

## **Gateway Chapter Monthly Meeting**

**Date: May 18, 2017**

The morning meeting was called to order at 10:03 by Co-President Kathy Scioneaux.

The evening meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by new President Janice Marsh.

At the morning meeting, Kathy Scioneaux began the meeting by thanking the people who volunteered to fill the open positions on the Board. She also presented the members of the Board with small gifts in appreciation of their service as she leaves the office of Co-President.

The first report was from Nancy Kinker, the outgoing Secretary. She confirmed that the previous meeting's minutes were on the website. Janice Marsh made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was passed.

There was no report concerning Workshops.

Webmaster Janice Marsh confirmed that our website was currently up-to-date. Members who notice any issues with the website should contact Janice with the information.

Ellen Ippilito, Social Committee, stated that Anne Freeman recently had surgery and that Maribell Knickerbocker was also under the weather. Former member Regina Mohan was much improved and will have her cast removed soon.

There was no Philanthropy report given at the morning meeting. At the evening meeting, Vicki Sauter, Philanthropy chair, asked for some suggestions for this year and asked what projects were from prior years. Jan Poneta, Debbie Trowbridge, Leigh, and Stefanie all chimed in with suggestions for this year. Vicki will investigate several and bring some suggestions to the next board meeting for approval. Stefanie provided a contact for Circle of Concern food pantry.

Treasurer Donna Hinden passed out copies of our 2016-2017 budget with the actual financial information. The status of our bank account at the end of April was \$6,752.14. Our Fundraising committee increased our treasury with approximately \$1600 in the past year. April was the end of our fiscal year. The new fiscal year starts this month. Contact Donna Hinden with any questions or for a copy of the past budget.

There was no report from Judy Lewis concerning the newsletter.

The outgoing Membership Chair, Leigh Hullverson, stated that we currently have 61 members. During the evening meeting, a short discussion was held and it was agreed that clubs often have fluctuations. It was assumed that the reasons could include various reasons and that our focus should be on getting additional members and new members to come to the club meetings and

functions. We should consider some opportunities to bring new members with an option to “Bring a Friend” and both get a prize. Additional suggestions were discussed.

There was no report from the Fundraising committee at the morning meeting. Stefanie provided her report at the evening meeting and reported that they contributed about \$600 to the club through mostly Dining Out profits. Stefanie had asked for the expectation of funds and Janice indicated that it should be \$1,000 for the year to support the club purpose, to provide education of the art of needlepoint.

The Public Relations Chair, Donna Beaman, reported that there were favorable comments about our recent display from workers at the Sachs County Library Branch. Copies of our tri-fold that were left at the Library for distribution were evidently picked up by viewers. Because of the apparent success of the display, Donna will try to locate more display opportunities at other libraries. Donna also said that the current issue of “Needlepointers” has information on what and how to submit articles for the “Chapter News” section of the magazine. This will enable her to finally send in everything for our article on the magnetic boards that we constructed at last September’s meeting.

**Old Business:** Jan Davenport, who is in charge of the Spring Luncheon, stated that she has currently received 15 checks from members who wish to attend. There is still time for others to send in their checks and menu selections. Deadline date for RSVPs is Sunday, May 28. Contact Jan by phone or email to let her know that the menu and money is in the mail.

There was some discussion about a potential future Stitch-Away. Maribell is in charge of plans for the event, but she is currently ill. Current plans are to hold a 2-night session at a local hotel. See New Business for more info on this.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Joan Thomasson project that we will be offering as the 2017-2018 Chapter Project. A supply list was distributed to interested stitchers and a kit with the suggested colors will also be available for approximately \$50. The canvas size is 13” x 13”. Instructions for the border of the project will be taught at the September meeting. Participants should come to that meeting prepared to stitch. For stitchers who bring completed sections of the project to the next meeting after instructions were discussed, there will be a small incentive prize.

**New Business:** Outgoing Co-President Kathy Scioneaux distributed small gifts to the Board members she served with in appreciation of all their work.

Outgoing Co-President Kathy Scioneaux then installed the new officers that were present. Janice Marsh was installed as our new President. Donna Beaman took over the Secretary position, in addition to fulfilling the second year of her Public Relations term. Stephanie Hornsby and Kathryn Nagy are continuing as Fundraisers. And Kathy Scioneaux is our new Membership Chair.

There is a Summer Stitch-In scheduled at Judy Lewis' house on June 15 at 6:00 pm. Pizza will be ordered. Please let Judy know in advance if you are attending.

There were more suggestions about the potential Stitch-Away. An additional venue suggested was a hotel at the Lake of the Ozarks. If we planned this during the hotel's slow time, we could possibly get a discounted rate. It was also suggested that we could team up with the Kansas City ANG Chapter for a Stitch-Away. Members of the Stitch-Away committee (Hanna Evans and Kathy Scioneaux) will do some research on this.

A motion to adjourn the morning meeting was made by Hanna Evans. The morning meeting was adjourned at 10:40. The evening meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

After the business meeting ended, members at the morning meeting enjoyed a "Show and Tell" session. Also, those participating in last month's project – the insert for a snap tray – displayed both completed and in-work canvases. Those that were completed were collected by Kathy Scioneaux, who will turn these into finished snap trays. The others should be completed and turned in to Kathy by July for finishing.

At the evening meeting, Jan provided a picture of "two parking lot" projects for the Facebook page. Janice also collected the canvas for the snap tray from Debbie Trowbridge and will turn it in to Kathy.

Minutes submitted by Donna Beaman, Secretary.