

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2014

Lorie Reece called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. All board members were in attendance. Joyce Miller gave the invocation. Lorie thanked everyone for coming.

Lorie asked if there were any changes to the November minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Hearing no comments, the minutes were approved.

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

Lorie mentioned that the board had discussed various ways of cutting expenses and saving the chapter money. It was the board's recommendation to donate \$100.00 to SDP this year instead of \$125.00. It was also recommended to donate \$75.00 to the DAC instead of \$100.00. All were in approval of these donations. As in the past, we will also donate \$35.00 to DAC in honor of the Gold Brush Recipient.

This year, the chapter will not be supporting Riverbend as one of our charities. Jo and Jim Lair have not joined Gateway this year and they were the ones who took the donations to Riverbend. All other charities that we supported last year will continue to be supported by Gateway.

Lorie mentioned that she recently visited the Decorative Arts Museum while she was in Atlanta. She said it was exciting to see all the beautiful pieces of art and advised everyone to also visit. She did warn that the traffic was terrible in Atlanta.

Lorie then passed out the award charms to those that were not at the Christmas Party.

Lorie told everyone that another way the board suggested saving money was to only rent half the room for most of our meetings. Most of the time we don't need all of this room. We could stay at the same tables when we paint. We might be able to use rectangle tables instead of round if that would give us more room.

Debbie gave a report. She suggested trying new things: Instead of having our usual week-end retreat, why not have several all day classes on Saturdays or Sundays. She suggested two 4-hour classes per day. You could take one of the 4-hour classes, or both. Teachers should submit one or two 4-hour projects at the April meeting. These will be voted on, like we do for retreat. The ones getting the most votes will be chosen and those teachers will be notified. Classes will probably be held at the Holiday Inn Express and will be \$15.00 per class, plus supplies.

Joyce Miller mentioned that we could have a free class room at First Baptist Church in Cedar Hill. Debbie said anyone could make suggestions of other places.

Debbie advised that we still have a deposit at the YMCA Trout Lodge for next year. She told about our group being under the "grandfather clause" for rental of the class rooms. If we decide not to go to Trout Lodge next year, we will lose our deposit and our "grandfathered" rental, which means we would probably never be able to afford Trout Lodge again. Something to think about!

Debbie has forms for anyone to fill out that would like to submit a project for the April 6th meeting.

Barb gave a report on Seminars and Sharing Workshops. Mark Polomchak will have a watercolor seminar on May 17th, 18th and 19th at the Holiday Inn Express. Cost is \$75.00 per day and final payment is due at the April meeting. After today's meeting, classes will be opened up for non-members. Barb has the supply list

for Mark's classes. The Holiday Inn Express has informed us that rooms are available at \$89.00 per night for those wanting to stay.

Sherry Nelson's Oil Seminar is September 26th, 27th and 28th. This will be held at the Staybridge in O'Fallon at Hwy. 40 and Hwy. K. Cost is \$62.00 per day. Sherry's classes will be open to non-members after the end of February. Barb has a waiting list of non-members. Barb said she will have masonite boards cut for anyone that is interested.

Ellen Rohne will have a Sharing Workshop on Saturday, April 26th. Cost is \$15.00 for the class, plus \$20.00 supply fee. Ellen will be painting a Rose with fabric paint on a shirt apron. Ellen has the shirts for you to pick from. This will be held at Quality Testing in Maryland Heights.

Lorie Reece will have a Sharing Workshop on Saturday, June 14th. Cost is \$15.00, plus \$12.00 supply cost. Lorie will be painting on a canvas bag. This will also be held at Quality Testing.

Mark Polomchak's second original watercolor painting is now on display. An "opportunity of ownership" is available at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be held after at least \$100.00 is collected to cover the cost of framing.

The June meeting is being planned as "Grandkids Day". If you have grandchildren that you would like to bring, please sign the list that Barb has. We are asking that a child be at least 7 years or older. We need ages to plan the events

This year is Gateway's 40th Anniversary! We are planning an anniversary party for our September meeting.

Mary Jo Kumer advised that our chapter shipped 759 Memory Boxes last year. It was mentioned that the pages in the back of the new phone books have a full page of 40% off Hobby Lobby coupons. Mary Jo said that if anyone did not want all their coupons, please bring them to Gateway and they will be used for purchasing boxes to be painted.

Mary Jo made an announcement that Elizabeth McClintock had phoned her this morning to let her know she would not be able to make the meeting today because of the snow and icy roads where she lives in Dexter, Missouri.. She said to tell everyone "hello" and that she is very sorry she has to miss the meeting.

The projects brought in for Show 'n Tell were shown to the members next. Barb mentioned that her students painted the Memory Boxes that are on display today.

Cheryll reminded everyone that the 2014 Calendars are available today. Please check your information listed in the calendars to make sure it is correct. If not, please let Cheryll know. We have 24 members present today and 2 guests - Jackie Kohler and Lee Zimmer. Today's attendance prizes were donated by: Janie Parisi, Joan Love and Gloria Falk. Winners were: Lovolla Mauer, Ingrid Oertli, and Joan Love. Please let Cheryll know if there are any illnesses or deaths.

Sandra informed everyone that the next Newsletter deadline is March 17th. Facebook is doing well, but we need more comments. The Learn to Paint Program is coming up. Sandra mentioned that SDP had called her and asked her to run for Nominating Committee. She will be going to the Conference this year.

Donna advised that she has 4 books that were donated by Ginger German. Marilyn Todd donated 2 books that are only 50 cents each. Gloria Falk donated 2 Kingsland-Gibilisco Tapes. These are new and the regular cost was \$20.00 each, but are now only \$15.00 each. Donna still has Gateway logo patches and 3 painted brush pins. She also has 2 black ink cartridges that cost \$80.00 each that she will sell for \$70.00 each.

Anyone wishing to make a charity donation for the Memory Box Program, can donate through Tole Friends. You can specify your donation to go to Gateway. Ingrid Oertli and her husband recently made a donation to Tole Friends for Gateway and we thank them. It costs us about \$1.00 per box to ship these Memory Boxes to the various hospitals. We also thank Lindell Bank for their donation of \$100.00 and for letting us use a room at their bank for our MB Paint-ins.

\$41.00 was collected in the 50.50 drawing. \$20.50 goes into the Memory Box Program and the 2 winners, receiving \$10.25 each, were: Donna Wessel and Lorie Reece.

Barb reminded everyone that Cindy Connelly will teach the program after today's meeting. The cost is \$3.00 each.

Debbie mentioned that the Ways and Means Committee will have a Learn to Paint class at the end of the month. It will be a multi-media project. In March, Donna Wessel will be teaching a Butterfly in colored pencils.

Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Marilyn Harnett. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Rogenhofer
Recording Secretary