

Gateway Decorative Artists Meeting Minutes November 11, 2011

Gloria called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. All board members were in attendance, with the exception of Ingrid Oertli, who was in Branson on vacation. Ginger German gave the invocation. Gloria welcomed all members and guests and thanked everyone for coming.

Gloria asked if there were any corrections to the September minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Hearing no corrections, the minutes will stand as printed.

Gloria asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. Hearing no questions, the Treasurer's Report will be filed.

Gloria mentioned the Art Exhibit at the Maryland Heights Center and hoped that everyone had a chance to look at the beautiful display. The reception was held on October 9th and the MH Center provided cookies and bottled water for this event. However, it was a bit of a disappointment because of low attendance. The exhibit is to be taken down on next Saturday, the 19th.

The Gold Brush Award Committee will meet after our regular meeting today. Members still have time to nominate someone if not already done so. See Lorie Reece if you need a form. This is the highest award given by our Chapter.

Jim Lair thanked everyone that went to Retreat. Next year, Retreat will be held on September 28th, 29th and 30th at the YMCA Trout Lodge. The Retreat Surveys turned in were very favorable. Everyone that went to Retreat had a good time and wanted to continue having Retreat every year instead of every other year. Cheryl Wilburn made a motion to reconsider having the retreat every year rather than every other year. Donna Wessel seconded the motion. After a vote was taken, 32 voted to have the retreat every year and no one voted against it.

Mary Jo Kumer gave a report on Memory Boxes. Joan Love taught the MB paint-in in October. There will not be a paint-in in November. Gloria Falk will teach the MB paint-in in December. Next year, the MB paint-ins will be the first Tuesday of the month, except for July and September. There will not be one in November. Donna Wessel will be teaching in April and August. The Memory boxes that were done at Retreat were provided by Kay Vuichard and 38 boxes were done at Retreat. Thank you, Kay! Toile Friends is still paying for shipping the boxes.

Barb Ogden mentioned that JoAnn's gives a 10% discount for Members of National. Michaels gives an additional 10% discount to Seniors on Tuesdays.

Lorie Reece reminded everyone that Karen Hubbard will be having a Seminar at Wingate Inn on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Cost will be \$45.00 per day or less if 20 or more sign up. The project pictures are on display. The Watercolor Seminar with Mark Polomchak will be held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, November 3rd, 4th, and 5th. . The cost for that seminar will be \$75.00 per day. The location has not yet been decided.

Today is the last chance to buy a ticket for the "Opportunity of Ownership" on the beautiful cabinet that Ginger German paint-ed and donated to our chapter. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. After all tickets were purchased, a drawing was done and the lucky winner was Cheryl Wilburn.

The Christmas Party will be held at Andre's again this year on December 4th. So far, 31 people have signed up. Cost is \$19.00 which includes drinks at an open bar.

The projects brought in for "Show and Tell" were shown by Mary Jo Kumer and Lorie Reece.

Lorie announced that Ellen Rohne will be teaching the paint-in after the meeting today. Packets are \$2.00 each.

Jo Lair reported that we have 67 current members. Today, we have 41 members present and 2 guests. The door prizes for today's attendance prizes were donated by Kay Vuichard and Ellen Rohne. The winners were: Kay Vuichard and Margaret Von Kaenel. Dues for 2012 are now due.

Ingrid is not present today, but wanted to inform everyone that the next Newsletter deadline is January 12th.

Donna Wessel reported that she still has some pins and chapter patches for sale at the chapter table.

Jean Ellison thanked everyone on the Refreshment Committee for the food today. Those on that committee were: Gloria Falk, Debbie Finklang, Vada Galvan, Bobbie Hanlon, Marilyn Hart-nett, Mary Jo Kumer, Delia Larkins, Linda Nelson, Carol Rufkahr. And Margaret VonKaenel.. Jean mentioned that this is her last meeting for Refreshment Chair. Debbie Finklang will be the Refreshment Chair for next year. The Board will bring refreshments for the February meeting.

Nancy Falk gave a report on the Ways and Means Committee. They have recently had 2 paint-ins, called "Girls Night Out" . They have another one scheduled at Cedar Lake in Wright City "Girls Day Out". There is also a new place in Kirkwood to check out. Maybe Barb Ogden could do that. Deco Art has supplied the paint.

Cheryll Wilburn, our Nominating Committee Chair, announced that it is now time for election of the 2012 officers. Cheryll stated that Gloria Falk was running for President. She then asked if there were any other nominations for President. Vada Galvan nominated Lorie Reece. Lorie accepted the nomination, leaving the Program Chair position open, that Lorie was originally running for. Cheryll asked for nominations from the floor for Program Chair. Sandra Reynolds nominated Ingrid Oertli for Program Chair. Since Ingrid was not at the meeting to accept, a phone call was made to Ingrid. Ingrid declined the nomination. Barb Ogden then volunteered to run for Program Chair.

There were no other nominations. Sandra Reynolds ran unopposed for Newsletter Editor. Judy Mayo made a motion for the nominations to cease. This was seconded by Cheryll Wilburn. The ballots will be counted by those on the Nominating Committee. After the votes had been counted, the election results were reported, as follows.

President Lorie Reece
Program Chair Barb Ogden
Newsletter Editor Sandra Reynolds

With no further business, Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to close the meeting. This was seconded by Judy Sloan. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Rogenhofer, Recording Secretary