

# *Tennessee Valley Region*

The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.

## ***Board Meeting Minutes, October 2, 2004***

Host: Clarksville, Tennessee

Nancy Bowers, Region Director, called the Tennessee Valley Region Board Meeting to order -- Present were reps from 17 chapters; ABSENT: Bays Mountain, Cotton Valley, CyberStitchers, Georgia, Jubilee, Majestic Mountains Needle Arts and Southern Stitchers.

### **MINUTES:**

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

**CORRECTION:** Bristol Chapter hosted the last board meeting.

**MOTION BETWEEN SESSIONS:** The executive board authorized the expenditure of \$300 to the Alabama Chapter because they won't make money on SAS XXV.

**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 September 30, 2004.

Income Expense Report as of September 30, 2004, which shows a significant negative income. This is due to the purchase of 100 Seminar 2005 tote bags, which the region will recoup after registration opens. Pam also noted that money made at SAS XXIV is coming in.

Budget/Actual Comparison Report as of September 30, 2004

Proposed Budget for 2005.

**MOTION:** Bristol moved to accept the Proposed Budget for 2005. The motion was seconded and passed.

TVR Quarterly Membership Statistics for the first two quarters of 2004 and comparison figures from 2002 and 2003. Pam noted that our membership continues to decline.

**BYLAWS:** Nancy Bowers, Bylaws Chairman, reported that the following chapters' revised bylaws are due next year: Chattanooga, Cheekwood, Cotton Valley, CyberStitchers and Louisville. TVR's revised bylaws will also be due.

**EDUCATION:** Amy Robinson, Education Chairman, presented her report.

Amy thanked Alabama and Louisville Chapters for donating to the Chapter Programming project.

TVR's Time to Teach Grant money for chapters, in the amount of \$300.00, will be available next year.

Western KY/TN Chapter has an outreach sampler project to share and kits are available for \$4.00 each.

The dates for the youth exhibit at National are March – May 2007.

Look for new information about the Extended Study Program for 2005.

Two new Petite Projects are available for chapter programs.

An Educational Grant from TVR is available in the amount of \$150.00 for chapters to hire a nationally recognized teacher or take a Group Correspondence Course. Eight chapters are already taking advantage of this offer.

RD Nancy Bowers handed out certificates from National to:

Tri-Area Needle Arts Chapter for their program teaching Girl Scouts

Western KY/TN Chapter for teaching needlework to elementary school students.

Cheekwood Chapter for teaching children.

Nancy noted that the latest issue of *NeedleArts Magazine* was all about TVR, from cover to cover.

**EXHIBIT:** Dorothy Graves, Exhibit Chairman, reported that the 18<sup>th</sup> *National Traveling Exhibit* is on view at the Customs House, in Clarksville, Tennessee, site of the current TVR Board Meeting. The Creative Arts Guild, Dalton, Georgia, will host the exhibit November 8, 2004, through January 24, 2005. The Metropolitan Region will host the exhibit next, and then it will be exhibited in the Carolinas Region.

Gallery hours at EGA's National Headquarters are 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. On view at National right now is an exhibit by the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The youth exhibit has been postponed until 2007.

**HISTORIAN:** Ardith Bryan, Historian, reported that an article about EGA's exhibit at the Clarksville Museum was published in the local newspaper. She will put the entire Fall 2004 issue of *NeedleArts* in TVR's archives. **Ardith needs more copies of media coverage of EGA activities from TVR's chapters.**

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

**NO** chapter reports were received from the following chapters:

**Bays Mountain**

**Birmingham Needlearts**

**Bristol**

**Central Alabama**

**Cheekwood**

**Cotton Valley**

**CyberStitchers**

**Majestic Mountains Needle Arts**

**Plateau**

**Southern Stitchers**

**Stones River**

**Western KY/TN Stitchers**

RD Nancy Bowers reviewed her records of what she's received and from whom; those who haven't sent her their reports; and the "Who – What – When – Where" list of who should be sent what and when and where to send it.

With regard to bylaws revisions, Nancy explained that a not-for-profit organization's ability to receive tax exempt status depends upon the laws of the state they are in. The main office or headquarters of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. (EGA), is in the state of Kentucky. To maintain it's 501(c)3 status as a not-for-profit organization, EGA and all its member organizations (regions and chapters) nation-wide, must have current bylaws on file, as required by the laws of the state of Kentucky. This is also required by the Patriot Act. For more detailed information, she advised chapter reps to read the article in *NeedleArts* that explains why chapters have to do bylaws.

Reps should make sure copies of their chapter's newsletters are sent to the national newsletter reviewer:

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e-mail: [eganewsletters@satx.rr.com](mailto:eganewsletters@satx.rr.com)

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 3 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.

**Newsletters should also include Seminar 2005 and SAS ads, information, etc., as well as the ad for the Seminar 2005 charm. These ads have been e-mailed to chapter presidents, reps and newsletter editors. 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 Kinsey, 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](http://www.egatvr.com); [www.egausa.org](http://www.egausa.org)

Chapter reps should inform Ellen as soon as possible if and when their chapters have a new newsletter editor. **PLEASE NOTIFY ELLEN OF ANY E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGES.** Each time she sends out the newsletter, there are many that bounce back due to incorrect/inaccurate/obsolete addresses.

**NOMINATING:** Winona Bays, Chairman, presented the slate of nominees for TVR's executive Board,

<b>REGION DIRECTOR:</b>	Sandy M <sup>o</sup> llrath, Alabama Chapter
<b>ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTOR:</b>	Gwen Nelson, Louisville Chapter
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Amy Robinson, Tri-Area Needlearts Chapter
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Pat Amos, Birmingham Chapter

**MEMBERSHIP:** Marge Courville presented Membership Chairman Nadine Alexander's final report. Nadine reiterated the same suggestions she's made in the past. Those chapters that personally contact their non-renewing members have a better retention record than those who do not. In communities where chapters have public exposure, new members are often the result. The "Common Threads" column in each *NeedleArts* issue has ideas from Mamie Anthoine Ney, the National Membership Chairman. Her chapter, Southern Maine, has a great approach to reach prospective stitchers who may be intimidated by the 'expert' pieces EGA members often exhibit. Nadine urged chapter reps to check Page 52 of the September 2004 issue of *NeedleArts*.

**OUTREACH:** Assistant RD Sandy M<sup>o</sup>llrath, Outreach Chairman, reported she had a generally good response and that most chapters are doing a good job. **Central Alabama and Cotton Valley Chapters submitted no reports.**

"Heart of My Hearts," National's fundraiser for the American Heart Association, its chosen outreach project, is going very well.

RD Nancy Bowers noted that this committee is now officially called "Outreach," not "Community Outreach" as it was in the past.

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.

**Bays Mountain Chapter:** The chapter used "A Charmed Heart" as its January program. There was discussion at our June 14<sup>th</sup> 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:

- *First* – Christmas Tree decorating at 3 branches of Wachovia Bank in Bristol. We have a special project each year and make themed tree ornaments for the downtown office. Then the next year those ornaments are moved to another branch.
- *Second* – this year we took the white-on-white ornaments that have rotated off the branch bank tree and donated them to the Children's Advocacy Center in Bristol, VA. They were placed on a small tree (along with white needlepoint candle holders a member made to compliment the tree) and were auctioned off in the CAC's annual Christmas fundraiser. This group helps children who are abused to make it through the

court systems with a minimum of distress.

- Third – 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).
- Fourth – continuation of 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.
- Fifth – after our silent auction fundraiser for our chapter, many people donated needlework kits and supplies which were given to the Abuse Alternatives and Haven Shelter for women who are abused. Most of the items go to ladies who have to stay at the Homes for awhile. They help with the women's self esteem to have something they are able to do and have something good to show for their work.

**Central Alabama Chapter: No report.**

**Chattanooga Chapter:** 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.

his 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:** Cheekwood members continue to work on Habitat Samplers. In August, a Sampler was presented to the Campbell Family in Shelbyville. Jostens Company has donated money to our chapter to pay for the framing for the Habitat Samplers for 2004.

During the National Walking Horse Celebration this year, the Shelbyville Satellite Group held a week long exhibit at a local tea room. The local newspaper did one complete page in the paper with five photos. We had very good attendance that week. EGA members were there every day to demonstrate making of twisted cords/making of tassels, answer questions on needlework, and hand out brochures for joining EGA.

The Satellite Group also make bookmarks for the County adult literacy program. The Chapter continues to make and donate scarves for cancer patients.

**Cotton Valley Chapter: No report.**

**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 that a child in parts of Europe might not have: for example, crayons, washcloths, pencils, toothbrushes, small toys, baseball caps, lollypops, gum, etc. The boxes are wrapped as Christmas gifts and labeled according to age and sex. They will have flyers for any group that might be interested in doing it another year.

**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 have 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:** To begin the new year, Cheryl Gutterred reported that the Druid Hills Evening group were making pads for breast cancer patients.

The Rome Stitch-In has for the third year made bookmarks (stitched, of course) for the Rome-Floyd County Library with proceeds going to buy new books. This year their 31 bookmarks netted \$155. Also one of our Rome members, Inez Fears, organized a group of women at the Second Avenue United Methodist Church to make afghans for the homeless in a local shelter. When leaving the shelter, the homeless 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 for ME?"

Margaret Lombardi, Rome, is knitting prayer shawls for cancer victims. She prays for the person she is knitting for and the patient then wears the finished shawl when she prays. Margaret is one of Rome Stitch-In's founding members.

Dana Edgens, along with former EGA member Linda Kane, stitched two fair linens and four purificators for St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rome.

Laura Cofield has been making knitted "chemo-caps" for cancer patients. At last count she had knitted seven.

Jonesboro Stitch-In has made and Donated 19 chemo caps fo local hospitals. Participants include Laura, 7; Judy,8; Ruth,3; and Nancy,1.

Ardell Lalumia made 30 "jingle blocks." These were delivered to Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta.

Toni Abbamonte of the Lilburn Stitch-In (evening) taught six junior members of a Girl Scout Troup in Gwinnett County at their scout meetings from April to August. They have learned several different stitches.

**Georgia Chapter:** Nothing new to report.

**Greater Memphis Chapter:** They are continuing their tradition of donating prize money to the children's needlework divisions of their county fair. They have been pleased to see an increase in participation each year since they began sponsoring them. They are stitching samplers for Habitat for Humanity and are donating toiletries and small stitching kits to Grace House, a women's shelter. The chapter has discontinued their 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. Recent activities:

- 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 made and contributed 25 turbans 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:** In November 2003, the Knoxville Chapter decorated a 7-foot Christmas tree with hand stitched ornaments, for the Fantasy of Trees, benefiting East Tennessee Children's Hospital. This was the 18th year that we participated in this charity. We are very proud that our trees generally sell for around \$1000.00 each.

The Chapter also sponsored a booth at the annual April Dogwood Arts Festival in downtown Knoxville. At the booth, we sold copies of the graphs for the Museum House pieces that the chapter has been designing for many years. This year's chart was called "The Swan Pond Sampler." It featured Ramsey House, an historic

house in Knoxville. It was a great success, both for the community, and the chapter. This was in conjunction with the exhibit which we hung in the downtown library.

**Louisville Chapter:** The chapter has made 9 chemo-caps for cancer patients which have been delivered to the Kentuckiana Cancer Institute. They have also delivered 2 day gowns and 5 knitted caps for "preemies" to the University of Louisville Hospital. The chapter has 5 more preemie caps completed and a baby blanket is being knitted. They'll be delivered soon. Yarn has been purchased for another baby blanket. Also, fleece has been purchased for 12 chemo-caps for winter. The chapter will continue working on the summer-weight caps.

**Majestic Mountains Chapter:** The chapter is still doing the Habitat Samplers and have several house dedications coming up.

**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 Stitches Chapter:** Southern Stitches is considering making bibs for the nursing home.

**Stones River Chapter:** Nothing new to report. The chapter 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:**

- Habitat House samplers (1 ea)
- Toiletries for Branches - spouse abuse center
- Pop tabs to St Mary's Hospital Hospitality House
- General Mills "Box Tops for Education" coupons to Cabell County school system
- School supplies donated to local church to be included in their backpacks for children without.

**Western KY/TN Stitches 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:** RD Nancy Bowers reported on letters sent by e-mail supporting the EGA Postage Stamp. Pam Roberts, committee chairman, printed out letters and envelopes to distribute to members at meetings for them to sign and send to senators, representatives and friends, noting that volume counts as much as anything.

**WEBSITE:** RD Nancy Bowers reported for Webmaster Tink Boord-Dill that signed permission slips to allow the inclusion of addresses on the website are dribbling in. Corrections should be sent to Nancy, which she will send to [headquarters](#).

**SAS XXIV:** Jo Rita M<sup>c</sup>Murray, Chairman, reported that 185 of the 197 who registered for SAS XXIV actually attended the event. The majority of those who came – 125 – pre-registered for the event during SAS XXIII. She noted the corrected bottom line figure and the event's profit: \$8,193.83.

**SAS XXV:** Ardith Bryan, co-Chairman with Pat Kyser, reported that TVR's Birthday Party will take place September 6, 2005, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., which is the same night as the Seminar's Merchandise Night.

Ardith reported that 93 pre-registered for SAS XXV during SAS XXIV. She then presented a list detailing the number of those pre-registrants that were from each chapter. She also reviewed forms for registration and ads.

Charms for nametags are \$2.00.

Each chapter is asked to donate a small, wrapped birthday present for a drawing – **NO BASKETS**. The gift should be stitching-related and cost no more than \$10.00 - \$15.00.

Since SAS XXV is not projected to show a profit, the committee proposed that the region suspend its standing rules for this unique, one-time-only event and share any profit 50/50 with the Alabama Chapter.

**MOTION:** Birmingham Chapter moved that TVR split any profits from SAS XXV 50/50 with the Alabama Chapter. The motion was seconded and passed.

**SAS XXVI:** Gwen Nelson, Chairman, presented her report.

The SAS XXVI logo has been approved.

The event hotel, the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, was the inspiration for the site of Daisy Buchanan's wedding in F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel, *The Great Gatsby*. In keeping with the Gatsby theme, the chapter will host an opportunity drawing for the "Daisy" figurine, a Lenox China collectible from its 2004 Christmas Catalog. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, and will be available until SAS XXVI, when the drawing will be held.

The Seelbach also gained notoriety as the site of Al Capone's "secret room."

An opening wine & cheese reception and style show will be held in the Rathskellar.

Gwen reminded chapter reps to make sure the invitations handed out at the last board meeting are included in their chapter newsletters.

RD Nancy Bowers reported that the SAS Advisory Committee approved TVR picking up the cost of a room for SAS XXVI pre-registration at Seminar 2005. Costs are estimated to be \$300.00 ± for three days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Nancy also noted that, nationally, teachers' fees and seminar registration fees have gone up.

**SAS XXVII:** Lois Threlkeld, Chairman, issued an invitation to SAS XXVII on behalf of the Knoxville Chapter. The event will take place June 21-24, 2007, at the Knoxville Hilton, and will follow the "two half-days, one full-day" format. Room rate will be \$99.00 per night.

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

Seminar 2005 is "pioneering" on-line registration – a new registration process – and will therefore use the basic registration form exactly as it appears in the brochure for this year. EGA's web site may be referenced for information about classes and tours.

A total of 70 classes will be offered, along with six optional tours showcasing Atlanta's foremost attractions.

Attendees do not have to do anything at the seminar in order to come to it.

Favors for both opening and closing banquets have been purchased or are being made by members of several chapters in the region. Cheekwood Chapter members are making the nametags.

Seminar pins have been ordered from the Barclay Company.

The hotel room rate is \$111.00/night.

The Volunteer Chairman should e-mail TVR chapters a list of jobs available shortly.

Mary Lou Able needs to have a gift from each chapter – something Southern – by July 1, 2005. She will wrap them and they will be given at the Final Banquet.

The International Embroidery Conference, which opens in Atlanta the Thursday evening prior to the opening of Seminar 2005, is an added attraction for potential Seminar registrants. Its theme is "Samplers." Samplers from EGA's collection, the Leslie Durst Collection, etc., will be on view at Bullock Hall. The conference is separate from and in addition to Seminar 2005.

**SEMINAR 2005 CHARM:** Sandy M<sup>o</sup>llrath, Chairman, reported that 17 silver and 17 14k gold charms have been ordered, paid for and shipped, yielding a current profit of \$700.00±. National advertising for the charm starts now. Sandy distributed graphics and order forms to chapter reps to give to their chapter newsletter editors.

**AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, PANEL TWO, TAPESTRY:** Pat Amos reported for Druscilla Defalque, Coordinator, that members may come to Birmingham on the third Thursday in October and November to St. Stephens to stitch on the tapestry. It will be available until 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. About four people can work on the tapestry at a time. Those interested should contact Druscilla by e-mail to make arrangements.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The National Digest List was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:**

Birmingham Chapter moved to provide \$200.00 for the Seminar 2005 Treasurer and Registrar to attend Seminar 2004 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for training purposes. The motion was seconded.

Alabama Chapter moved to amend the motion by increasing the amount of money provided from \$200.00 to \$400.00 per position. The amendment was seconded and passed.

Dogwood Chapter moved to amend the amendment to cover the expenses of both positions up to the amount of \$500.00 each, for a total of \$1000.00. Alabama Chapter accepted Dogwood Chapter's move to amend the amendment.

The motion and all its amendments passed.

Fundraising at Seminar 2004 was discussed.

**NOMINATIONS FOR TVR'S ELECTED BOARD:**

<b>REGION DIRECTOR:</b>	Sandy M <sup>o</sup> llrath, Alabama Chapter
<b>ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTOR:</b>	Gwen Nelson, Louisville Chapter
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Amy Robinson, Tri-Area Needlearts Chapter
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Pat Amos, Birmingham Chapter

**MOTION:** Bristol Chapter moved to accept the above slate of elected officers by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donnajeanne M. Etkin, Secretary*