

## **Gateway Chapter American Needlepoint Guild**

**Thursday, March 17, 2016**

The morning meeting of the Gateway Chapter American Needlepoint Guild, at Ladue Chapel, was called to order on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 10:00AM by Co-President Kathy Scioneaux. Nine members were present.

The evening meeting, also at Ladue Chapel, was called to order at 6:50PM. Four members were present.

### **Opening Remarks: Kathy Scioneaux**

Kathy summarized last month's workshop with Terry Dryden. Kathy encouraged everyone to look at the article summarizing the two day workshop that is posted on our website.

Linda Lesh asked if the Chapter could co-ordinate an evening meeting(similar to what we have done when Jill Rigoli is in town) with Toni Gerdes. If this is not possible, would Ms. Gerdes consider sending the actual project in addition to a picture. Linda felt that seeing the actual project might generate a bigger attendance at the workshop, rather than just a picture. She thought seeing only the picture of The Funky Rose, may have deterred some people from attending the workshop. Linda also asked if someone who attended the workshop(Terry Dryden's and the upcoming one) would be able to demonstrate what was taught at the respective workshops.

### **Secretary's Report: Nancy Kinker**

The minutes from last month's meeting have been posted on the website. I apologize that I don't have printed copies available today. My printer was out of ink. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Kathy asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was made by Linda Lesh and seconded by Hanna Evens at the morning meeting and by Jan Poneta and seconded by Vicki Sauter at the evening meeting. All were favor at both meetings. The minutes will be entered in the permanent record.

### **Treasurer's Report: Donna Hinden**

Donna was not present at either morning or evening meeting. Her report was read by Kathy Scioneaux. As of February 29, 2016 there is \$11,567.75 in the treasury. This balance doesn't reflect all of the expenses for Terry Dryden and the check that will be written to Cedar Creek Lodge for the October Stitch-Away.

Linda Lesh asked for a line-by-line accounting for the prior workshop and for the next one. She thought that it might make difference in whether the Chapter continues to have workshops.

## **Committee Reports**

**Programs**--Kathy Scioneaux: Kathy reported at both meetings that ideas that were discussed at a brain-storming session in February will be passed along to the new First Vice-President for Programs and her committee.

**Membership**--Leigh Hullverson: Leigh reports that there are currently 77 members. There was a general consensus that this number is fairly stagnant. Nancy Kinker asked if there was any type of personal note welcoming the new member to the chapter. Leigh replied that she currently does not do that. There was no report at the evening meeting.

**Newsletter**--Judy Lewis: No report, Judy was not at either meeting. Kathy reminded us that Judy needs articles for the next newsletter by April 19th. This newsletter will cover April, May, and June.

**Public Relations**--Regina Mohan: Regina is in the hospital. She did not have a formal report. The only item that has been discussed is the printing of 75 extra copies of the trifold brochure. The brochures would go to the three local needlepoint shops. They would be placed in customers bags with their needlepoint purchases. The target group would be customers not well-known in the shops, or those who are new to needlepoint. Also discussed was the possible reconfiguration of the trifold that could include a space for a mailing label. The final thought was to defer any printing or new format until the brochures for 2016-17 are finalized.

**Fundraising**--Donna Beaman: Donna was not at either meeting. No report was given.

**Philanthropy**--Debbie Jacobson: Debbie was not at either meeting. No report was given. Kathy reported that we are still collecting classroom supplies for Amanda Packman. Also Debbie would like to purchase books for the Ronald McDonald House at Mercy Hospital. The books would be donated in Sarah Jacobson's memory. Each book would have a bookplate with that inscription.

At the evening meeting, Jan Poneta thought that the Chapter should explore philanthropic projects that relate more to the promotion and teaching of needlepointing. She mentioned placing small bags containing a piece of canvas, threads, needle, and instructions at Ronald McDonald House, and/or sending the same kits to a women's prison or halfway house. Items from our stashes could be used. Kathy said that she would pass these ideas along to Debbie.

**Social(Sunshine)**--Ellen Ippolito: Ellen was not at either meeting. Her email report stated that she had sent cards to the members that had been ill or in the hospital. Cards for Regina and Maribel were passed around today for those who were there to sign.

**Workshops**--Jan Poneta: Jan was not at the morning meeting. At the evening meeting, Jan reported that the cut-off for registration for the October Stitch-Away is April 1st. In the upcoming

week, Jan will be contacting members who need to make the final payment for their attendance. At this time, 23 eager stitchers have signed up.

**Webmaster**--Janice Marsh: No report at either meeting.

### **Old Business**

Kathy reminded everyone that the Spring Retreat will be at The Sign of the Arrow on Sunday, April 10th. Those members interested in attending should send a check made out to Gateway ANG to Kathy Scioneaux by April 1st. The cost is \$15.00, space is limited to 20 members. Drinks and snacks are provided, as well as fun attendance prizes. This fun event is hosted by Randi Hanpeter and Julie Filean of Sign of the Arrow. An e-blast and post cards will be sent out.

The Kansas City Chapter is hosting a Needlepoint Gala at the Ritz Carlton in Kansas City on Saturday, May 28th. There will not be any canvases for sale. It is strictly an exhibition of one members work prior to her moving out of the country.

### **New Business**

Kathy discussed: 1) the Annual Spring Luncheon, look for details in the next newsletter and at the April Meeting. 2) reminded officers and committee chairs that their budgets for 2016-17 are due by April 1st. Please submit you budget requests to Donna Hinden. 3) asked for the report from the Nominating Committee.

**Nominating Committee**--Janice Marsh: Janice presented the slate of nominees for 2016-17. They are: 1st Vice-President Programs, Judy Lewis; Treasurer, Donna Hinden; Public Relations, Donna Beaman; Fundraising, someone has agreed to finish out Donna Beaman's remaining year, but will need approval by the Board as fundraising is an appointed position , not an elected one; and Newsletter, remains vacant at this time. Submitted by Janice Marsh, Judy Lewis, and Nancy Kinker. Kathy asked for a motion to accept the nominations. The motion to accept the nominations for the 2016-17 year was made by Linda Lesh. It was seconded by Leigh Hullverson. All were in favor by a show of hands. The motion carried. The nominations will be presented at the April Business Meeting.

Kathy asked for a motion to adjourn the meetings. A motion to adjourn the morning meeting was made by Linda Lesh, and seconded by Nancy Feldman. All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50AM. A motion was made to adjourn the evening meeting was made by Vicki Sauter, and seconded by Jan Poneta. All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

There was Show and Tell at both meetings, as well as presentation of the stitches for June and July in the Brenda Hart Project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Kinker  
March 20, 2016