



Carolinan Region EGA
Regional Meeting
Clemmons, NC
June 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Gail Smith (RD) with a few announcements. If anyone gets sick upon getting home or shortly thereafter, please email or call her.

Everyone was welcomed and the First Timers were re-welcomed.

Everyone was reminded about the Opportunity Baskets and the Silent Auction pieces.

Secretary (Marguerite Ewing) Called the role and declared there was a quorum present. The minutes of the September 4, 2022, meetings were accepted by consent.

The following reports were given:

ARD-The position of Assistant Area Director and Nominating Committee chair are still vacant. Emphases was placed on filling these positions.

Secretary (Marguerite Ewing) Reminded Chapters to keep RD informed of any changes in address, email, or telephone numbers.

Treasurer (Elizabeth Little) Presented and explained the treasurers report included in the chapter packets. There were no questions, and the report was accepted by consent. Spoke about the possibility of individual chapters opening a money market CD. The interest rates are good and if the chapter can afford to invest \$1,000 in a CD for 12 months, this would result in more money for the chapter.

Education Director (Janet Noble) Talked about the next Retreat in Rock Hill, October 13-15. Registration will open June 15th. During this retreat, Kurdy Biggs will be having a one-day class. "Santa Gnome" is the project and information will be included in the registration packet. There will be 2 evening presentations. One evening, members who have completed the Master Craftsman Certification will speak on their experience and display their work. The other evening, Carole Overton will give a presentation on the virtual Through the Needles Eye exhibit. There will be an open house at 2's Company in Rock Hill.

Everyone present was reminded of the Lightning Round opportunities available every quarter along with Group Correspondence courses. There are two available, Taming the Stash Monster and Cosmos.

Standing in for Seminar Chair, Janet Noble reported that there were 74 people registered and attending this seminar. 22 of those participants are First Timers. This is the largest attendance in recent years.

The Spring 2024 Seminar will be more of a Retreat, the Fall 2024 Seminar may not feature a class, but just stitching with friends. This is because the National Seminar in 2024 will be in Atlanta from August 14-18. Members were urged to save their money and attend the National Seminar.

There is a new certification program available to all members. A Certification of Technical Excellence in counted thread is up. The first section is available for free. There is a \$50 fee to join and to have our work judged. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn different stitching techniques.

Outreach (Millie Strobel) Reminded all to make reports of outreach activities. These reports are due in December of each year.

Region News (Cathie Barker) Reminded Chapters to submit their news in a timely manner.

Website Coordinator (Carole Overton) Stressed that we may see some changes on the Region website in the near future. We need to make sure our records are up to date as far as addresses and emails. Chapters should follow the chain of command when reporting any changes; spoke on the Virtual Exhibit for TNE. She will be giving a presentation at the Fall Retreat.

There will be Zoom Stitch-ins on the second Tuesdays of each month from 2-4 and on the third Saturday of each month from 10-2. The Tour of Shops may continue as well as having National Lectures available.

New Business (Gail Smith) Explained the new increase in dues and how they will be paid. Each member will send their dues directly to National. National will dispense funds to individual chapters. This will result in a change of due dates for members. The month you send in your dues, that will be your due date. There is no more prorating of dues; all are due at one time. National Dues have risen to \$55.00 yearly. Several questions arose about the possibility of making it an automatic draft and reminders being sent out. Gail will bring up these questions at the Region Meeting and report back. The Chicora Chapter had a list of questions that were given to Gail to take to Region Meetings.

The voting process has changed. Each member is allowed one vote per IPS address. To cast a vote, the member would sign on to the website and go to MY PROFILE. You need an account to vote (which is your member number). Right now, only National has one vote per person. There is a vote coming up 7/17/23 for new people to fill positions at National. All members are encouraged to read and vote on these positions. Voting will not change for the Region nor for chapters for now. There was a discussion covering the difference between a One Person One Vote system & the current Representative Government system. The chapter decides on voting issue, in the Region. That Chapter Representative will vote how the chapters wants, no matter what the personal feelings of the Representative might be. The Chapter Representative represents the will of the chapter members.

The Class Code of Conduct is a fairly new item. Each member taking a class will need to read and sign this code before the class begins. This code is to ensure positive interaction with teacher and other students as well as maintaining order during the class.

Region Director, Gail Smith requested that newsletters and chapter news reports be sent to her also. News of attendance and activities are helpful when promoting EGA.

Marjorie Sink, RD from the Tennessee Valley Region was recognized.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34