

Gateway Chapter Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 16, 2017

Janice Marsh, President, called the morning meeting to order at 10:04 A.M., there were 18 attendees.

Janice Marsh, President, called the evening meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.; there were 12 attendees.

Review of minutes:

1. **Secretary** Mickey Knutson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October Meeting.
2. **President** (Janice Marsh): There were no corrections and the minutes were approved as posted. Janice Marsh welcomed members and reminded attendees to sign in and wear a nametag – either stitched or paper. She announced that there would be a Board meeting at 1:00 PM today, in the same room at Ladue Chapel and all members invited to attend.
3. **Secretary** There was no new correspondence nor new motions requiring action by the board.

Officer Reports:

President (Janice Marsh): Janice acknowledged and thanked Judy Lewis and Donna Beaman, Public Relations Officer, for their persistence and efforts to request publication space in the Needle Pointers magazine for a photo and article about an activity of the Gateway Chapter in September of 2016. Page 41 of your November/December 2017 ANG National magazine contains details of this member project that resulted in fun and camaraderie. The smiles are evidence of the successful project idea. Thank you to both Judy and Donna for advocating for our local chapter.

Treasurer (Donna Hinden): Donna had copies of all reports through October along with copies of the current budget which are available for review upon request. Current balance end of October was \$7,209.71.

Newsletter (Judy Lewis): Judy had nothing to report. Articles are due by December 28th for the January-February 2018 issue. Board Members were reminded to submit an article about activities we are currently working on.

Public Relations (Donna Beaman): The Halloween/Fall library display was taken down end of October. We have space reserved at the County Library Headquarters again in July of 2018 and at that time Donna will ask for summer and patriotic stitched items from the membership (for display). Meanwhile, Donna is working on other ways to communicate information about our organization, and requested ideas and suggestions from members.

Programs (Eileen Chalk): Eileen distributed and collected the signed pledge cards for those who are participating in the UFO challenge for this year. All UFO's must be completed by September 2018.

Membership (Kathy Scioneaux): Currently we have 63 members. Welcome to Pam Peterson and Carole Peterson. Both of them have rejoined our group. Kathy reminded everyone to be sure and register on the ANG national web site to establish your membership and be able to access all of ANG activities for members.

Fundraising (Stephanie Hornsby, Kathryn Nagy): Kathryn announced that we made \$93.00 on massages at our fall retreat, many thanks to Stephanie's friend Vanessa who donated four hours of her time and talents as a Masseuse. Pieology is being dropped as a fund raiser at this time as it was not utilized when the Jill Rigolli classes were held at the Needlepoint Clubhouse. The Dime Drop jug will be available at each meeting and functions. Drop in your change to help with fundraising. Continually looking for good ideas to raise money. Some suggestions were offered to possibly sell items with the ANG logo on vinyl products, such as, stainless steel cups. The goal is to raise \$600.00 this year. Gift wrapping is one possible opportunity but nothing has been confirmed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Philanthropy (Vicki Sauter): Vicki delivered the 30 birthday bags to Circle of Concern which were greatly appreciated and management there estimated they will last about a year. Vicki hopes to do about 15 next time.

Social (Ellen Ippolito): Ellen sending cards to three members who have been ill or had surgery, Linda Lesh, Anne Freeman and Judy Rowe. They are all doing well. Ellen announced special activities going on from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at The Needlepoint Clubhouse, on Small Business Saturday (November 25th). Free gifts for the first ten customers who make a purchase with various prizes and drawings all day.

Workshops (Donna Beaman): Donna announced our next Workshop will be a one-day workshop, April, 27th – 29th, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Donna is coordinating Michelle Roberts dates with an EGA workshop also, in an effort to share expenses (air fare, parking at airport, transfers, meals). There will be no teaching fee. We need a location to hold class and Megan Holmes offered the Clubhouse on Sunday the 29th for ANG. **Maximum attendance is 24. It is also stipulated that all attendees must be in attendance when class starts and stay until completion of class.** The Design is a Patriotic Star Topper in Red, White and Blue and is a beginner/intermediate piece (line drawing). The Kit would include line drawn canvas, beads, and threads, at an approximate charge of \$92.00, part of the class does include how to finish the star. An official proposal for this class and all details need to be completed and confirmed and should be completed by our January meeting.

Webmaster (Janice Marsh): Janice reminded all of us to let her know of changes and updates that are needed on the web site. She is checking on getting a Facebook page for Gateway Chapter ANG.

Special Committee Reports:

Fall Retreat (Mickey Knutson/Linda Lesh): Thanks again to Megan Holmes for hosting our retreat in The Needlepoint Clubhouse and for the gifts and discounts she extended to us that day.

Spring Retreat (Nancy Feldman): The Spring Retreat will be at Sign of the Arrow, on Sunday, April 22, 2018, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Cost is \$15.00 and maximum number of attendees will be advised.

Unfinished Business:

1. The Board is still working on the possibility of a Stitch-Away in the spring.
2. Board will finalize details for the Michelle Roberts Workshop proposed by Donna Beaman.

New Business: No new business items that need discussion during the monthly meeting.

Adjourn the meeting: The morning meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM with motions to adjourn by Hanna Evans and seconded by Donna Hinden.

The morning business meeting was followed by Show and Tell and Lesson 3 of the Patterns and Posies project taught by Nancy Kinker.

The evening meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M. with motions to adjourn by Anne Freeman and Linda Lesh. The evening meeting was followed by lesson 3 of the Patterns and Posies project taught by Kathy Scioneaux.

Respectfully submitted;

Micky Knutson
Secretary