

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2012

Lorie Reece called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. All board members were in attendance. Ginger German gave the invocation. Lorie thanked everyone for coming.

Lorie asked if there were any corrections to the September minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Hearing no corrections, the minutes are approved.

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

Lorie reminded everyone that dues for next year are due today if you want to be included in next year's directory. Also, be sure check your information so it can be correct in the directory.

Lorie and Mary Jo Kumer passed out the pins that were painted for the "pin pal" exchange.

Gloria Falk still had tickets available for the "opportunity of ownership" on the beautiful rooster chair that she painted and donated to help raise funds for the Ways and Means Committee. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will take place today.

The current By-Laws and the proposed changes, as suggested by the By-Laws Committee, were printed in the November Newsletter. Donna Wessel read the current By-Laws and the proposed changes and the reasons the committee felt the changes were necessary.

The first one was Article VI, 3, Officers and their election: This would add term limits to an office. The committee suggested adding the following to this article: "*No officer may hold the same office for more than two (2) full terms. This will begin with the 2013 election.*" Kay Vuichard made a motion to discuss this proposal. Barb Ogden seconded this. After this was discussed among the members, Ann Mohrman made a motion that we accept this proposal and add the term limits. Barb Ogden seconded this. A vote was then taken and 32 voted for this proposal and 12 voted against it. Motion passed.

The next was Article VI, 4, Officers and their election: The committee suggested adding the following sentence to this article. "*A member may only run for one office at a time.*" Debbie Finklang made a motion to discuss this and Barb Ogden seconded it. After the discussion, Maureen Wasserman made a motion to vote for this proposal. This was seconded by Liz McClintock. The voting was unanimous. Motion passed.

Article VII, 2c, Duties of Elected Officers, The Vice-President's duties shall be: The committee suggested adding the words, "*Retreat and*" to the sentence regarding the Vice-President's duties. Gloria Falk made a motion to discuss this, seconded by Kay Vuichard. After a brief discussion, Elizabeth Geers made a motion to accept this addition, seconded by Joan Love. Voting was unanimous. Motion passed.

Article VII, 5c, Duties of Elected Officers. The Membership Secretary's duties shall be: The committee suggested adding "*the*" to the sentence. Kay Vuichard made a motion to accept this proposal, seconded by Deb Finklang. Voting was unanimous.

Article VII, 6a, Duties of Elected Officers, The Treasurer's duties shall be: The committee suggested adding "*seven (7) years*" to the record keeping time limit. Maureen Wasserman made a motion to accept this proposal, seconded by Barb Ogden. Motion passed.

Article VII, 7a. Duties of Elected Officers, The Newsletter Editor's duties shall be: The committee suggested changing the wording "when e-mail is not available" to "when e-mail is not *an option*". Joan Love made a motion to accept this proposal, seconded by Joyce Miller. Motion passed.

Article VII, 7b, Duties of Elected Officers: The Newsletter Editor's duties shall be: The committee recommended adding the words "*electronically or*" to the sentence regarding sending information to members. Milly Johnson made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Barb Ogden. Motion passed.

Article VIII, 2f, Executive Board, the duties of the Executive Board shall be: The committee recommended eliminating the word "*residing*" from the sentence. Jean Lindsey made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Carol Rufkahr. Motion passed.

Article IX, 1a, Committees, Nominating Committee: The committee suggested that the time limit for keeping the ballots and tally sheets be kept by the President until after the "*installation of officers*". Also that the last sentence in that paragraph be deleted. Debbie Finklang made a motion to accept this proposal. Seconded by Jo Lair. Motion passed.

Article IX, 1b, Committees, Refreshment Committee: The committee recommended that we eliminate the last sentence regarding keeping records and receipts since the Treasurer keeps these. Ellen Rohne made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Milly Johnson. Motion passed.

Article IX, 1d, Committees, Librarian: The committee suggested adding "*until the annual report has been submitted to the board*" to the sentence regarding keeping records and expenses. Jean Lindsey made a motion to accept this proposal, seconded by Joan Love. Motion passed.

Article IX, 1e, Committees, Historian: The committee suggested adding "*until the annual report has been submitted to the board*" to the sentence regarding the keeping of records and receipts. A motion was made to accept this proposal by Milly Johnson, seconded by Jean Lindsey. Motion approved.

Article X, 1, Amendments: The committee suggested adding the adjective "*the*" to the sentence. Jo Lair made a motion to approve this suggestion, seconded by Jean Lindsey. Motion approved.

Article XIII, 1, Absentee Voting: The committee suggested adding the words "*electronically or*" to the sentence regarding requesting an absentee ballot. Kay Vuichard made a motion to accept this proposal and Jim Lair seconded it. Motion passed.

Gloria Falk did the drawing for the winner of the "Rooster Chair" and Debbie Douglas was the lucky winner. She was an attendee of the Artists Holiday Boutique, hosted by Gloria.

Gloria mentioned that everyone should have a ballot for voting. She read the list of members that were running for the various offices and had them stand when she called their name. She asked if there were any other nominations from the floor, but there were none. The ballot listed the following: Vice President – Jim Lair and Debbie Finklang; Membership Chair – Jo Lair and Cheryl Wilburn; Recording Secretary – Jean Rogenhofer; Treasurer – Donna Wessel and Maureen Wasserman. Ballots were then collected by Ginger German, Jean Lindsey and Judy Mayo.

Jim Lair gave a report on Retreat. He thanked Marilyn McDonald, Karen Steiner and Ann Mohrman for the great entertainment. Reservations have been made at the YMCA Trout Lodge for October 4th, 5th and 6th for 2013, and October 10th, 11th and 12th for 2014.

Barb Ogden gave a report on Mark's Seminar. He was a great teacher, a lot of fun. Everyone had a good time and was happy with their paintings. During lunch, Mark did a painting every day and then had a drawing to give it away. He also donated each of his teaching paintings to us for our club. We had these framed and will have a raffle on his beautiful paintings next year.

Tina Sue Norris is scheduled for a colored pencil seminar on June 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Pictures of her projects are on display. The Cardinal will be the first day, the Gold Finch on the second day and the Butterflies on the last day. The cost is \$55.00/day, plus supplies. A list of supplies will be given to you when you sign up. All the projects will be done on suede board, which can be purchased from Tina. The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn Express.

The Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 2nd at Yacovelli's. The cost is \$20.00. The sign on the outside of the restaurant is "Yac's". We must have the final count by November 18th. As in previous years, there will be an ornament exchange for those who wish to participate. .

We do not have a date yet for the Della Wetterman Seminar. Barb is still waiting to hear from Della.

The program after the meeting today is a Zen tangle Ornament taught by Katie Waldron. The cost is \$2.50.

Several people have been asking when Mark Polomchak will be back. Barb will contact Mark to see if we can get him to do another seminar in 2014.

Mary Jo Kumer showed the various projects brought in for Show 'n Tell. She also showed the oil painting that Jo Lair will be teaching at the Maryland Heights Center next month. Mary Jo mentioned that as of Nov. 1, 533 Memory Boxes have been mailed this year. We have Memory Boxes available for those who want to take home and paint. Mary Jo thanked everyone for all the Memory Boxes on display at today's meeting. The next Memory Box Paint-in will be on December 5th and she showed the box that Barb Ogden will be teaching.

Jo Lair reminded everyone that membership dues are now due for next year and to check their address information to make sure it is correct for our directory. We have 44 members present today and one guest, Jackie Kohler. Nancy Falk introduced her sister Carol Smith as she became a new member today. Door prizes were won by Kay Vuichard, Karen Steiner and Peggy Araki. Drawings for the table centerpieces took place at each table.

Sandra Reynolds advised that the next Newsletter deadline will be January 15th. Also, at the February meeting, we will be starting our 50/50 drawing.

Donna Wessel mentioned that her report on the auction proceeds was listed in the Newsletter. A total of \$379.75 was made, which will go to the Memory Box Program to help defray the costs of shipping. Donna invited everyone to look at a display board she had made that showed pictures of the recent art display she had at a local library. Donna reminded everyone about the Gold Brush Award and their last chance to nominate someone for this year's award.

Maureen Wasserman thanked everyone for all the nice cards she received after her father passed away.

Debbie Finklang thanked all those who provided the great Thanksgiving lunch today. She said that she needs volunteers for next year's meeting refreshments. The Board took February, Vada's group took April, Karen Steiner's group took June, Ellen Rhone and Cheryl Wilburn and friends took September, and the South County group took November.

Nancy Falk gave a report on the Ways and Means Committee. They will be starting the "Learn to Paint" Classes in January. They also have some "wine" classes scheduled. If anyone has any ideas for them, please let her or someone on the committee know.

Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jim Lair. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Rogenhofer
Recording Secretary

NOTE: After the ballots were counted, the election results for 2013 were, as follows:

Vice President -----Debbie Finklang
Membership Secretary -----Cheryll Wilburn
Recording Secretary -----Jean Rogenhofer
Treasurer -----Donna Wessel