

Gateway Chapter Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Call the meeting to order. Record the time. Morning meeting: 10:02. Evening meeting: (Only Anne Freeman besides the President attended, so no official meeting took place – Donna sat and filled Anne in on what happened at the morning meeting.)

Secretary (Charlene Wall) **Report:** (Charlene was not present because of her mother's illness, so others took notes in her place.) Mary Carol Kluesner made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting, Leigh Hullverson seconded the motion, and it was passed.

President (Donna Beaman) **Report:** We had a visitor this morning -Paul Dygard – who stitches with some of the members at some of the local needlepoint shops.

The slate of officers for the 2014-2016 term is: Programs – Mary Brooke Maher; Public Relations – Regina Mohan; Newsletter Editor – Judy Lewis; Treasurer – Donna Hinden. Voting will be next month. If anyone else is interested in running for these offices, contact one of the Board members.

Committee Reports:

Workshops (Ellen Ippolito) **Report:** Regina distributed canvases for the Workshop, which will be at The Needlepoint Clubhouse on Sunday, March 23, from 9:30 to 4:30.

Webmaster (Janice Marsh) **Report:** There was no report from Janice.

Philanthropy (Debbie Jacobson) **Report:** We are still collecting books and also money to purchase books for the children for the class that we have “adopted” to take home with them this summer to keep them interested in reading. Even \$1.00 or \$5.00 helps. Some of the children we are helping are homeless and they treasure their books. This is being done in Sarah Jacobson's memory.

Treasurer (Carol Bosche) **Report:** There was no report from Carol this month.

Newsletter (Judy Lewis) **Report:** - Judy would like us to take pictures of Show & Tell and also any of the slate of officers that are at the meetings. Also, please take pictures at the Workshop on Sunday.

Membership (Kathryn Nagy) **Report:** We currently have 75 members. Kathryn explained the benefits members receive from belonging to both the National and local organizations – local members must also belong to the National organization. The National dues have recently been increased.

Fundraising (Nancy Kinker) **Report:** Judy L. has ordered more of the clipboards if anyone is interested in buying one. They feature a grid that can be used with a dry-erase marker and the our local logo. A tag with either the orderer's initials or name is also included.

Judy Lewis is also looking at the possibility of a snap tray with our chapter logo on it.

Public Relations (Sally Ross) **Report:** Sally has tri-fold pamphlets available if anyone needs them.

Programs (Regina Mohan) **Report:** We had a lot of show-and-tell to ooh and aah over – Regina Mohan, Kathryn Nagy, Debbie Trowbridge, Debbie Jacobson, Donna Hinden, and our visitor, Paul all had finished projects to display.

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 and lunch will be on your own.

The program was a continuation of the coasters, after the business meeting was concluded.

Old Business: Kathryn was able to get two of our members who had previously not been tied to our chapter in National's database taken care of. National now knows that they are part of the Gateway Chapter.

Leigh Hullverson let us know that Needlepoint, Etc.'s last day of business was Saturday, March 22.

New Business: New giveaway to members – attend three Chapter functions in the next year starting May 2014 and receive a free "Kit and Caboodle." A Chapter function is defined as a meeting, a workshop, a retreat, a luncheon, or a stitch-in.

A "Kit and Caboodle" is a great little bag with plastic zipper compartments that can hold many different types of items – threads, stitching notions, make-up, etc. – thus the name "Kit and Caboodle.

The year goes from May 2014 through April 2015.

Details will be on the website and in the next newsletter.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.