

Gateway Chapter Member Meeting Notes

Thursday, September 19, 2019

President—Judy Lewis called the meetings to order at 10:00 A.M. CDT and the evening meeting at 6:40 P.M.

Judy welcomed and introduced our new member Pat Cleeland at the morning meeting.

Review of minutes (Secretary-Hanna Evens): *Notes taken by Mickey Knutson and Janice Marsh in Hanna's absence.*

1. There were no corrections of the posted minutes from the previous meeting, the May monthly meeting notes are approved as posted.
2. There was no new correspondence.
3. No motions set forward by the board for discussion and vote by the members.

Officer, Committee, and Special Committee Reports:

1. Officer Reports:
 - a. **Treasurer** (Kathy Scioneaux): Currently we have \$13,690.23. Outstanding payments TBD for the October retreat, approximately \$2,000.00
 - b. **Membership** (Janice Marsh): We have 63 active members, one new member joined us today. Janice is preparing the new roster which will be available electronically for all members. Hard copies are available for \$5.00 each and will be complimentary only to those members who do not have email.
 - c. **Programs** (Julie Cook): "*Hydrangea Window Garden*", by Terry Dryden, is our project this year and will start next month. The project comes with a drawn canvas, all threads and ribbons and stitch guide. The kits are delayed as Terry has one thread that is on backorder. HOSPICE HEARTS are small ornament hearts needlepointed and given to Hospice organizations to share with patients and families. We voted in the morning meeting to start making these and our research is continuing to find a hospice home or group for our donation.
 - d. **Fundraising** (Jane Normile): We will have a table at the EGA convention on Friday, November 1st, 6:30 to 9:30 PM and Jane asked for volunteers to work that evening. They will be selling many of the items we have sold in the past -- logo wine glasses, storage boxes, clip boards, all with STL logo or theme. Debbie Trowbridge, Cindy Lubbert and Nancy Feldman volunteered to assist. Jane was taking orders today for the dog tags, \$8.00 for one sided and \$9.00 for two sided. We will continue the dime drop at each meeting.
 - e. **Public Relations** (Donna Beaman): We have changed the design of the trifolds this year and printing is delayed. The new brochures will be just one card and shortened to just simple bullet points. Donna has been working with the Needlepoint Clubhouse volunteering her time and talents to teach beginners about needlepoint and how to do the Tent and Basketweave stitches. Members were asked to volunteer to teach on the first Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM at the Clubhouse. Coordinate with Donna if you are interested in sharing your knowledge.
2. Committee Chairmen Reports:
 - a. **Philanthropy** (Vicki Sauter): We will continue to donate Birthday Bags for food pantry *Circle of Concern*. Remember to bring your contributions to each meeting this year.
 - b. **Social** (Debbie Trowbridge): Sandy Blau is recovering from cataract surgery.
 - c. **Workshops** (Stephanie Hornsby): There are still 5 openings for the fall retreat, Sept. 29th at the Clubhouse. \$20.00, 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Tony Gerdes was voted last fall as our choice for an upcoming workshop, however she is not available in 2020. Attendees at today's meetings were asked to vote on favorite and favorite months for a workshop in 2021.
3. Special Committee Chairmen Reports:
 - a. **Stitch-Away** – (Kathy Scioneaux): We have 19 members signed up for the Stitch-Away in New Haven, October 13-15, 2019. Check-in is 4:00 PM on Sunday but we can arrive at 2:00 PM on

setup in our stitching room. Reminder: do not bring food or beverage to this function, they will be provided (for a fee).

- b. **Collecting Stash for EGA Merchandise Night** (Janice, Mickey and Hanna): We are collecting (this month and in October) canvases, stitching themed books and threads that are in skeins or on cards or spools.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Presidents Pins:** Judy announced that it is customary to order the Presidents Pins at the beginning of a Presidents term so they can wear it while in office. She presented pins to Donna Beaman and Kathy Scioneaux for their past presidencies.

New Business: No new business.

The meetings were adjourned at 10:43 A.M. and 7:40 P.M.

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.

MEMBER CHAT - (Judy Lewis): An opportunity to hear back from our members. The topics can include any item that is needlepoint related, national or local. Share ideas about new projects, classes, or stitching events that would be interesting to our members.

SHOW & TELL - (Julie Cook): A “round-robin” review of current and finished projects shared by the members. Pictures will be sent to the newsletter and website officers for sharing.

Officer Reports Not Presented: Below are our officer reports that were not presented at this meeting:

1. Officer Reports: **Newsletter** (Leigh Hullverson): No report.
2. Committee Reports: **Webmaster** (Janice Marsh): No report.
3. Special Committee Reports: **Preserve History** (Linda Lesh and Julie Cook): No report.

Future events:

1. **EGA Convention, Merchandise Night**, Friday, November 1, 2019, 6:30 – 9:30 PM. Be sure to wear namebadges.
2. **Fall One Day Retreat**, Sunday, September 29th, at the Needlepoint Clubhouse, 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Contact is Stephanie Hornsby and Debbie Trowbridge.
3. **Fall Three Day Retreat**, Cedar Creek Lodge, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, October 13-15.