**Public Relations**--Regina Mohan: Please see minutes from the morning meeting.

**Newsletter**--Judy Lewis: Please see minutes from the morning meeting.

**Treasurer**--Donna Hinden: Balance as of December 31, 2015 was \$8,242.28.

**Philanthropy**--Debbie Jacobson: No report, not at either morning or evening meeting.

**Program**--Jan Poneta: Gave an update on the March Workshop with Terry Dryden.

Please see the minutes from the morning meeting for all the details regarding this workshop. That report was given by Charlene for Jan.

Jan continued with a report on the Stitch-Away to be held October 3rd, 4th, and 5th 2016 at Cedar Creek Lodge and Conference Center. There are 21 members signed up as of today. There have been two other people who have joined ANG for this event and Jan is waiting for their paperwork to come from National Headquarters and for their checks to be processed. Jan will not assign roommates for the two nights. That is up to the individuals.

In response to Regina's inquiry that there may have been a cheaper room rate and a relaxed food policy available, had the committee (Charlene, Kathy, and Jan) just asked for them. Jan made the following points:

Rooms for the Stitch-Away were booked at the Discounted Group Rate

The Chapter was not eligible for the Family Discount Rate as this is not a family activity and none of us are related

Cedar Creek did give us a discount for booking a group of rooms.

Jan was not at the morning meeting, and was not able to again verify the information with her contact at Cedar Creek prior to the afternoon Board Meeting. She was unable to answer Regina's inquiry in person, but did contact her by phone before the evening meeting. The rates and the food policy were discussed at the November Board Meeting and the evening meeting. The Board voted in favor of the terms and the contract was signed. Jan asked that this committee report be noted in minutes of this afternoon's Board Meeting.

### **Old Business**

Anne Freeman reported that next month we will see the film Thru the Eye of the Needle. It is the story of a Holocaust survivor and how important needlework was to her.

## **New Business**

Charlene reports that there will be a Stitch-In at Sign of the Arrow for members on Sunday April 10th, from 10:00AM to 4PM. Details to follow as to cost and date to RSVP. Seating may be limited. Plan to attend this event as there is always yummy food and great prizes!

See the morning minutes on other discussions.

Charlene asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Anne Freeman and seconded by Jan Poneta. All were in favor. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Kinker

January 24, 2016