

Raindrop Chapter General Meeting, Milwaukee Lutheran Church, February 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 by Chapter President Betty Jean Kendall.

Membership introductions were made – we had 42 members present and 4 guests. Total chapter membership is currently 80 members.

Presidents report – we have 44 signed up for our class following the meeting today.

Vice-presidents report – the samples for the April paint in with Lori Larkey were displayed. She will be sharing her Rosemaling drybrush technique. Class for the balance of 2016 were also given to the membership at the meeting.

Secretary's report – The minutes from the December Meeting were revised from those that were printed in the December newsletter. Revised minutes were available for all members at the sign in table. A motion to approve the minutes as revised and presented at the meeting was moved by Joan Porter and 2nd by Peggy Smith. The motion was approved by voice vote of the membership.

Treasurer's report – Chapter Account – Key Bank as of 2/5/2016 Checking \$9,384.51 Savings \$30,373.96
Convention account – US Bank as of 2/5/2016 Checking \$28,331.41 Savings \$5,478.39

Emma Bleh went through the budget and expenses for 2015 and 2016. We have not made any of our charitable contributions for 2015. Sunshine expense is for cards only; postage is part of postage. Looked at the budget for 2016. One change this year, each committee and officer will have a budget assigned to them and will need to submit a budget for 2017. Call for motion to approve budget as presented was moved by Peggy Smith and 2nd Jeanne Maurer and approved by voice vote.

Advisor – there will be some bylaw changes that will be in the next newsletter. The raffle items were displayed for the vice presidents raffle funds raised are used to send the vice president to the national convention in 2016. Winner will be chosen at the April meeting.

Sally Jacklin asked that each time you come to the meeting find a special saying you can pass on to someone in the group as a special recognition she shared the following quote with us at the meeting "Life's truest happiness is found in the friendships we make along the way." Our chapter has had a tough year and there is a lot of stuff going on, we all need a hug or encouragement to share with one another.

Education – next teacher is Lynne Andrews for a 2-day seminar there are two options so the projects will be going around please only vote for one and only if you are attending. This will be June 11th and 12th at the Union Hall. Cost will be \$35.00 a day because we are flying her out her from back east. Our other special guest teacher for 2016 will be Kim Hogue she will be coming the weekend before convention in Seattle.

Convention – for the 2017 convention we are going to need more help! From everyone – we need committee chairs and we need them to commit to the entire project which is 2 years. At our last convention we had people handling 2 and 3 big responsibilities and they were run into the ground. We are all busy, we have jobs and family but if we don't get more help from everyone we are going to have to cut back on what we can do. Also, if we don't get help this convention it may be the last one. We are not going to ask you – you need to consider the jobs that need to be done, what you would like to do and step-up and do it. The 2017 is a commitment and we have no other option; we were committed before we finished the last convention. Several people spoke about serving and the importance of having people helping. If you want to learn more come to a meeting. We will also post a list of committees and job descriptions on the website and we will have them at the convention meeting. If you are interested in learning more, please speak to a member of the executive committee. Melinda Dickerson offered to serve as the chair for class room cleanup person for convention.

Newsletter – deadline for articles is Feb 15th if you want to put in an inspirational thought or something else please send it to Charmaine.

Question was asked about sending an invitation to Coast to the Cascade members encouraging them to join us, we would love to have them. Maybe offer them their first visit is free. This will be discussed further as they will not be finished with their current schedule of meetings till the end of 2016.

Corrections to the Directory were given out for several members at the meeting – they are available in the member section of the website.

Librarian – books are out for checking out patterns. Peggy Smith is taking over the library, thank you Peggy.

Historian – pictures of our president at the 2015 convention were sent from Becky Albeke for inclusion in the scrapbook.

Sunshine – We did not have too much activity over the last few months. In December sympathy card was sent to Gayle Orem and get well to Judy Elam and sympathy to Sally Jacklin. June Houck is not doing well and is at Marquis Mt. Tabor care facility thinking of you notes are welcome.

Memory Boxes – we received 16 today, reminder if you bring boxes please sign the sheet and if you want to take some to paint you are welcome to, but please sign them out. We also received several boxes from Coast to the Cascades and a thank you note will be sent to them.

Treasure Boxes – we received 12 boxes today and Georgia will take them up to the hospital soon.

Retreat – 29 people coming to retreat – everyone who has paid should have Maxine's design FYI the prep is a lot of work. The Friday project was on display, you should bring your own stencils and if have stickles and special colors of glitter paints for your project bring those as well. The raffle items for convention were also shown. If you have food or other allergies we need to know in advance for retreat house, please note that on your registration with your phone number so if they have questions they can call you.

Website – for membership only section the Login and password can be received from any board member or the Website coordinator, Charmaine Bannister.

Old Business – none

New Business – Heard from Maxine she is looking forward to seeing us at retreat, the piece for retreat is also going to be in her new book in August.

Shari Reiner class in July 27th for a class – \$40 with a pot luck piece was displayed. Judy Zogg will have the wood.

In the past we have made contributions to various groups, SDP, DAC and the Women's Shelter of Clackamas County Peggy Smith moved we donate \$200 to SDP, DAC and Women's Shelter, Charmaine Bannister 2nd motion was approved by voice vote.

Don't forget the brought a gift/take a gift this is our new event done in place of the secret pals this year.

Membership directory under by laws. In Article IX Special Committees it states, "when they are finished they will go out of existence." Members were asked to go to the front of their directory where there is the list of committees, many are listed as special committees but they are really Standing committees. These are the changes that will be addressed in the newsletter and voted on at our next meeting.

Marlene Roth is taking over Hospitality please make a note in your directory.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06.