

Embroiderers' Guild of America

Mid-Eastern Region EGA Meeting

Spring 2021

May 15, 2021; Zoom Meeting

Meeting Time 10:00 A.M.

Call to Order

The mission of the Embroiderers' Guild of America is to inspire passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its heritage. (www.egausa.org).

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:15 A.M. on May 15, 2021.

All attendees and guests were welcomed to the meeting. Jean Hubsch, Region Director, asked for a flexible agenda for the meeting.

Jean Hubsch made it known that she was recording the meeting to assist Caryn Fuchs, Region Secretary, with the typing of the minutes.

Establish Quorum: Caryn Fuchs completed roll call and named auditors

Attendance was called. Jackie Droleski and Terry Faber were chosen as auditors.

Members Present

Executive Board

- Region Director, Jean Hubsch
- Assistant Region Director, Jackie Droleski
- Treasurer, JoAnn Coates
- Secretary, Caryn Fuchs

Committee Chairs

- Bylaws Chair, Julie Fera
- Education Chair, Mary Van Tyne
- Outreach Chair, Sharon Mozeko
- Parliamentarian, Judy Badger (also present as Keystone Chapter Region representative)
- Policies and Procedures Chair, Julie Fera
- Seminar 2020 Chair, Jean Hubsch (also present as Region Director)

Region Representatives

- BC Stitchers Chapter Region Representative, Carol Young
- Buffalo Chapter Region Representative, Carolyn Dowling
- Chemung Valley Region Representative, Terry Faber
- Crawford County Chapter Region Representative, Fran Orfino
- Genesee Valley Chapter Region Representative, Rosemary Altman
- Mohawk Chapter Region Representative, Wendy Weber
- South Towns Needle Nuts Chapter Region Representative, Irene Andruczyk
- Three Rivers Chapter Region Representative, Colleen Brennan
- Treasured Stitchery Chapter Region Representative, Terry Faber

Members Absent

- Historian, Betty Berkebile
- Newsletter and Webmaster, Katie Tomlinson
- Nominating Committee Chair, vacant
- Ways and Means, Shelly Meldrum
- Central New York Chapter Region Representative, Danielle Gerard
- Corning Chapter Region Representative, Anna Steckert
- National Trails Chapter Region Representative, Lori Abraham

A quorum was established.

Notable Guests

No notable guests were present.

Consent Agenda: Ratification of Minutes of the Fall 2020 Meeting: Caryn Fuchs (auditors Jackie Droleski, Terry Faber)

Jean Hubsch asked if all were in agreement with the Fall minutes; all stated aye, minutes were ratified.

Jackie Droleski and Terry Faber volunteered to audit the minutes of the Spring 2021 meeting. After their audit, these minutes will be sent to and voted on for approval by all board members.

Between-session voting was conducted between the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 meetings.

February 16, 2021

Lori Abraham submitted the following motion:

That Mid-Eastern Region dues be waived for 2021-22 membership year.

Rationale: Due to the financial hardship for some members because of the COVID 19 pandemic

Caryn Fuchs seconded the motion. The motion passed with 18 ayes, 2 nays, and 1 abstention.

Region Director's Report: Jean Hubsch

The report stands as submitted.

Assistant Director's Report: Jackie Droleski

The report stands as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: JoAnn Coates

The 2020 financial statements stand as submitted. They are currently being reviewed by an outside accountant. This review will be paid for at the National level up to \$300.00.

Financial statements from January through April of 2021 were reviewed. The most notable items were \$270.00 in fundraising income from Amadeus & Friends. In addition, \$810.00 was received for Group Correspondence Courses as well as \$74.00 for 2020 dues owed from a couple of chapters. The total income for the period was \$1,580.11.

Expenses for the same period totaled \$2,009.10. This is comprised of \$985.00 for Group Correspondence Course materials. Disbursements of \$275.00 were paid for the webinars sponsored by the Education Committee earlier in the year. Additional expenses were paid for the Zoom license and a one-time setup fee for the Region. A deposit of \$200.00 was also paid to Watson Homestead for Summer Stitch Camp.

The Region had a negative net income of \$(428.99) for the period ending April 30, 2021.

Committee Reports

Bylaws: Julie Fera

The report stands as submitted.

Education: Mary Van Tyne

The report stands as submitted.

Historian: Betty Berkebile

The report stands as submitted.

Newsletter and Website: Katie Tomlinson

The report stands as submitted.

Nominating Committee: Vacant

The report stands as submitted.

Outreach: Sharon Mozeko

The report stands as submitted.

Policy & Procedures: Julie Fera

The report stands as submitted.

Ways & Means: Shelly Meldrum

The report stands as submitted.

Region Representative Reports

BC Stitchers: Carol Young

The report stands as submitted.

Buffalo: Carolyn Dowling

The report stands as submitted.

Central New York: Danielle Gerard

The report stands as submitted.

Chemung Valley: Terry Faber

The report stands as submitted.

Corning: Anna Steckert

The report stands as submitted.

Crawford County: Fran Orfino

The report stands as submitted.

Genesee Valley: Rosemary Altman

The report stands as submitted.

Keystone: Judy Badger, Betty Berkebile

The report stands as submitted.

The Keystone Chapter will be holding an in-person meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021.

Mohawk Valley: Wendy Weber

The report stands as submitted.

National Trails: Lori Abraham

The report stands as submitted.

South Towns Needle Nuts: Irene Andruczyk

The report stands as submitted.

Three Rivers: Colleen Brennan

The report stands as submitted.

Treasured Stitchery: Terry Faber

The report stands as submitted.

Old Business

Little Stitches Policy and Procedures Update

Proposed updates to Little Stitches Policy and Procedures were sent before the meeting for review. Updates to the current policy were reflected in either green or red font color. The green font reflected minor changes to the current policy; the red font were major changes to the policy.

Julie Fera made the following motion:

That MER accepts the changes in red and green font on the Little Stitches Policy and Procedures.

Rationale: To update the policy and procedures to reflect the current way we are conducting business.

Terry Faber seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed.

Seminar 2020+1 – Jean Hubsch

The report stands as submitted.

The final meeting still needs to be held and reports finalized. As of today, estimated profits are \$3,000.00.

Terry Faber made the following motion:

That all profits from the MER Seminar 2020/2021 be awarded to the four chapters that worked on the Seminar. This is a one-time modification of the Region's Policy and Procedures.

Rationale: There was a great deal of extra work required of the chapters involved as a result of the postponement and then the switch to a virtual seminar. If MER is dissolving, as is planned, the Region does not need the additional income.

Mary Van Tyne seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed with 11 ayes and 5 nays.

Summer Stitch Camp

Jean Hubsch provided an update on current registration numbers. As of now, there are 13 registered; 11 for the weekend and 2 to attend one day. She noted that the information on the event is on our website and that registration is open until July 1, 2021.

Sharon Mozeko presented the following motion submitted by Gerry Stark:

That Mid-Eastern Region contributes \$20.00 towards the registration of each MER member attending the Mid-Eastern Region Summer Stitch Camp 2021, July 30, 2021 through August 1, 2021.

Rationale:

That MER members may benefit from being a member of MER EGA.

To encourage attendance at the MER Summer Stitch Camp 2021.

To offer some financial assistance in a time that for some has been financially trying.

JoAnn Coates seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed with 9 ayes and 8 nays.

Terry Faber presented the following motion:

That MER invite National Vice President, Marge Kelly, with partial funding to Summer Stitch Camp 2021.

Rationale: To provide the National Vice President an opportunity to meet MER members.

Carol Young seconded the motion. Motion withdrawn.

Terry Faber presented the following amended motion:

That MER invite National Vice President, Marge Kelly, to Summer Stitch Camp 2021 and pay for her room and board up to \$185.00.

Rationale: To provide the National Vice President an opportunity to meet MER members.

Carol Young seconded the motion.

A vote was called on the amendment which passed. A vote was called on the motion and it passed.

Status of MER – Judy Badger

The report stands as submitted.

Judy Badger provided an update regarding the distribution of the Region's monies. This motion has been presented to the EGA Executive Committee for further review. As a part of the review, the National By-Laws Committee is in the process of updating the by-laws for Regions to redistrict. We will need to wait until the updated by-laws are voted on at the Fall 2021 National meeting in September. Until that vote is held, we are unable to move forward with further redistricting action.

Other Old Business

None

New Business

Little Stitches 2022

Jean Hubsch presented the following motion:

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I move that we extend Little Stitches to a two-day event for 2022 only.

Rationale: So that more MER members have more educational opportunities.

No second is required as this motion is from the Executive Committee. Motion passed.

Judy Badger advised that the hotel contract has been signed and the dates are April 29, 2022, to May 1, 2022. The core committee has been chosen, with some positions to still be filled, but is moving forward. The request for proposals have been sent; the deadline to submit is July 1, 2021.

Judy Badger presented the following motion:

That Little Stitches 2022 receive \$1,000.00 from the Region education fund due to the increase in the number of days of the event.

Rationale: To help defray the cost to attendees of the extended Little Stitches event.

JoAnn Coates seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Judy Badger also requested \$500.00 in seed monies. JoAnn Coates asked that she send her a written request via email advising whom the check should be made payable to and where it should be sent.

Judy Badger also applied to receive \$1,000 from the Erma Blair Memorial Education Fund. Julie Fera brought up that it is stated in our Policy and Procedures manual that withdrawals from this fund are limited to \$1,000 a year. The Education Committee has already used \$275.00 from the fund this year leaving a balance of \$725.00 available for Little Stitches.

Based on this, the request was withdrawn at this time and will be resubmitted in the Fall for disbursement in 2022.

Camp Stitch a Lot 2022

Colleen Brennan provided an update on this event. Based on the loosening of COVID 19 guidelines in Pennsylvania, it is with confidence that she has reserved January 14 - 17, 2022 for this event. The difference with this event is that attendees will be able to arrive during the day on Friday after 9:00 am and depart by 4:00 pm on Monday. The room rates have remained consistent with the past years. However, the fee for the conference room and food have increased. Based on the increase in days, there may be a slight increase overall to attendees, once the 2022 fee schedule is provided by Villa Maria.

Fall Meeting – Zoom Meeting date and time to be determined.

Other New Business

None

Adjournment

Jean Hubsch called to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 am.

Action Items

Please note completed action items are left on the list for the meeting after their completion to show that they have been completed. They will drop off the list at the subsequent meeting.

| | Who will accomplish this? | By when? | Completed? |
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| Verify the information for your chapter president, chapter treasurer, and the number of members, and send that information to the region director. | All region representatives | As soon as possible | Ongoing |
| Verify the information for your chapter president, region representative, and newsletter editor (if your chapter has one) and send that information to Katie Tomlinson. | All region representatives | As soon as possible | Ongoing |