

Gateway Chapter Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 19, 2017

Janice Marsh, President, called the morning meeting to order at 10:10 A.M., 16 attendees including Board members.

Janice Marsh, President, called the evening meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., 9 attendees including Board members.

Review of minutes:

1. **Secretary** Mickey Knutson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September Meeting (written by past Secretary, Donna Beaman).
2. **President** (Janice Marsh): There were no corrections and the minutes were approved as posted. Janice Marsh introduced Mickey Knutson as the new Secretary and announced that Donna Beaman will be focusing on Public Relations. Janice introduced three new members who were in attendance, Jane Normile, Edith Brewer and Amelia Bond. She reminded attendees to sign in and wear a nametag – either stitched or paper.
3. **Secretary** There was no new correspondence nor new motions requiring action by the board.

Officer Reports:

President (Janice Marsh): Announced that Donna Beaman is our new Standing Committee Chair for Workshops for one year only and as Chairman, her two positions are not in conflict with the Bylaws.

Treasurer (Donna Hinden): Donna Hinden had a copy of the August and September reports, at the end of September we had \$7,605.65. Also a report for October 1 to the 19th (today) and we currently have \$8,112.15.

The Guild was recently scammed on the internet but due to the diligence of Donna Hinden (Treasurer) and Janice Marsh no money was exchanged. Donna and Janice have the necessary paperwork and will be reporting this to the Police.

Newsletter (Judy Lewis): Judy Lewis sent notes to members seeking articles and news by October 24, to date she has not received anything.

Public Relations (Donna Beaman): Donna Beaman reported we have a display at the County Library and it is in three glass cases on the south side of the library and it is difficult to get a good photograph due to the glass reflection. We have a reservation for another display next summer and in the spring will be requesting summer themed items from our members for that display.

Programs (Eileen Chalk): In Eileen's absence Kathy Scioneaux reported that 4 out of the 12 members signed up have completed their UFO projects from last year. The four were Donna Hinden (who had her piece with her to show), Donna Beaman, Nancy Kinker and Vicki Sauter. Donna Beaman won the \$25 gift voucher donated by The Needlepoint Clubhouse. \$10.00 was collected from those who did not complete their UFO's and this \$80.00 will go into the Fundraising account.

Members are to bring their 2018 UFO projects to the November meeting along with the Pledge cards to complete the projects.

After the business meeting, Kathy will present the incentive award for completing the rice border of the Patterns and Posies project and Donna Beaman will lead the pattern instructions for sections 1 and 3.

Membership (Kathy Scioneaux): Currently we have 62 members. Welcome to our new member today, Jane Normile. Edith Brewer and Amelia Bond were also present today and signed up last month. To date, we have 8 new members this year.

Fundraising (Stephanie Hornsby, Kathryn Nagy): Our agreement with Pieology Dine and Donate continues to be a good fund raiser for us. Last Dine and Donate earned \$11.45 for the Guild. They are offering it to us again this Sunday, the 22nd the day of our retreat, and October 27-28-29 during the Jill Rigoli classes at The Needlepoint Clubhouse. We are encouraging attendees to have lunch at Pieology on the days of these Guild and The Needlepoint Clubhouse activities. The necessary flyers are available at today's meeting and will also be available at The Needlepoint Clubhouse.

Stephanie's friend Vanessa Stellone will be donating 4 hours of her time and talents as a Masseuse at The Needlepoint Clubhouse on Sunday during the retreat to do hand, neck and arm massages for \$1/minute. All proceeds will go to our Chapter.

New ideas for fundraisers are welcome. Don't forget the DIME DROP Jug.

Standing Committee Reports:

Philanthropy (Vicki Sauter): Vicki Sauter brought in and set up all of the supplies needed to fill the "Birthday Party Bags" for the children (ages 1-8) at the Circle of Concern Food Pantry. Members filled and decorated the bags (both paper and cloth bags) with the items, (cake mix, icing, birthday candles, themed paper plates, napkins and cups along with a baggie of needlepoint items including plastic canvas, large needle, simple instructions for a monogram and threads). Each bag was labeled with type of cake mix and theme (boy or girl preference).

Social (Ellen Ippolito): Ellen reported that Maribell Knickerbocker passed away and will be missed by all of us; she was an active participant in our Guild activities. Today is Donna Beaman's birthday so we serenaded Donna by singing Happy Birthday.

Workshops (Donna Beaman): Donna has been studying the ANG National Seminar catalogs from past years and has had a conversation with Ann Carol Goldberg (who attended Seminar this year) regarding one-day workshops.

Michelle Roberts is a National Teacher and also a member of our Gateway Chapter. Michelle is teaching three classes at the 2018 Seminar and has offered to do one of her Pilot Classes for us. She would be available to do this between April 2 and May 21, 2018. The Board voted and has selected a piece that would be a one-day workshop for this Pilot Class, details of securing a date and location for this workshop need to be finalized by the Board. The Design is a Patriotic Star Topper in Red, White and Blue and is a beginner/intermediate piece (line drawing). The Kit would include 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.

Stephanie Hornsby moved that we move forward with this Workshop and it was 2nd.

Webmaster (Janice Marsh): Janice had nothing to report. She reminded us of the importance of security on the Web site by not posting names with email addresses.

Special Committee Reports:

Fall Retreat (Mickey Knutson/Linda Lesh): Mickey reported that the retreat is Sunday, October 22 at The Needlepoint Clubhouse, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Megan Holmes (Shop Owner) advised that the

shop could take 25 attendees and we have 25 signed up. Linda Lesh will be traveling and unable to help with the retreat and Jan Poneta has offered to help.

Spring Retreat (Nancy Feldman): Nancy is taking the lead on the spring one-day retreat, hopefully at Sign of the Arrow. Dates and details at a later date, avoiding all springtime religious holidays.

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 10:47 AM with motions to adjourn by Stephanie Hornsby and seconded.

The morning business meeting was followed by Show and Tell and Donna Beaman illuminated instructions for the patterns 1 and 3 of the Patterns and Posies project.

The evening meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M. with motions to adjourn by Anne Freeman and Linda Lesh. The evening meeting was followed by patterns 1 and 3 of the Patterns and Posies project by Kathy Scioneaux.

If any motions require a member vote during our meeting, the following chapter bylaw will be applied.

ARTICLE VII -- Meetings:

Section 4. Fifteen percent (15%) of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.