

Gateway Decorative Artists Chapter Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Ellen Rohne, at 1:07 p.m. Other Board members present included Jean Lindsey, Barb Ogden and Donna Wessel. Board members absent were Deb Finklang, Marilyn Hartnett and Lorie Reece. Donna Wessel volunteered to take the minutes of today's meeting.

Ellen welcomed the members and asked Barb Ogden to give the invocation. She also reminded the members that membership dues needed to be paid. She brought members up to date with regard to Jean Rogenhofer's health issues and the passing of member, Judy Mayo, in October. A donation of \$35 was sent to The National Museum of Decorative Painting in Judy's memory and the Museum will acknowledge our gift to her family.

With no corrections, the September meeting minutes were approved as written. With no corrections, the October 3, 2015 Treasurer's Report will be filed as published.

President, Lorie Reece, has a new job which will necessitate her working on Sundays. For this reason, she has withdrawn her name from the ballot for President. Ellen also announced that the Gold Brush Committee would meet immediately after the meeting adjourns.

Vice President, Ellen Rohne, as Retreat Chair announced that our 2015 Trout Lodge Retreat had incurred a loss of \$31.84. Ellen informed the members that our 2016 Retreat was going to be held at Todd Hall in Columbia, Illinois September 23-25. Retreat registration would be \$35. Room rate for the double occupancy rooms will be \$40 per person with 2 people in the room and \$62 for a single person in the room. The five meals for the weekend (dinner Friday, three meals Saturday and breakfast on Sunday) would cost \$43. Check out is noon on Sunday. We lucked out in that our use of the classroom on Sunday is free. There are no in-room refrigerators, but there is one in the classroom for snacks and medicine. There are no TV's, radios or phones available on the premises. Our meeting room will be in the "Barn". Since a contract has not yet been received or a deposit paid, members could wait until February to make their reservations at Todd Hall. The nine sleeping rooms available to us will accommodate 18 guests.

There will be four painting classes next year with round robin make-it-take-its in place of entertainment on Saturday evening. Members wishing to teach at Retreat were asked to submit only 1 project each (unsigned) that will be unveiled and voted on at the February meeting. Everyone was encouraged to submit a project as this is a good way for members to experience teaching for the first time. Ellen has teacher submission forms available today for anyone who plans to submit a project. The deadline for getting the teacher forms to her is January 18. Ellen will hand out the MITI forms at the February meeting with submissions to be displayed and voted on at the April meeting.

Ellen was asking for Retreat committee volunteers. Gloria Falk will help with nametags. Barb Ogden will help with Decorations. Donna Wessel volunteered to handle table covers and trash bags. She still needs a volunteer to help with goody bags.

Barb Ogden, Program Chair, talked about the October Cheri Rol seminar. She also announced that our Christmas Party would be December 6 at Andre's Banquet Center on Telegraph Road. The cost will be \$20 per person and include a cash bar. Barb was asking for three volunteers to decorate a table for 8 at the banquet. The volunteer can decide whether or not to have a centerpiece, placemats, favors, etc. The only restrictions from Andre's was no real lit candles and no glitter or confetti. The room would be available at 12 noon so tables could be decorated before members started to arrive. There will be no cookie exchange this year, but there will be an ornament exchange. In addition to Barb, Gloria Falk, Mari Hart and Maureen Wasserman volunteered to decorate a table.

Barb announced that Gloria will conduct an Oil workshop on March 12, 2016. A sample was on display and signups could begin today. The workshop fee is \$15 and there will be no supply cost as members will bring their own 12 x 16 canvas based black. Gloria will provide the paint.

There will only be one seminar in 2016. Mark Polomchak, watercolorist, will be here May 21-23. Cost will be \$75 per day for members. Member registration begins today and will be open to the public on March 1. We expect the seminar to be held at the Holiday Inn Express on Riverport Drive in Maryland Heights.

Today's after-meeting program will be two round robin projects. Deb Christenson is doing a color pencil cardinal ornament and Donna Wessel is doing an acrylic ceramic angel ornament.

Mary Jo Kumer reported that Gateway has mailed 600 boxes to date. Ellen Rohne will be teaching the December MB paint-in and Mary Jo would be doing January. She still has months available in 2016 for someone to lead a paint-in.

Both Mary Jo Kumer and Marilyn Todd had Show'n'Tell projects to share with us.

Nomination Chair, Liz McClintock, read the list of nominees on the ballot and called for nomination from the floor. There were no names on the ballot for Newsletter Editor. Both Sandra Reynolds (now living in Kentucky) and Marilyn Hartnett had volunteered prior to the meeting to run for this office if no one else stepped up. Obviously, Sandra is out of state and Marilyn would probably be unable to attend some board and chapter meetings due to her husband's health issues. A discussion followed and a consensus was reached that Marilyn was the better choice since she was an area resident and could be available for telephone discussions in decision making situations. Several members expressed the need for someone to fill the office and were willing to overlook Marilyn's possible inability to be present at all meetings. Seeing that there was only one candidate for each position up for election, Joyce Miller made the motion for nominations to cease. Barb Ogden made a motion to accept the ballot by acclamation. Mary Jo Kumer seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Jean Lindsey, Membership Chair, announced we had 22 members present today with no guests or new members. Anyone wishing to sign up for Secret Pal could still do so. Jean would be sending out a questionnaire in the next week or two and then your Secret Pal name later in December. Names were drawn for door prizes. The winners were Ellen Rohne, Diana Gelber, Joyce Miller and Linda Lewis.

A new Refreshment Chair is needed as Marilyn Todd is stepping down. Linda Nelson and Liz McClintock volunteered to be Co-Chairs. The Board volunteered to provide the February meeting refreshments.

Mary Jo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2 p.m., seconded by Jean Lindsey.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Wessel, Treasurer