

THE RAINDROP PATTERN

General meeting – Raindrop Chapter – October 1, 2016 – Union Hall – Tualatin Oregon

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. Attendance today is 30, we have a quorum.

President's report – our chapter had good representation at the Seattle convention – about 30 raindrop members were there. The big draw was the Book room with painting books they were sale for \$1.00 each. We would like the membership to consider doing this at our upcoming convention. The book room was open only when the trade show floor was closed.

This is the month we vote to give donations to various groups – Donations to SDP, DAC and the woman's shelter. Marie Morris moved and Peggy Smith 2nd that we continue our current donations to the three charities at \$200.00 each in 2017. The women's shelter has had some change in leadership and we will be following up with them regarding leadership and our involvement before we send them the donation. The payments for all three have been made for 2016.

Vice President's Report Dinky has not received any nominations for the Stan Brown or the commended service award. These will be awarded at the Christmas brunch banquet. If you don't have all the detailed information on the service your nominee has done, we have back ground stuff so we can fill in details.

Christmas Brunch will be at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, cost is \$15.00 per person for brunch. It is a non-smoking hotel. Question regarding doing an ornament /pin exchange or gift exchange? It was decided that if you bring something you get something, your gift needs to be a handmade item with a \$10-dollar limit. At the meeting we finalized who will be doing table decorations for the Christmas Brunch.

Secretary – Thank you to Georgia for stepping in and taking the minutes at the last meeting – Motion to approve the minutes as presented in the newsletter, moved by Peggy Smith, Second Jennifer Kersten the minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurers' Report Emma reviewed the budget for 2017. Line items that are blank on the 2017 budget have been moved or combined into other sections of the budget. Example paint-ins after meeting are now part of Education and Seminars. Convention Budget for 2017 was also reviewed. Both will be in the newsletter and they will be voted on at the Christmas Brunch. Financial numbers as of 9/17/2016 Income \$14,231.06 Expenses: \$15,166.42

Standing committees:

Nominating – election of officers for 2017, we have been looking for officers and we will post the nominees in the October Newsletter and vote for them at the Christmas brunch. Our current candidates are Dinky Davis will be President, Peggy Smith will be VP; Carol Thumberg willing to serve as secretary and Sally Jacklin and Emma Bleich will continue as treasurer. Marie Smith recommended that we accept the board as suggested, Paula Peterson seconded, approved by all present. We respectfully request that everyone consider serving as a board member or on a committee in 2018 and the future.

Greeters – we have two visitors today. No new members

Hospitality – coffee and goodies in the back please help yourself

Membership – we have 95 members 15 are new this year, please encourage members to attend the meetings. Membership dues for 2017 are due now, the form is in the newsletter please fill it all the way out and mail it to Joan Porter with your fee of \$20.00 for membership, \$25.00 business or; \$30.00 Sponsor.

Historian – Bobby will continue taking pictures at events – Dinky has volunteered will help with scrapbooking. If you would like to help, see Bobby Baugher.

Ways and Means – not here today

Sunshine - no calls from anyone sick or hurt or anything

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Newsletter – deadline is October 15

Education – 36 attended the Lynne Andrews seminar we made 399.00 profit. Kim Hogue 20 students and \$10.00 to cover expenses we lost \$396.00 so we made \$3.00! we are not using these to make money but it's nice when we do! Salomeja Garolis is our new education person – Laurie Baker will be our seminar teacher for 2017 and is excited to come to Portland and will teach two projects one Saturday and one Sunday her specialty is florals. This will be June 24 and 25, 2017 at the Union Hall. \$70.00 for both days – one fee no exceptions.

Convention - we will have a meeting later in October, check the newsletter for the date and time.

Woman's Shelter – they need paper products, paper towels, diapers etc.

Memory boxes – nothing new they are doing ok for now and we will need to bring them more before Christmas.

Treasure boxes – a bunch dropped off today, Georgia will take them to the children's hospital! Thank you everyone!

Retreat – We are going back to Canby cost is \$176 for 2 or more in a room 6 meals - \$201.00 for a single room. There are three projects picked out - Becky is teaching a frame on Friday night – on your own surface, Saturday Karen Hubbard is teaching an owl technique class on Saturday for eyes and feathers. And then Sunday we are doing bags in multimedia decoupage you get to choose the theme and color. There will also be a tree ornament raffle. Guests are now permitted to attend the retreat they must pay in advance.

Librarian – books are back there and are available to check out, be sure you bring patterns back.

Old business - Stockings for the women's shelter they are taking more stuff, small toys, mittens, bubbles etc. anything will be welcome...we need about 30 of each.

New Business – Standing rules change and by-laws were reviewed. Peggy Smith moved that the changes to the standing rules and bylaws be approved as reviewed and Helga Nichols seconded, the changes this was approved by the membership.

Union Hall – there is a ramp to help those with trouble with stairs but it is located in the back of the building and it is unlocked you can use it to get in and out of the room, it is longer to walk.

Advisor – the role of the advisor going forward was discussed. Currently the advisor serves on the executive committee and fills in for any member who is unable to attend a meeting. They also serve as parliamentarian. See the operating rules. Some people are concerned about the 3-year commitment that is required by someone serving as a vp/pres/advisor. Our current members serving are ok with this commitment but we will address this issue again should someone voice concern serving the three years.

Meeting has been adjourned at 11:30.