

## **Gateway Chapter Member Meeting Notes**

### **Thursday, September 20, 2018**

#### **President Janice Marsh called the meetings to order:**

Morning meeting: 10:07 A.M. CDT. Evening meeting: 6:30 P.M. CDT

Janice welcomed visitors to our meeting: Debbie Barfield a new member, Angie Kuhland new member who came with Megan Holmes, and Laura Cooley who came with Cindy Lubbert.

#### **Review of minutes (Secretary-Mickey Knutson):**

1. No changes to the minutes from the May 2018 meeting and they are approved.
2. There was no correspondence to share and no motions or actions by the Board to be presented.
3. No motions from the Board for discussion and vote by the members.

#### **Officer Reports:**

**President** (Janice Marsh): This meeting included a report from all of our officers, committee chairmen, and special committee chairmen:

1. Reports from officers
  - a. **Treasurer** (Kathy Scioneaux): We have \$8,647.65 in the Chapter account, current at the end of August. We have \$2,000.00 earmarked for a national teacher. Copies of our financial reports are always available for all members upon request.
  - b. **Membership** (Nancy Feldman): We have a membership of 64 and welcomed (A.M. meeting) Debbie Barfield, a new member who joined this month. The new rosters were distributed to members. National ANG has come out with a new electronic system for registering as a new member and it is recommended that everyone do it themselves on line. Written directions for doing this are available from President, Janice Marsh.
  - c. **Fundraising** (Stephanie Hornsby, Kathryn Nagy): Fundraising goal of \$600.00 to \$800.00 for the year. We are continuing with the Dime Drop jug which is available at all meetings and chapter functions. Several logoed items are for sale this year which include clip boards, key chains, coasters, wine glasses, zip bags and binders. Kathryn and Stephanie can quote prices and options for several of these items.
  - d. **Public Relations** (Donna Beaman): The new (yellow) tri-folds are out and being distributed to the shops. The tri-fold does not contain the new information for joining on line with National but info available from

President. To date we have not requested space at the County Library for our displays.

- e. **Newsletter** (Leigh Hullverson): The September/October issue is out and has been delivered electronically to all members who have an email address in the chapter directory. For those members who do not show an email address we have mailed hard copies, black and white only for budget purposes. The newsletter is also available on our web site. Items for the next newsletter should be submitted to Leigh by mid-October.
- f. **Programs** (Julie Cook): Money was collected for the UFO's and some UFO contracts were completed and proudly displayed. Contracts were distributed for the next year and again if the project is not complete by next September then the member will owe the Guild \$10.00. Nancy Kinker won the drawing for a \$25.00 gift card to the shop of her choice.

Participating members in the Patterns and Posies project proudly showed their work and all received a miniature scissors for completing the project.

Two projects planned for 2018-19: The first is making the chapter name badge and the second is a patriotic piece called "Hooray for the Red, White and Blue". The name badges were explained and started in the September meeting with a folder handout containing information on current action steps. Members can use the standard chapter pattern or have the option of creating their own design and will learn how to do lettering on a canvas. We will learn how to chart letters in October and how to finish a small ornament (name badge) in November.

In January we will start the "Hooray for the Red, White and Blue" project which is a 7"x7" design done on 18 count canvas 12"x12" and the cost is \$25.00 for the stitch guide. (13 count canvas optional). Cost for all materials, including canvas and threads is not included and is the responsibility of each member. The original design was done by the Kentucky ANG chapter and they have sold the design as a fundraising project for their chapter. Jan Poneta stitched a sample of this piece using a variety of silk threads. There will be two supply lists included with the stitch guide as the original pattern was designed using DMC floss, we'll have the option of using either the DMC list or the threads that Jan used in the sample, or our own selection. Signups and payment for this project are due in October so stitch guides can be ordered. The Needlepoint Clubhouse has advised they will have the cut canvasses (11"x11") available, for purchase, for this project.

## 2. Reports from committee chairman

- a. **Philanthropy** (Vicki Sauter): We will continue to donate birthday items to Circle of Concern food pantry in Valley Park. The birthday donations can be cake mixes, frosting, paper plates/napkins and items that would be used to celebrate a birthday. They also have specific needs come up on a monthly basis and we will have an eblast go out to members prior to our

meetings to advise items needed. Members are asked to donate birthday and or requested items at each of our monthly meetings.

- b. **Social** (Ellen Ippolito): Donna Hinden is in the hospital. Kathy Scioneaux will be blessed with three more grandchildren in the future months. The spring luncheon has not been planned and we are in need of a committee to plan this event.
- c. **Workshops** (Stephanie Hornsby): We have money set aside to pay travel expenses and fees for a national teacher in the next year, hopefully spring 2019. Members were shown a wide selection of stitching options, some painted and some counted, for five teachers and were given the opportunity to vote on our favorite and also indicate our least favorite designs of those presented. We will also book a teacher for the year 2020 in order to get the top two teachers voted on by members. Most are two-day workshops and we do have a location selected for the workshops.

### 3. Reports from special committee chairman

- a. **Stitch-Away** (Kathy Scioneaux): We will have our next Stitch-Away at Cedar Creek Resort in New Haven, MO, October 13, 14, 15, 2019. Registration forms were available at the meetings and can be obtained from Kathy if you were not at the meeting. This event is for MEMBERS ONLY. Two nights lodging and five meals, double occupancy \$303.00 and single occupancy \$355.00. Two options available for payment:
  - 1. Full payment payable by November 15, 2018
  - 2. Two installments, the first payable by November 15, 2018 (\$100.00 NON-REFUNDABLE) with balance due on May 16, 2019. Make checks payable to Gateway Chapter ANG.

### Unfinished Business:

- 1. There was no unfinished business.

### New Business:

- 1. Bring a Friend to Needlepoint (Janice Marsh). Members are encouraged to bring friends to our meetings and if your friend joins the guild you will be given a chance for a drawing in May. The winning chance will receive one years paid membership.
- 2. Eileen Chalk announced that the National EGA seminar will be held in St. Louis, October 31 – November 3, 2019. On November 1 there is a merchandise event we are invited to have a table to show/sell our logoed merchandise. Individuals could also rent a table if they want to sell stash or other stitching related merchandise. Tables are \$50/for a half, \$75 for a full table and \$100 for a full table with lighting. Jan Poneta has volunteered to work at the Gateway Chapter table selling our merchandise.
- 3. **Fall Retreat:** Jan Poneta has volunteered to organize the fall retreat which will be held at the Needlepoint Clubhouse, Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Cost is \$20.00, checks should be mailed to Jan and space is limited.

4. **Spring Retreat:** Peggy Sims volunteered to organize the spring retreat which will be held at Sign of the Arrow. Details to be determined.
5. **Meeting Time Change:** The evening meeting attendees voted to change the time for the evening meetings. We will gather and start at 6:00 P.M. and the business meetings will start at 6:30 P.M.

### **Adjourn the meeting:**

*Any member is eligible to move to adjourn the meeting (requires a second and a majority vote) or President can call for further business and can adjourn the meeting*

Morning meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M. CDT and the evening meeting adjourned 7:01 P.M. CDT

There were 23 attendees at the morning meeting and 16 at the evening meeting.

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.*

### **Notes from other Officer Reports:**

Our meeting goal is to focus more on our members and less on officer reports. In order to keep our members informed, important details are shared through notes on this agenda or, when necessary, by a member email blast. *Below are our officer reports not presented at this meeting.*

**Additional Officer Reports:** None at this time.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Webmaster** (Janice Marsh): No report.

### **Special Committee Reports**

1. **Preserve History** (Linda Lesh and Julie Cook): Update on committee progress was not reported at the September meetings.

### **Future events:**

1. **New meeting, Thursday October 18** -- Purchase your instructions for the *Hooray for the Red, White, and Blue* project that starts in January.
2. **Stitch-Away** – Consider signing up for the October 2019 retreat.
3. **Fall Retreat** – October 21, 2018 at The Needlepoint Clubhouse.

Notes submitted by Mickey Knutson, Secretary.