

Gateway Chapter Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Janice Marsh, President, called the morning meeting to order at 10: 03 A.M. There were 13 members in attendance, and 2 visitors, Nancee Compton and Debbie Barfield.

Janice Marsh, President, called the evening meeting to order at 6:48 P.M. There were 7 members in attendance, and 3 visitors, Annie Patterson, Suzanne Nielsen and Becky Lape. Suzanne is a former member.

Review of minutes:

1. Secretary Mickey Knutson was absent, so Kathy Scioneaux asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting. The April minutes were accepted as posted on the Gatewayang.org website.
2. **Secretary** There was no new correspondence or new motions requiring action by the board.

Officer Reports:

President (Janice Marsh): Janice announced the summer stitch in schedule. The stitch in on Tuesday, June 19 will be held at the home of Judy Lewis, new address 11549 Templar Drive. She will provide drinks and desserts; money will be collected to order pizza for dinner. Janice Marsh will host a July stitch in at Ladue Chapel. The date is to be determined, and will be emailed to the membership. On August 19, Kathryn Nagy will host a stitch in at her home. For July and August, bring lunch or dinner, hostess will supply drinks and desserts.

Treasurer (Donna Hinden): Donna reported that we had a very good fiscal year, with a surplus of income over expenses of approximately \$1,700. Our balance at 4/30/15 was \$8,554.29

Fundraising (Stephanie Hornsby): Stephanie reported that for last fiscal year the fundraising committee had \$700 in profit. There still is about \$125 of product left for sale. She passed around the Dime Drop jug.

Programs (Eileen Chalk): Kathy Scioneaux reported for Eileen Chalk that we will finish our yearlong project instruction today. Members with projects completed by the September meeting will receive a final incentive prize. Leigh Hulverson suggested at the evening meeting that we send in an article regarding the Patterns and Posies project to Needlepointers magazine. Kathy suggested that we send pictures of the finished projects along with a thank you note to Joan Thomasson.

Membership (Kathy Scioneaux): Kathy reported that we currently have 61 members.

Public Relations (Donna Beaman): Donna Beaman reported we have a display at the main branch of the St. Louis County Library on Lindberg. She is requesting summer themed items from our members for that display.

Standing Committee Reports:

Social (Ellen Ippolito): Ellen was not present and no report was given. It was noted by Janice Marsh at our evening meeting that our own member, Amelia Bond, was featured on our local KMOV news for her philanthropic efforts as President and CEO of the St. Louis Community Foundation. She was directing the fifth **Give STL Day's** of 24-hours of online giving which raised more than 2.4 million for 868 St. Louis-area nonprofits.

Workshops (Donna Beaman): Donna reported that our workshop with Michele Roberts was very successful and it provided an inexpensive educational opportunity for 14 of our members.

Spring Luncheon (Jan Davenport): Jan reported that the Spring Luncheon will be held on June 2, at the home of Barb Smith. The luncheon will be from 11:30-2:30. Board members are asked to bring drinks, ice, and paper products. Barb has requested that the drinks be chilled ahead of time.

Special Committee Reports:

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Philanthropy (Vicki Sauter): Vicki Sauter was not in attendance at the morning meeting, however, there were several food donations made for Circle of Concern food bank. The details were shared in an e-blast sent to members on Tuesday before the meetings. At the evening meeting Vicki reported that she had been asked if our group would prepare more Birthday Bags. She already has canvas bags that she had ordered last year which came in too late to use that year. She is asking that members donate cake mixes, icing, candles, birthday plates, cups and napkins. Please bring items to the luncheon in June, and Vicki will put together these bags. Items can also be brought to the stitch-ins in June and July, and we will possibly put bags together at the July stitch-in.

Stitch-Away: (Hanna Evens, Jan Poneta and Kathy Scioneaux): After discussion at the evening meeting, it was decided to focus on out of town locations. The committee is currently looking into three possible venues - Cedar Creek, Kinderhook, and Echo Bluffs State Park. It was also decided to look at dates in October of 2019, as it is too soon to schedule for October of 2018, and weather could be a concern in March of 2019.

Preserve History (Julie Cook and Linda Lesh): Julie Cook explained that the purpose of the committee is to preserve the legacy of stitching by our members. Several of our members have passed away, and we have no record of their stitching. The committee will take pictures for a virtual display of stitched items, with information about the projects.

Unfinished Business:

1. The Board is still working on the possibility of a Stitch-Away in the spring.

New Business:

1. The proposed budget for the 5/1/18-4/31/19 year was presented by Kathy Scioneaux. The budget was approved unanimously by both the morning and evening meeting attendees.

Adjourn the meeting: The morning meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.

The evening meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Both meetings were followed by Show and Tell, Member Chat, and instructions for the center portion of the Patterns and Posies project by Kathy Scioneaux.

Sincerely,
Kathy Scioneaux