

## Gateway Chapter Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 19, 2015

Call the meeting to order. Morning meeting: 10:02 a. m. Evening meeting: 7:00 p. m.

**Secretary** (Charlene Wall) **Report:** Mary Carol Kluesner made a motion that the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted as listed on the website. Leigh Hullverson seconded the motion which was carried. Charlene as the Nominating Committee announced that Jan Zimmerman has volunteered to take over as President next year with Leigh Hullverson taking over Membership. The position of Secretary is still in question. Hanna Evans volunteered to take notes for the April meeting as Charlene will be out of town.

**President** (Donna Beaman) **Report:** Bring your unwanted stash in April & May. Stash items include canvas, thread, stretcher bars or any other stitch related item. Items will be given away, not sold to members. Balance of un-claimed items will be given to Charity Shairity. This year's spring retreat will be at the Sign of the Arrow Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Cost for the event is \$15.00. Please see Leigh Hullverson to sign up.

### Committee Reports:

**Workshops** (Donna Beaman, acting) **Report:** Ordered canvases were passed out to participants in the Sarah's Pillow class. Class is this Sunday at the Needlepoint Clubhouse. Debbie Jacobson asked that the canvas be on stretchers before the start of class. Lunch will be on your own. Pictures of the completed project were passed around.

**Sunshine** (Ellen Ippolito) **Report:** Janice Marsh will be a new Grandmother tomorrow! Ellen had no further news, but asks that if any arises, to please pass on to her.

**Webmaster** (Janice Marsh) **Report:** Janice stated that the website is hopefully current. Any ideas to make the site better or clearer are encouraged.

**Philanthropy** (Debbie Jacobson) **Report:** Debbie indicated that the end of the year book drive for our class is underway. Books will be given to students as theirs to take home and read during the summer break. Debbie also indicated that a new first time teacher will be brought to the membership for their support for the next year.

**Treasurer** (Donna Hinden) **Report:** See complete attached report.

**Newsletter** (Judy Lewis) **Report:** Judy asked that articles for the May/June newsletter be submitted to her by April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership** (Kathryn Nagy) **Report:** Kathryn is working on catching up life-time members on their local dues. The question of if life-time members owed local dues has been addressed and they will be collected. The Gateway Chapter has 77 members. Donna Beaman

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indicated that national dues are being raised \$5.00 in order to make the national website more interactive.

**Fundraising** (Nancy Kinker) **Report:** At the end of May the offer for free kit and caboodle bags will expire. If there are any kits left unclaimed, they possibly will be sold to members or given as prizes.

**Public Relations** (Regina Mohan) **Report:** Regina asked if any tri-folds were needed.

**Programs** (Mary Brooke Mohan) **Report:** Members had completed February Bargello projects finished to share. Mary Brooke shared progress on the ort box. The ort box will be sewn together next year. Mary Brooke will provide a power point program on the completion of the project.

**Old Business:** Spring luncheon will be held the first Saturday in June at Barb Smith's home. Cost has not been determined as yet. Information will be coming at the next meeting.

Jan Zimmerman stated that she has started the audit of the Chapter's books and they are in fine order. She indicated that no more reimbursements should be made without a receipt.

**New Business:** Jan Zimmerman's stitch in will be moved to a later date in May to allow more snow birds to be home. Dawna Freeland will be at the Needlepoint Clubhouse on Monday to stitch and will go out to dinner with anyone interested. Janice Marsh has lost a monkey small stocking canvas if anyone has seen it. A basketweave stitch on a stick was discussed. Hancock's Fabric store on Manchester near 141 is closing and has many great deals. Bed, Bath, and Beyond has a new return policy starting April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Erbie Cooley is not doing well. She can no longer stitch. She sends a hello to the group.

Ellen Ippolito made a motion to adjourn the morning with Leigh Hullverson seconding. The motion carried with the meeting ending at 10:43 a. m.

Charlene made a motion to adjourn the evening meeting with Mary Brooke seconding. The motion carried with the meeting ending at 7:20 p. m.

Respectfully submitted: Charlene L. Wall, Secretary.