

Gateway Chapter Member Monthly Meeting

September 28, 2017

The morning meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

The evening meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Secretary Report: Donna Beaman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2017 meeting. Mary Carol Kluesner made the motion and the minutes were approved.

President Report: Janice Marsh introduced three new members who were in attendance – Amelia Bond, Edith Brewer and Megan Holmes. She reminded the attendees to sign in and wear a nametag – either a paper one or one they had stitched.

Committee Reports:

Workshops Report: The post for Workshops committee leader is ongoing.

Webmaster Report: Janice Marsh asked members to check out the website and report any problems or errors. Leigh Hullverson is working on improving our Facebook page. It was suggested that Leigh talk to Megan Holmes who has expertise in this area.

Social Report: Ellen Ippolito reported that former member Erbie Cooley has passed away and will be missed by those who knew her. Debbie Trowbridge's husband died suddenly. Carol Bosche's son died after a long battle with a disease contracted while aiding victims of the 2001 bombing of the Twin Towers. Maribell Knickerbocker is in very bad shape and has 24/7 home care. Julie Cook broke her arm shortly after hip replacement surgery. Mary Carol Kluesner's grandson, a fighter pilot, is being deployed to S. Korea.

Philanthropy Report: Vicki Sauter's suggestion that we donate and prepare "birthday party bags" for the Circle of Concern Food Pantry be tabled until the Board Meeting, which will take place after the monthly meeting and the luncheon. Also, Judy Lewis is collecting sample size toiletries for a women's shelter.

Treasurer Report: Donna Hinden is out of town and there is no report. At the end of July, the Gateway Chapter bank account had a total of \$6,733.47.

Newsletter Report: Judy Lewis said that the bills for advertisement in the newsletter have not yet been sent out, but will go out soon. Articles for the next newsletter are due by October 18. She can use any photos sent to her for the newsletter. She asked that if information for the newsletter will be delayed to please inform her so that she can leave a spot for it. Most newsletters are being e-mailed except for those members who do not have e-mail.

Programs Report: Eileen Chalk distributed the small snap trays that Kathy Scioneaux finished using the needlepointed squares that were designed last season based on an article in a recent *Needlepointers* issue. The first stage of our new season-long project will begin today after the business meeting is adjourned. Donna Beaman will introduce the first segment at that time. Anyone bringing a completed part 1 of the project to next month's meeting will receive a surprise gift. The past season's UFOs (Unfinished Objects) were discussed and money (\$10 each) was collected from those who did not complete their projects. Megan Holmes, the new owner of The Needlepoint Clubhouse, donated the \$25 gift certificate for the drawing that those who did complete their projects will participate in. The current season's UFO sign-up will occur during the October meeting.

Membership Report: Kathy Scioneaux reported that we currently have 60 members. That includes 5 new members. She handed out the new Chapter Rosters.

Fundraising Report: Stephanie Hornsby and Kathryn Nagy reported that there will be additional Pieology events coming up – on October 22 when we will be holding our Fall Retreat and October 27-29 when The Clubhouse has scheduled a series of classes. Anyone taking a Gateway Chapter flyer to Pieology on those dates will have a portion of their bill contributed to us. Flyers will be available at The Needlepoint Clubhouse. Also, during the Fall Retreat, once again there will be hand and arm and also back and neck massages available. These will cost \$1/minute and all proceeds will go to the Chapter. We will also have a "Dime Jar" available at meetings and events so that anyone wishing to do so can drop any dimes or quarters they wish to contribute into the jar. A filled jar can hold approximately \$600. The last remaining clipboards were purchased.

Public Relations Report: Donna Beaman reported that the new tri-folds were printed and copies have been delivered to all 3 local needlepoint shops for distribution. She is also asking for interested members to get in touch with her if they want to participate in a display of stitched projects with a Fall theme at the County Headquarters Library.

Old Business: The Cedar Creek Stitch-Away that had been planned for this fall has been cancelled because not enough members signed up for it. We will try again to schedule one in the spring. It was suggested that perhaps members did not have sufficient notice about the event.

New Business: Mickey Knutson is spearheading the upcoming Fall Retreat on October 22 at The Needlepoint Clubhouse. The cost is \$15 to attend.

The morning meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am with motions to adjourn by Stephanie Hornsby and seconded. The business meeting was followed by Lesson 1 of the Patterns and Posies project.

The evening meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm with motions to adjourn. The business meeting was followed by Lesson 1 of the Patterns and Posies project.