

Tennessee Valley Region

The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes, June 17, 2004

Host: Bays Mountain Chapter, Kingsport, Tennessee

Nancy Bowers, Region Director, called the Tennessee Valley Region Board Meeting to order and introduced Sharon Hite, CyberStitchers Rep, and Clarke Harrison, SAS XXVII Co-Chair from the Knoxville Chapter. Present were reps from 20 chapters; ABSENT: Central Alabama, Cumberland, Jubilee and Southern Stitchers.

MINUTES:

MOTION: Chattanooga Chapter moved to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and passed.

TREASURER: Pam Roberts, Treasurer, reminded reps that quarterly membership reports MUST be sent in every quarter, EVEN if there is no change/no report. She presented the following reports.

- Balance Sheet as of January 15, 2004.
- Income/Expense Sheet as of June 15, 2004.
- Budget Report as of June 15, 2004.
- TVR Quarterly Membership Statistics for 2002 through the first quarter of 2004. The stats for 2002 and 2003 were included for comparison purposes. For the year 2003, we had an 11% loss in membership.

BYLAWS: Nancy Bowers, Bylaws Chairman, reported that Iris Chapter's bylaws are being processed. A new bylaws chairman should be approved at the next national board meeting in July.

EDUCATION: Amy Robinson, Education Chairman, presented her report. She thanked the Alabama Chapter and RD Nancy Bowers for the two new programs they submitted for the Chapter Programming project. The program Nancy submitted was *EGA: A Patchwork of Friendship*, a South Central Region project she'd taken at National. Amy also reported the following:

- September 1, 2004 is the deadline for the next meeting's submissions.
- The \$100 *Time to Teach* grant has been spent.
- The deadline for the ESP program *Basic Textile Conservation* is July 16, 2004.
- Mary Renquist explained the Western Kentucky/Tennessee Chapter's project.
 - The project focuses on the Kentucky Frontier history segment of the local school's curriculum for 4th-graders.
 - The project is for volunteers to teach to students, scouts, etc.
 - The project is available for \$4.00 to reps who want to take it back to their regions/chapters.
- Nancy asked if any chapter submitted a nomination for the *Golden Threads Award* (formerly the *Educator's Award*). None had. She reminded reps of the importance of increasing outreach to young people.
- The Greater Pacific Region sponsored the *2004 Treasured Teachers Directory*, which tells about needlework teachers and promotes needlework as art.
- Two Nashville stitchers achieved Master Craftsman status in Crewel, as did Nancy Pardue, Iris Chapter, and Lois Threlkeld, Knoxville Chapter.
- Chapters must use the \$150.00 TVR Education Grant for either bringing in a teacher or taking a group correspondence course and the class/course must be completed by 2005.
- *A New Kid on the Block* project is in the Presidents' mailing.
- Sandy McIlrath's *Beaded Chatelaine Necklace* pattern was distributed to chapter reps.

EXHIBIT: Dorothy Graves, Exhibit Chairman, reported that the 18th *National Exhibit* was on view at EGA Headquarters in Louisville, and she showed the exhibit's catalog. The exhibit leaves Louisville for Clarksville, TN, in July.

- The opening date for the youth exhibit at Headquarters has been changed to March 1, 2007.
- The Master Craftsman exhibit will be on view March 1 – May 31, 2005.

HISTORIAN: Ardith Bryan, Historian, reported the following articles were added to the scrapbook:

- *The American Gardner Magazine* will feature an article about *The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.*, Western Kentucky/Tennessee and Murray members, who stitched and decorated a Christmas tree for the National Headquarters of the American Horticultural Society using patriotic designs from the Posy Collection. The Posy Collection is designed by Western Kentucky/Tennessee chapter member Posy Lough.
- The Western Kentucky/Tennessee Chapter taught cross-stitch to Hester College residents.
- Linda Matthews, Cheekwood Chapter member, was the focus of an article featuring the four Christmas trees she puts up in her home for the holidays. Themes for the trees include patriotism, miniature Radko and Dept. 56 ornaments and stitched ornaments – needlepoint, crochet, smocking and cross-stitch.
- An article about Cheekwood Chapter members Mary Margaret Lovell, Harriette Quin and Olivyn Hardison featured *Through the Eye of a Needle*, an exhibit of their work at Columbia State Community College.

SAS XXIV: Jo Rita M^cMurray, SAS XXIV Chairman, welcomed all to SAS XXIV. She reported that of the 185 registered participants, 19 were first-timers; Ardith Bryan and Kathy Medlock have attended all 24 Share-a-Stitch Seminars and were given gift certificates to the bookstore for this accomplishment; and 135 registered for the Ice Cream Social. The Teacup Auction will be open until lunch on Saturday. Class and teacher evaluations need to be completed and sent via e-mail through July 31, 2004. None will be collected during SAS XXIV.

NEWSLETTER: Ellen Daniels, Newsletter Editor, presented her report noting that:

- **NO** chapter reports were received from the following chapters:
 - **Bristol**
 - **Cotton Valley**
 - **Cumberland**
 - **CyberStitchers**
 - **Georgia**
 - **Stones River**
 - **Western Kentucky/Tennessee**
- The newsletter is currently being distributed to 156 people, all but 3 of them by e-mail, reducing the cost of producing the newsletter to about \$7.00. Any EGA member may receive the TVR newsletter free via e-mail. She reminded reps to notify her of any new newsletter editors, including their name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. Editors should have a copy of *Guidelines for Newsletter Editors*, which is available from Headquarters or easily downloaded from EGA's website by clicking on "Newsletter Guide."
- Reps should make sure copies of their chapter's newsletters are sent to Joyce M^cCoig, the national newsletter reviewer:
- The deadline for newsletter submissions is each board meeting, and reps should make sure Ellen receives their chapter reports prior to that time, preferably via e-mail.
- We currently have three advertisers. More are always appreciated, and this revenue would help with printing and mailing expenses. Reps were asked to please contact shops in their area.
- Any items in the TVR newsletter may be used in chapter newsletters UNLESS copyright-indicated. The inclusion of Seminar 2005 and SAS ads, information, etc., is a **must!** Please note: the initial Seminar 2005 ad had a typo in the name of the hotel – the correct hotel name is "Crowne Plaza Ravinia" – note the 'e' at the end of "Crowne."
- Please be sure the following disclaimer is included in your chapter newsletters:

EGA jewelry prices reflect current market trends and are subject to change at any time.

- Chapter newsletters should include the *Heart of My Heart* information and order form sent to all newsletter editors. *Heart of My Heart*, by Margaret Kinsley, is the new National Outreach Project.

REMINDERS:

- Do not use the word "raffle" in chapter newsletters, per IRS regulations. "Teacup Auction" and "Opportunity Drawing" are acceptable terms.
- Include the TVR and national websites in each chapter newsletter: www.egatvr.com; www.egausa.org
- Chapter reps should inform Ellen as soon as possible if and when their chapters have a new newsletter editor.

NOMINATING: Winona Bays, Chairman, presented the slate of nominees for TVR's executive Board, which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in October. The nominees are:

REGION DIRECTOR:	Sandy M ^c Ilrath, Alabama Chapter
ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTOR:	Gwen Nelson, Louisville Chapter
SECRETARY:	Amy Robinson, Tri-Area Needlearts Chapter
TREASURER:	Pat Amos, Birmingham Chapter

MEMBERSHIP: Nadine Alexander, Membership Chairman, presented her report noting that 12 chapters reported to her that many former members are not rejoining because they forgot to renew; others are not rejoining due to age, health or, unfortunately, death. She noted the value of outreach programs in retaining current members and attracting new members, and she encouraged chapters to use the information included in the Tennessee Valley Review for their chapter newsletters. The new National Membership Chairman is Mamie Anthoine Ney.

OUTREACH: Assistant RD Sandy M^cIlrath, Outreach Chairman, noted that only 70% of TVR chapters submitted reports for this board meeting. Reps should be sure to send her the e-mail addresses of new Outreach Chairmen.

The *National Outreach Project Booklet* is available until the end of 2004, and she showed the finished heart completed by Ellen "Speedy" Daniels. The booklet is available from National and may be ordered on-line (discounts available for multiple orders).

Western Kentucky/Tennessee said a correction sheet is available for the *Habitat for Humanity Sampler*, and that samplers must be approved by local Habitat offices.

Sandy presented the following chapter outreach reports:

- **Alabama Chapter:** The church where the chapter meets, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, has requested more Baptismal Cloths. These cloths are small white linen pieces with a satin stitched cross in one corner. The chapter has made many of these cloths before and they are a big hit with the church members. Several members are working on them and they will be the subject of New Kid in June.
- **Bays Mountain Chapter:** The chapter used "A Charmed Heart" as its January program. There was discussion at our June 14th meeting about using the latest EGA heart design as a project for next year.
- **Birmingham Needlearts Chapter:** Plans are coming together to pass on the love of stitching to the next generation by teaching a sampler to elementary students in a special summer program. We continue collecting aluminum tabs for the local McDonald House. A gallon of tabs is worth forty dollars. This money is used for house maintenance. Stationary and greeting cards are being collected for a senior citizen complex. Our annual needlework display at the Homewood Library for the month of June is lovely. A variety of projects along with information about the Birmingham Chapter and EGA is on display. This project is intended to show the public the many different types of needle work.
- **Bristol TN/VA Chapter:** Bristol TN/VA Chapter has several ongoing outreach projects:
 - Christmas tree decorating at 3 branches of Wachovia Bank in Bristol: Our special project each year is to make themed Christmas tree ornaments for the bank's downtown office. The next year, the previous year's downtown office ornaments are moved to another branch.
 - This year, we took the white-on-white ornaments that rotated off the branch bank's Christmas tree and donated them to the Children's Advocacy Center in Bristol, VA (CAC). They were placed on a small tree, along with white needlepoint candle holders a member made to complement the tree, and were auctioned off in the CAC's annual Christmas fundraiser. This group helps children who are abused make it through court systems with a minimum of distress.
 - At our fall Birthday Party and our Christmas Party, each member was asked to bring a children's book. We always have a needle related gift exchange at our Birthday Party and an ornament exchange at the

Christmas Party, so this is a way to give something to others instead of just ourselves. Close to 60 books were donated and given to 1) Children's Advocacy Center, 2) Abuse Alternatives, and 3) APPLE Institute Preschool and Daycare (part of the church where we hold our meetings).

- We continue making smocked baby gowns for local hospitals to give to parents of babies who die (mostly born very prematurely, some stillborn). The Guild purchases the white fabric and members smock and sew the small gowns. Some are used as funeral gowns, others are used for the parents to take pictures of their baby and then the gowns are keepsakes for them.
- After our chapter's silent auction fundraiser, many people donate needlework kits and supplies that are given to the Abuse Alternatives and Haven Shelter for women who are abused. Most of the items are given to ladies who stay at the Shelter for awhile. The needlework kits and supplies provide the women with something good to do during their stay that helps them build positive self-esteem.

Central Alabama Chapter: No report submitted.

Chattanooga Chapter:

Chattanooga Chapter's Beautiful Relationship: For years, members of the Chattanooga Chapter, EGA, who wanted to get together to stitch between regular monthly meetings, had a standing date Wednesday mornings at Canvas & Yarn, one of Chattanooga's few remaining independent needlework stores. Its owner provided a welcoming home for old and new members, as well as for anyone who just liked to stitch. Sadly, he died of cancer this past year. The family closed the store for good after hosting one final, marathon garage sale. What didn't sell at the garage sale, the family generously gave to the Chattanooga Chapter to sell/auction off to raise money, which we did.

Still, much remained, and that surplus became the genesis of the chapter's newest outreach project. A large portion was donated to Chattanooga's Senior Neighbors, an organization that serves the area's retired folks. The remainder, along with a portion of some members' personal stashes, was given to the Partnership for Families, Children and Adults, which serves more than 60,000 residents of all ages in Chattanooga, Hamilton County and Southeast Tennessee.

Among the services the Partnership for Families, Children and Adults provides are care for shut-ins and in-home help for the elderly, personal and family counseling, help with debt management, safe spaces for troubled teens and people escaping abuse and help for rape victims. As soon as the agency's volunteer coordinator received the Chattanooga Chapter's offer to donate stitching materials, she posted it on the Partnership's intra-agency website. She had an enthusiastic response within the hour. At the end of the workday, she had three. By the next day, she had several more. Bits and pieces will be used for programs for the elderly and for shut-ins. Other bits will be used for programs for teenagers. Kits will be given to mothers who, with their children, fled abusive living environments with little more than the clothes they wore.

This outreach project is in its infancy but the Chattanooga Chapter recognizes the possibilities and the opportunity it offers. To paraphrase Humphrey Bogart at the end of Casablanca, this looks like the beginning of a beautiful relationship.

Cheekwood Chapter: No report submitted.

Cotton Valley Chapter: No report submitted.

Cumberland Chapter: The Cumberland Chapter will be participating, along with the church where we meet, in the Operation Christmas Children Project. We stuff shoeboxes with items a child in parts of Europe might not have – crayons, washcloths, pencils, toothbrushes, small toys, baseball caps, lollypops, gum, etc. The boxes are wrapped as Christmas gifts and labeled according to age and gender.

CyberStitchers: The Outreach Committee is still searching for someone to be the coordinator for the Ornament Donation (Breast Cancer Research) outreach project. In addition, they are completing bookmarks for the literacy program donation. They found a coordinator for the Ornament Donation (Diabetes) which will now move forward.

Dixie Chapter: The Dixie Chapter has several new outreach programs. Members Pattie Davidson, Betty Richardson and Sydney Brooks are leading a group which is stitching burial gowns for premature and stillborn babies. These babies are so tiny that no readymade gowns will fit. The gowns go to the Columbus Regional Healthcare and Doctors Hospital. Pam Reddy and Marilu Novy have put together a program on samplers and sampler makers that they have presented to numerous garden clubs. Their fame is growing as they are receiving more and more invitations to give this popular program. We are continuing to make bookmarks for the PAWS reading program.

Dogwood Chapter: The Dogwood Chapter continues to work on a variety of outreach projects. These are carried out through the individual stitch-ins which are geographically situated around metro Atlanta. One of the groups is

making pads for breast cancer patients; the Rome stitch in has, for the third year, stitched bookmarks for the local library with proceeds going to purchase new books. This year their 31 bookmarks netted \$155. Another member organized a group of women to make afghans for the homeless in a local shelter. When leaving the shelter, they are now given a pillow and their own afghan. One homeless man when reminded to take his afghan said, "You mean someone really made this just for ME?" Other projects include knitting prayer shawls for cancer victims, stitching fair linens and four purificators for an Episcopal church, knitting "chemo caps" for cancer patients, making Habitat for Humanity Samplers that will go into new homes being built for families, making jingle blocks for the children's breakfast trays at Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, ongoing project of making teddy bears and delivering them to firemen and policemen as comfort toys for accident victims.

Georgia Chapter: Nothing to report.

Greater Memphis Chapter: We are continuing our tradition of donating prize money to the children's needlework divisions of our county fair. We have been pleased to see an increase in participation each year since we began sponsoring them. We are stitching samplers for Habitat for Humanity and are donating toiletries and small stitching kits to Grace House, a women's shelter. We have discontinued our donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital after the quilt guilds held a contest that resulted in thousands of quilts being made for them.

Iris Chapter: We continue to be active participants in our community.

- We prepared a sampler for the WCTE Auction. WCTE is our local public television station. Each year, they have an auction to raise necessary funds.
- We prepared a 3 x 6 foot banner for the library for advertising one of their programs. The banner read Spin-a-Tale. It required quite extensive work.
- We are continuing to do a display of needlework at our county library. We have just done the exhibit for May.
- We have contributed 25 turbans, which we made, to the cancer center here to be given to ladies who have lost or are losing their hair because of their treatments.

Jubilee Chapter: Jubilee is continuing its program of making samplers for the Habitat for Humanity Houses.

Knoxville Chapter: The Knoxville Chapter's booth at the April Dogwood Arts Festival in downtown Knoxville had many visitors. Interest was generated in the Embroiderers' Guild as well as the new Museum House Sampler designed by Joyce M^cClain. Another successful exhibit was hung at the downtown library during the month of April.

Louisville Chapter: The chapter has been very busy stitching for others and helping individuals in need. This past year we not only continued sewing "preemie" gowns and knitting "preemie" caps, we also added making comfort caps for breast cancer patients who are taking chemo. In addition, we knitted afghans for "preemies" and made fleece blankets for cancer patients. We donated toiletries for the Women's and Children's Crisis Abuse Center and we provided donations for the Angel Tree at Christmas. To help buy materials and patterns for our various activities, at each meeting we collect fifty cents from any member who forgets to wear his or her nametag. Because the money goes to such a good cause, no one minds feeding the "ink pig!" We are always looking for new opportunities to help those in our community who may be less fortunate.

Majestic Mountains Chapter: No report submitted.

Plateau Chapter: We have just been working on the Habitat samplers and not much else. We are trying to build our membership so that we can do something constructive.

Southern Stitchers Chapter: No outreach activities to report.

Stones River Chapter: The Stones River EGA again filled a large glass cabinet for the community to see with completed stitching projects at our local library for the month of April, 2004. Our theme was "Americana."

Tri-Area Needle Arts (TANA) Chapter:

- We continue to present samplers at Habitat house dedications (2 ea).
- Exhibit (for one month) of guild members' work at Ramsdell House (Historic House), Ceredo, WV.
- Donations of baby bottles to the Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center, Ashland, KY.
- Presentation of a cross stitched Babcock State Park scene (by Del Wolfe) to the Huntington, West Virginia, Welfare Services Office.
- Toiletries for Branches - spouse abuse center.
- General Mills "Box Tops for Education" coupons to Cabell County school system.
- Pop tabs to St Mary's Hospital Hospitality House.

Western KY/TN Stitchers Chapter: North Elementary School showed off their stamped-on cross stitch samplers. Beryl Whaley, outreach chairperson, led the group as they walked their way through the history of cross stitch and its place in the development of the frontier and especially Kentucky. Terri Stone, Marilu Stevens, Posy Lough, Terri Hjetland and Mary Renquist joined Beryl in sharing their love of cross stitch with the enthusiastic students. Students were able to stitch the design of their choice and their kit provided stamped-on fabric, needle, thread and hoop.

EGA POSTAGE STAMP: Pam Roberts, Postage Stamp Committee Chairman, reported the petition was filed May 1, 2004. The stamp designs will be based upon four designs from EGA's collection. Now, local needlework shops, chapters and individual members should write letters to:

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
c/o Stamp Development
U. S. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260-2437

These letters should emphasize the integral role of needlework in the history of America, and that the tradition of doing needlework continues in the 21st century thanks to the importance of education as a mission of EGA and the work and dedication its members put forth to further that mission.

The next step will be contacting senators and congressman, for which guidelines will be forthcoming.

WEBSITE: RD Nancy Bowers reported for Webmaster Tink Boord-Dill that corrections for June 2004 have been sent in. Corrections are requested quarterly: March 2004, June 2004, October 2004 and December 2004. She also reported the following:

- "Somewhere" the following disclaimer needs to be added to TVR's website as well as to chapter websites – ***"EGA jewelry prices reflect current market trends and are subject to change."***
- A "Web Release Form" will be put on our website, and a copy also goes in the officers' notebook. This form is needed for insurance purposes if a person's name, e-mail address, and/or photos are to be put on the website. Nancy Bowers is the TVR webmaster's contact and she will keep up with the forms and monitor local websites. Therefore, completed forms should be sent to her.
- National website guidelines are available.
- More items of interest are on the website.

SAS XXV: Ardith Bryan, co-Chairman with Pat Kyser, passed out the new ad for SAS XXV's Birthday Party, the Birthday Cake Nametag form to be stitched for the birthday party contest and the registration form for the event. The prize for 1st Place is paid registration to SAS XXVI; 2nd & 3rd Place prizes will be birthday surprises. In addition, drawings will be held for those in attendance for presents brought to the party by TVR chapters.

Pre-registration takes place at Merchandise night during SAS XXIV. The birthday party date will be announced closer to the 2005 National Seminar (September 4-9, 2005), and will be added to the SAS XXV advertisement at that time.

SAS XXVI: Gwen Nelson, Chairman, distributed invitations to *Stitch and Step Back in Time* at SAS XXVI at the Seelbach Hilton in Louisville, KY, June 23-25, 2006. She presented the Louisville Chapter's request for a loan of \$3,000.00, as provided in the Region Seminar Guidelines, to be used for expenses incurred in planning for SAS XXVI. The loan will be repaid within thirty (30) days of the opening of registration, as mandated in the Region Seminar Guidelines, Committee meetings and planning are proceeding and on target. A working budget was also presented.

SAS XXVII: Lois Threlkeld, Chairman, and Clarke Harrison, Assistant Chairman, presented their report. SAS XXVII will be held in Knoxville, TN, June 14-17, 2007. The recommended seminar hotel is the Marriott Hotel in downtown Knoxville, near the new Gateway Center on the Tennessee River and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. A draft hotel contract has been submitted to the TVR Elected Board for approval. Once the contract is accepted and Seminar Guidelines are reviewed, committees will be formed.

2005 NATIONAL SEMINAR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA: Donna Smith, Chairman, presented her report, noting that:

- The pre-ordered Seminar 2005 bags will be available at the Fall 2004 TVR Board Meeting.
- Registration procedures are being clarified.

- Faculty selection is complete. Teacher contracts have been signed and their bios for the Seminar Brochure are done; 70 classes will be offered. The deadline for information for the seminar brochures is August 1, 2004. The Seminar Brochure comes out in March 2005.
- Contracts for the graphic designer, photographer, boutique and bookstore are complete and await signatures.
- Tour arrangements are complete and contracts are ready for approval.
- The airline of choice is Delta, which will offer a percentage discount.
- Name tags are in progress.
- Volunteer opportunities are being decided upon.
- Seminar 2005 is the Tennessee Valley Region's seminar, not the Dogwood Chapter's, and therefore the Student Handbook Committee is sponsoring and advertising contest – \$150 will be awarded to the chapter that solicits the most ads for the Student Handbook.
- Plans for a Wednesday Night Special Event are being finalized.
- Three chapters have started the closing banquet favor packing.
 - Nancy Pardue, Iris Chapter, suggested that the "Victorian Cone" project offered as a Wednesday workshop at this year's Seminar (Seminar 2004) would make a good favor (650 are needed). She offered to come to chapters volunteering to make them for Seminar 2005 to teach the project to their members, and she will bring the materials needed.

SEMINAR 2005 CHARM: Sandy McIlrath, Chairman, reported that twelve (12) gold and twelve (12) silver Seminar 2005 Charms have been sold, with a total profit to date of \$348.98. All charms ordered have been shipped. Orders will be taken at SAS XXIV Merchandise Night. Order forms have been sent to all TVR chapter newsletter editors and may be mailed or faxed to Sandy. Each chapter is asked to include information about the charms in every newsletter for 2004 and 2005, in addition to being included in the TVR newsletter. The webmaster will be asked to include pictures of the charms and the order form on the TVR website.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, PANEL TWO, TAPESTRY: Druscilla Defalque, Coordinator, distributed her report and reviewed work done to date, noting that it took 335 volunteer hours to work the background at this point. Overall color and stitch patterns have been set, and it will probably take just as many hours to complete the background stitching.

- Fourteen "slips" have been received, including the sandhill crane, red cardinal, bald eagle nest and two canvasback ducks. The cotton fields and alligator were expected to arrive in June, completing the sixteen separate pieces, all of which will be added to the canvas background. Azaleas, a stumpwork dogwood, needlelace leaves and a squirrel will be added when background stitching is complete.
- Casey Bradford is working on trees for all panels. Panel Two's trees, which will be machine stitched, include northern pines, cypress trees and palm trees.
- Canby Robertson agreed to do the lettering that will be attached to each panel. Panel Two's are "America, America" and "God shed his grace on thee."
- An article by Dale Sokolow, Panel One Coordinator, will be in the September 2004 issue of *Needlearts*. Other panels will be featured in future spring and fall issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Reps were encouraged to contact Ellen Daniels, TVR Newsletter Editor, or Sandy McIlrath, Assistant RD, for information about searching the National Digest List for stitching information to put in chapter newsletters.
- The idea for TVR's donation to Seminar Marketplace was revisited, and it was suggested that two Seminar 2005 charms be donated, one silver, one gold.

MOTION: Chattanooga Chapter moved to replace TVR's contribution to Seminar 2004's Marketplace with two Seminar 2005 charms, one silver, one gold. The motion was seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was recommended that donations be made in memory of Lola Bell McCormack, a past recipient of the TVR and EGA National Educator's Awards.

MOTION: Iris Chapter moved that a suitable donation be made to EGA National in memory of Lola Bell M^cCormack, a past recipient of the TVR and EGA National Educator's Awards. The October 26, 2001, minutes were reviewed to verify precedence since this issue was considered at that time. The motion was seconded but did not pass.

SAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

MOTION: The SAS Advisory moved to discontinue Share-a-Stitch Notebooks and to put Share-a-Stitch information on the website instead. Members will still receive SAS brochures. The motion was seconded and passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The 18th National Exhibit opened in Los Alamos, NM, in April, 2004.
- Past-President's pin is available from EGA Headquarters for \$10.00.
- Jennifer C. Core of the Tennessee Arts Commission's Folk Life Program will present an informal lecture about three types of samplers at 7:00 p.m., June 22, 2004, at the James K. Polk House in Columbia, TN. The samplers she will discuss are:
 - Mary Wills Sanson Marking Sampler, 1812
 - Sarah Childress Landscape Embroidery, 1818
 - Eunice Brooks Mourning Sampler, 1821.

To contact Ms. Core about samplers and/or to present a program for your group, e-mail her at Jennifer.Core@state.tn.us.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnajeanne M. Etkin, Secretary