

Gateway Chapter Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2014

The morning meeting was called to order at 10:10 am; the evening meeting at 7:05 pm.

Secretary (Charlene Wall) **Report:** Charlene was unable to attend the meetings this month, and Nancy Feldman volunteered to take notes at the morning meeting.

Mary Carol Kluesner motioned to accept the minutes from the September meeting. Donna Hinden seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the rest of the group.

President (Donna Beaman) **Report:** Donna had nothing at this time. She brought some items up later in the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Workshops (Donna Beaman, acting) **Report:** In lieu of a Workshop, we are having a Special Event in the Spring of 2015. This will consist of a class taught by Debbie Jacobson – Sarah's Pillow – a needlepoint pillow designed by Debbie's late daughter, Sarah. This pillow will have one large, padded initial stitched with silk ribbon and with a bargello background of many threads. The Chapter will pay for the blank canvas and Judy Harper is donating the painting of the initials. Members taking the class will only pay for the cost of the threads used, which will vary depending on the colors chosen. The class is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, 2015, and will be held at The Needlepoint Clubhouse. The class is going to be limited to 20 members, and Debbie has asked that all attending have their canvases painted and threads chosen before class.

Donna is discussing plans for a Fall 2015 Workshop with Pam Peterson. There is a possibility of a Jill Rigoli Workshop.

Sunshine (Ellen Ippolito) **Report:** Please let Ellen know of anyone in the Chapter who needs to have a card sent – such as someone who has lost a loved one, someone in the hospital, etc.

Webmaster (Janice Marsh) **Report:** The listing of Chapter Officers on the website has been updated to match the current status. Please let Janice know if you notice any problems on the site.

Philanthropy (Debbie Jacobson) **Report:** Debbie Jacobson has scheduled a Holiday Party at her house on Thursday evening, Dec. 11, in support of our Philanthropy effort. The teacher receiving the books for her class will be at this event. Members attending are asked to bring books for the Kindergarten class, or a donation to buy books. Light snacks and refreshments will be supplied by Debbie. Details will be in the November Newsletter.

Treasurer (Donna Hinden) **Report:** Per Donna, monies available at the end of April were \$5,431.49. This was the beginning cash balance for the 2014-2015 budget. Deposits for the time period 5/1/14-9/30/14 were \$1,222.24, and expenses for the same period were \$1,069.29, leaving a balance at the end of September of \$5,584.44. Details are always available from Donna Hinden.

Newsletter (Judy Lewis) **Report:** Judy has asked to have all news articles to her by the end of October. The newsletter will be slightly late. Judy is on vacation.

Membership (Kathryn Nagy) **Report:** Kathryn reported that we have one new member – Judy Rau. We have 77 members.

Fundraising (Nancy Kinker) **Report:** Nancy was not in attendance. There are bags available for purchase by members for \$22.00 with the Gateway Chapter logo embroidered on the front. Members can choose from many bag and thread colors. Donna Beaman will check with Judy Lewis about the availability of the Gateway Chapter clipboard.

Public Relations (Regina Mohan) **Report:** Regina was not in attendance, and there was no report.

Programs (Mary Brooke Mohan) **Report:** Mary Brooke distributed the Ort Box With a Twist instructions to members who had signed up for the program. People may still sign up for instructions – they are \$15.00. The designer has strongly suggested that the Ort Box be stitched on interlock canvas. It is shown stitched on 18 count, but could be stitched on 13 count, although it would end up being a much larger box. (Something that would be 3” x 3” on 18 count would end up being 4” x 4” on 13 count.) Mary Brooke discussed hints and do’s and don’ts that she experienced on her sample. People stitching the project should mark their canvases as shown in the instructions and fasten the canvas to stretcher bars before the next meeting. A permanent fabric marker should be used to mark the canvases.

Old Business: Florence Bell said that she has heard from Sylvia Howard. She is living in Texas. Her husband is now in a home. Sylvia is doing well. We told Florence that the next time she talked to Sylvia she should tell her that the Gateway Chapter wished her well.

New Business: There are two Stitch-In’s coming up at Jan Zimmerman’s. The first one is on November 1 and you are to bring a Halloween canvas to stitch on and wear a costume. The second one is on December 13.

There were a lot of “Show and Tell” pieces and pictures were taken of them. Also, one of Mary Brooke’s daughters was in attendance with a needlepoint picture that she is working on. Looks like we have a future member!

We also had another visitor – Sharon Davis – who may also be a future member.

Ellen Ippolito made a motion to end the morning meeting and Anne Freeman seconded the motion.

Maribell Knickerbocker made a motion to end the evening meeting and Linda Lesh seconded it.

The morning meeting ended at 10:50 am. There were 17 members and 2 guests in attendance.

The evening meeting ended at 7:35 pm. There were 4 members in attendance.