

GATEWAY MEETING MINUTES—FEBRUARY 12, 2012

The first meeting of 2012 for Gateway Decorative Artists was held on February 12th at the Maryland Heights Center. Lorie Reece called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Ginger German gave the invocation.

At the last Board Meeting, the donations for SDP and DAC, were discussed and it was suggested we give \$125.00 to SDP and \$100.00 to DAC as we have done in previous years. This was voted on and approved by the membership.

It was also decided that we keep the same charities - the Memory Box Program, the River Bend Animal Shelter, the Women's Shelter and the USO. Nancy Falk had asked the board in a letter, if we could also help with another animal shelter. Lorie called upon Gloria Falk to pre-sent this to the membership at the meeting in Nancy's absence. It was suggested that we alternate the donations. This meeting (Feb.) would be for River Bend and the April meeting would go to the new shelter, then June to River Bend, etc. The November donations could be divid-ed between the two. Joan Love made a motion to include this new shelter in our charities. This was seconded by Joyce Miller. After a vote, the motion passed. It was mentioned that newspapers are also needed at the shelters.

Lorie advised that Josée Laferriere is a honorary member of our chapter, as she has volunteered to continue doing our website.

Lorie reminded everyone that the 2012 Directories are available at this meeting. She had 80 Directories printed at a cost of \$90.00. Check your information to make sure it is correct. If any changes need to be made, let Lorie or Jo, know. Corrections will be noted in the next Newsletter.

The By-Laws need to be reviewed this year. Those on the committee are Gloria Falk, Donna Wessel, and Lorie Reece. We need several others to be on the committee. Ellen Rohne and Kay Vuichard volunteered.

It was decided to change the extra charge for non-members taking a seminar from \$20.00 per day to \$10.00 per day. A motion was made and a vote taken and passed.

Viking has informed us that they will give a 20% discount off items in their catalog for members of our Chapter. They will give a 40% dis-count on orders of ten or more of an item.

This year, National is celebrating their 40th Anniversary. They are in need of favors and have asked for chapters to volunteer to paint wood-en gift (luggage) tags. We have decided to do 50 of these. If you would like to help paint some, please see Gloria after the meeting.

Lorie asked if there were any corrections to the November or December minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Hearing no corrections, the minutes will stand as printed.

Lorie asked if there were any corrections to the Treasurer's Report. Someone wanted to know what the Administrative costs included. Don-na explained that this included \$187.00 Officers' Bonding Insurance, the website cost, the chapter liability insurance, the charms, the Gold Brush Award, our annual SDP fee, mileage and Gold Brush engraving fees, sales tax on purchases, etc.

Jim gave a report on Retreat. It will be held at the YMCA Trout Lodge again on September 28th, 29th and 30th. The theme will be "Pajama Party". Jim has the Teacher Submission Forms. When a teacher submits a project, she must list what is included in the cost or what is not included. These forms should be back to Jim by March 15th. Voting will take place at the April meeting.

Mary Jo gave a report on Memory Boxes. This year, so far, 45 have been mailed out and one was hand delivered. Joan Love will be teaching the March paint-in - a Lady Bug and 2 flowers. Donna will be teaching the April paint-in. Gloria Falk added that Tolefriends was generous and paid for all of the shipping of Memory Boxes we had last year, but they are now out of money for that endeavor and will not be helping with postage this year. Shipping costs run about \$50.00 per month. There are 420 hospitals on the list and 60 chapters that participate in this program. Some of the local hospitals are: Lake St. Louis, DePaul, and St Joseph West. We also ship to the U.S. Virgin Islands, but that hospital reimburses us the postage.

Barb gave a report on the 2 seminars we have scheduled. Karen Hubbard will be Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, April 21st, 22nd and 23rd at the Wingate Hotel. Mark Polomchak will be on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, November 3rd, 4th and 5th. This will probably be held at the Holiday Inn Express. This is just a short distance from the Wingate. It has a bigger room and good lighting for the same price we pay for the Wingate room. For those who are taking the seminar and wish to spend the night, the room will cost \$79.00 per night, which includes breakfast. Barb would like everyone to fill out the Survey Form at today's meeting. If you would like to volunteer to teach a paint-in after one of our meetings, please let Barb know.

Jo reported that we have 55 current members. Today we have 2 guests. Door prizes were donated by Gloria Falk and Deco Art. Winners were Delia Larkins and Jim Lair.

Jo announced that River Bend will be having their annual "ARTadoptathon" auction in Alton, IL. She is collecting donations for the auction. She invited everyone to come. There is a \$5.00 cover charge. There will be live music.

Jo mentioned doing the "Pin Pals" again and if you're interested in doing this, she has a list to sign up.

Mary Jo showed the projects that were brought to the meeting for "Show and Tell"

Donna talked about the various places that she and Gloria checked out for Seminars. They liked the Holiday Inn Express and chose that for Mark's Seminar. Those wanting more information or to book a room, could call Terry at 314-298-3400. Donna said she has some free magazines. She also has some chapter patches, pins and jewelry for sale, and has a Genesis Paint Set for \$25.00.

Lorie thanked Sandra for the nice job she did on the Newsletter. The deadline for the next Newsletter will be March 18. Sandra said she is open for ideas for the Newsletter.

Mary Jo mentioned that Janie Parisi will be participating in the 60 mile walk "Cure for Cancer" in August in Chicago. If any one would like to donate for this cause it would be appreciated.

Debbie Finklang thanked the board and those that provided refreshments for today's meeting. She also thanked Gloria for donating all of the table arrangements for today's meeting. There was an extra centerpiece and a drawing was made for that. Judy West was the winner. The Western Girls will be in charge of refreshments for the April meeting.

Barb Ogden reminded everyone that Rose Wilde from Wood Icing will have a presentation after the meeting today.

Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Joan Love. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Rogenhofer