

Gateway Chapter Monthly Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Morning meeting was called to order at 10:00 a. m.; Evening meeting at 7:07 p. m.

Secretary (Charlene Wall) **Report:** The minutes from the previous meeting were sent out and I didn't receive additions or corrections. Regina Mohan made the motion that the minutes be accepted. Leigh Hullverson seconded the motion which was carried. Books that were donated to the chapter were present and members were invited to take them home with them. Books can be viewed at Charlene's home during the following week. The Secretary will not be at the October meeting. Nancy Feldman offered to take minutes.

President (Donna Beaman) **Report:** No new members or visitors were present. Kit and Caboodle program was reviewed again. Any member attending three ANG sponsored events before the end of April 2015 will receive a free Kit and Caboodle bag from the chapter.

Committee Reports:

Workshops (Donna Beaman, acting) **Report:** There will be no workshop this year, but a Spring Happening. Debbie Jacobson will present her daughter Sarah's pillow. Sarah designed the initial pillow for a wedding and it was such a big hit that Debbie taught a class at the Needlepoint Clubhouse. Debbie will teach a smaller version with a single initial for the Spring Happening at the Clubhouse. Date for the happening is March 22. The pillow will be stitched in 2 colors with one initial only. The cost will vary with the threads chosen. A #13 canvas will be used and the project works quickly. Happening will be limited to 20 stitchers. Stitches for the project are not difficult.

Retreats (Leigh Hullverson) **Report:** October 19th has been chosen for the Fall Retreat at the Needlepoint Clubhouse. Stitching will be 10:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Cost for the retreat is \$10.00. There is a limit of 30 stitchers. Participants will work on any project of their choosing. Lunch will be on your own. There will be small gifts and snacks.

Sunshine (Ellen Ippolito) **Report:** Please see current newsletter for updates.

Webmaster (Janice Marsh) **Report:** Web site is updated and current to today. Please call or e-mail if there are questions about spelling, confusing statements, or incorrect information.

Philanthropy (Debbie Jacobson) **Report:** We will again support Jennifer Parsonage, a Kindergarten teacher, with her book selection in the class room as well as the summer book project so that all of her current students receive a book to take home as their own. The chapter will collect books, or cash for the purchase of books. She has compiled a list of Scholastic books that she would like to add to the library. There will be a December event in which Ms. Parsonage will be a guest, so the Chapter can meet her.

Treasurer (Donna Hinden) **Report:** Beginning balance as of 4/30/2014 was \$6,248.65. Through the end of July, debits were \$856.15 and credits were \$1,602.73, leaving a balance of \$5,502.07 at the end of July. Report is attached in the Secretary's Notebook.

Newsletter (Judy Lewis) **Report:** Please send information to her by the end of October. Judy will be out of town and the newsletter will be a bit late. Please try to use a camera for pictures instead of a phone; camera pictures are much better for use in the newsletter.

Membership (Kathryn Nagy) **Report:** Rosters are available for you to pick up. Any that are left will be mailed out. Total membership is 76.

Fundraising (Nancy Kinker) **Report:** Chapter bags are being offered again. Please see Nancy for flyer for choice of fabric and thread. Cost is \$22.00. If orders are placed today, they will be ready for the November meeting.

Public Relations (Regina Mohan) **Report:** Tri-folds have been completed thanks to Mary Brooke, and Janice. All needlepoint shops have them.

Programs (Mary Brooke Mohan) **Report:** UFO Program was explained to new members. Members present showed their completed projects or paid the \$10.00 fee per their contract. New UFO projects were chosen for the coming year. Completed projects were shown and were spectacular.

Programs for the coming year were explained. There will be 2 projects offered, one complicated and an easier one. The complicated project will take 2 years to complete. The folding ort box directions need to be purchased before Oct. 1st. The canvas is interlocking and needs to be ordered from a needlepoint shop. Canvas size ranges from 18 to 13. During the October meeting the packet of instructions will be distributed.

Second project for the year will be a Bargello heart project for February's meeting. The project is 8" X 9" stitched on 12 count and the instructions are free. Canvas and thread are the only purchases for this project.

Old Business: Thanks were offered for the prizes given out for the Most Unusual place to be stitching.

New Business: Jan Zimmerman is opening her home for two Stitch Ins. The first date is November 1st. Costumes are encouraged. Second date is December 13. See newsletter for details.

Charlene offered a motion for the meeting to be adjourned which was seconded by Debbie. Morning meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a. m.; evening meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Charlene L. Wall.