

TVR Board Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2008 2:00p.m.
Memphis Hilton, Memphis, Tn

The meeting of the Tennessee Valley Region, EGA, was called to order at 2:00p.m. by Gwen Nelson, Region Director.

Gwen welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed thanks to Fay Shaw, SASXXVIII chairman, for her work on the seminar.

The roll call of chapters established a quorum was present. Nadine Alexander was appointed Parliamentarian.

Ardith Bryan, Alabama Chapter, made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting as distributed by e-mail. The motion was seconded and passed.

Lisa Dunn, TVR treasurer, gave the financial report. The Profit & Loss Statement shows a net loss of \$1,817.74 through the second quarter of the year. Dues for the third and fourth quarter will off-set much of this amount. Only six chapters had not used their TVR Education Grants. Lisa also provided membership numbers through the first quarter of 2008.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws & Standing Rules-Chapters which needed to update bylaws have done so.

Education-Rissa Peace Root provided a listing of upcoming National Education Opportunities. TVR had several nominees for The Gold Thread Award. Jo Von Nieda received her Master Craftsman in Crewel. The Greater Memphis Chapter received the Youth Education Award,

Exhibits – As directed at the November meeting, Dorothy Graves contacted Headquarters about hanging an exhibit of work from TVR stitchers during the Golden Gala Seminar. They were not interested.

Because there is a new curator at Headquarters, the possibility of “trying again” was discussed. Nancy Pardue, Iris Chapter, moved that a TVR representative ask National Headquarters to have an exhibit of work from TVR stitchers during the Golden Gala Seminar. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Theresa Brittain, Knoxville, to look into having the exhibit in the headquarters hotel if Headquarters is not interested. The motion was seconded and passed.

Historian- Donna Etkin requested that chapters send her photos and information about chapter activities for archiving. Donna's correct mailing address is 6439 Ridge Lake Road, Hixson, Tn 37343.

Newsletter – Ellen Daniels, Editor, reported that 239 newsletters are currently being distributed. Copies of newsletters should be sent to the national newsletter reviewer, Suzanne Kaye and to Ellen.

Nominations – Vera Grimsley, Chairman, presented the nominees for officers for 2009-2010. They are: Gwen Nelson – Region Director; Lois Threlkeld – Assistant Region Director; Margaret Steincamp – Secretary; Lisa Dunn – Treasurer. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November board meeting. The vote will be taken at the November meeting.

Membership – Heidi Smithers requested that information concerning successful retention and recruitment activities be sent to her so that she can share this with other chapters.

Outreach – Lois Threlkeld provided a listing of outreach activities compiled from chapter reports. Many chapters have participated in the Kissing Pillow project.

TVR Website – Reminder to have web release forms for all members.

SASXXVII – Lois Threlkeld – All records from the seminar have been audited. The books are closed.

SASXXVIII – Fay Shaw, Chairman, reported 105 attendees. Greater Memphis is ready to host a wonderful seminar.

SASXXVIX – Catherine Talley and Linda Matthews, Co-chairmen, provided a summary of plans for SAS in Nashville June 18-20, 2009 at the Sheraton Music City. Class pieces will be on display during this Share-a-Stitch and registration will be open.

Unfinished Business

TVR Gift to Headquarters: Nine pedestals have been purchased for the gallery at Headquarters. Wording for the accompanying plaques was discussed.

New Business

Lisa Dunn presented the proposed budget. Voting will occur at the November meeting.

TVR has been reimbursing for travel incorrectly. We should be using the rate for a charitable organization, not the government rate. Gwen Nelson, RD, made the following motion of behalf of the Executive Board:

The Executive Committee moves that the officers and committee chairmen of TVR be reimbursed to attend the TVR board meetings at the following rates;

1. With receipts, the officers and committee members will be paid for actual gas purchases to and from the meeting, one meal and ½ of room.
2. If no receipts are available, the officers and committee members will be reimbursed for mileage at the IRS rate for volunteers of charitable organizations.

A motion to amend the motion was made by Donna Etkin. The amended motion would read “. . . meals not to exceed per diem given by the government rate”. The motion to amend was seconded and passed.

The original motion as amended does not require a second. The motion passed.

Gwen Nelson, RD, made a motion that gift certificates from advertisers for the EGA Seminar 2008 participant handbook be purchased for the gift basket for national seminar. The motion was seconded and passed.

Gwen presented reports from EGA.

SASXXX – On behalf of the Executive Committee, Gwen Nelson presented the following amendments to Standing Rules for the Tennessee Valley Region., Section VI., Region Seminar, sections C, I, and J.

1. C. At least two years in advance of a proposed date, the region shall schedule a seminar, Share-A-Stitch, upon either an invitation of a chapter to sponsor or a decision for the region to sponsor. Chapters may co-host. Co-hosting chapters shall upon issuance of the invitation provided their proposal for delineation of duties and distribution of profits. (4/88, 6/08)
The motion does not require a second. The motion passed.
2. I. Seminar profits will be shared seventy-five percent (75%) going to the TVR and twenty-five (25%) going to the host chapter(s) if chapter sponsored. This per cent can be reviewed for each seminar. If a deficit can be foreseen, the Seminar will be canceled. If a loss occurs, expenses incurred will be shared seventy-five per cent (75%) by the region and twenty-five per cent (25%) by the host chapter(s). If region sponsored, profits go to region with some compensation to helping chapter(s). (4/88, 7/94, 6/08)
The motion does not require a second. The motion passed.
3. J. Helping chapters will receive a share of region sponsored seminars only. Helping chapters will not receive a share of chapter sponsored seminar profits.
The motion does not require a second. The motion passed.

Announcements: The TVR Board Meeting will be hosted by Birmingham Needle Arts Chapter. The meeting will be Friday, November 7, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20p.m.

Margaret Steincamp
Secretary, TVR

The mission of EGA is to stimulate appreciation for and celebrate heritage of embroidery by advancing the highest standards of excellence in its practice through education, exhibition, preservation, collection and research.