

CONSTELLATION CHAPTER EGA ZOOM BOARD MEETING

June 18, 2024

**Zoom Meeting Recorded by Mary Tod
Minutes Submitted by Bonnie Berman**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Susie Jordan, President.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A quorum was met with the following attendees: Susie Jordan, Cynthia Rosenberg, Karen Olsen, Devon Andres, Donna Finley, Jane Bauersfeld, Jeanette Farrell, Judith Todes, Jan Rollins, Carol Crumley, Mary Tod, Kathy Schatz and Bonnie Berman. Terri Tubergen was also in attendance, representing Alice LaSota

AGENDA (Attachment #1):

Submitted by Susie Jordan, President

- See Attachment #1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- A motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2024, was made by Cynthia and seconded by Mary. There were no objections. Motion carries.

PROGRAMS (Attachment #2):

Submitted by Alice LaSota, 1st VP/Programs & Education

- See Attachment #2.

TREASURER (Attachment #3 & 3.1):

Submitted by Devon Andres & Sue White, Treasurers

- See Attachment #3 & 3.1
- We are in the negative on the dues line because of the new renewal system of money going directly to National. Have only received renewal information from National for March and April.
- Donna received a check for renewal and passed it on to Cynthia. We have to deposit check and then send a check from our chapter to National.
- It has been reported that there are problems with online renewal. We should determine if it is certain browsers.
- Computer help with renewals has been available at both Monday and Saturday meetings.
- Cynthia will send out a roster of renewals once she receives the May report from National.

MEMBERSHIP (Attachment #4):

Submitted by Cynthia Rosenberg, 2nd VP/Membership

- See Attachment #4
- Still waiting for membership cards from National.
- The status of renewal should show on your EGA profile.
- If someone signs up for class we need to be sure they renewed.
- Once we have a cohesive list of renewals we will remove those who did not renew from receiving emails and other information.
- Judith questioned what is given to new members as the person she recruited that joined feels lost. Susie reported that once new member names are received the President sends a welcome note and a call from Ann Fink. There is huge lag because of National not sending new member's name immediately.

NEWSLETTER (Attachment #5):

Submitted by Karen Olsen, 3rd VP/Newsletter

- See Attachment #5
- Reminder that articles are due the 10th of the month before the issue date.
- Request for new Newsletter Editor will be in the next newsletter. Susie reported that the nominating team is working on recruitment of new Newsletter Editor.

REGIONAL REPORT (Attachment #6):

Submitted by Jane Bauersfeld, Regional Representative

- See Attachment #6

OUTREACH (Attachment #7):

Submitted by Jeanette Farrell

- See Attachment #7
- Love quilt squares have been given to Ann Fink and Lisa Rainey to construct the quilt.
- Going to Glen Burnie Library monthly. Outreach Committee is meeting monthly. Looking at other areas not just Anne Arundel County.
- Susie will talk to Jeanette offline about attending the Howard County Fair.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Submitted by Donna Finley, Corresponding Secretary

- Donna commented that everyone should stay healthy. She has been sending out many more get-well cards than normal.
- Susie received new note cards designed by Edie with our logo.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mentoring will be addressed as soon as the team gets back to health.
- Nominating committee seemed to have fallen apart. Luckily Penny and Carol have stepped in.
- Susie commented that although we are a large chapter it seems the same people are doing all the volunteering. She has been trying to get other people to step up.
- Mary received an email from Fireside that the sale of our items made over \$700 for the chapter.
- Susie reported that the book discussion group is going well. It is now at the Region level.
- ANCAC
 - Michelle Hunter, Susie and Alice try to make sure we have a representative at the monthly meetings.
 - Susie recommended that someone from membership and treasurer should attend meetings as there is a lot of related information discussed.
 - Not a lot of movement with the 2027 seminar. Susie told ANCAC that our chapter would participate if it goes forward.
 - A new GCC class by Catherine Jordan will be offered this fall to all six ANCAC chapters. All costs will be split among participants. The kickoff will be at Camp Wannastitch with kits being distributed there. There will be six meetings with each chapter hosting once.
- Blenda Eckert offered to work on researching new meeting locations. Mary also researched some sites.
- Legacy Fund on hold.

- Still looking into our 2024 donation going to the Key Bridge collapse.
- Policy and Procedures
 - Jan, Mary and Bonnie made a rough updated draft of Policy and Procedures. That draft will be sent to Board members and previous Board members as well as Ann, Chris, Terri, Nancy and Penny to update and to be returned by July 10th.
 - All edits will be incorporated and a final draft version will be sent to Board Members to be discussed at the August Board meeting. If additional revisions need to be made, the final revised version will again be sent to Board Members and a special Board meeting will be called for approval by Board.
 - The approved version goes to all members in the September 10th newsletter which will contain all the information to be voted on at the November Annual meeting.
- Looking for a volunteer to interview Penny as our historian for an article for Needle Arts. It would be good if the person would have interest in being a mentee to Penny.

The next Board meeting will be in person on August 11th at Susie's house (9267 Broken Timber Way, Columbia MD 21045). Addendum: Board meeting date changed to August 4th.

Mary made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Carol seconded. There were no objections.

Constellation EGA Board Meeting Agenda

June 18, 2024

Zoom

- Call to order.
- Approval of minutes
- Programs
- Treasurer
- Membership
- Newsletter
 - Advertising
 - Julu 10 is the next newsletter deadline.
- Region Report
- Tech Team
 - Website and FB updates
 - QR codes for chapter and region
 - Calendar updates – does this need a designated person?
- Outreach
 - Love Quilt – Jeanette Farrell
 - GB Library – Jeanette will manage.
- IDEA/Diversity
 - Ho Co Fair Aug 6 10 AM-2 PM and Aug 8 4 PM-8 PM
- Corresponding Secretary
- Old Business
 - Mentoring
 - Heidi Snyder, Nancy Kenealey and Mary are working on this.
 - Nominating committee –
 - Update new member letter/packet – Susie will talk to Nancy and Anne
 - Still needs to be done.
 - What is National giving out
 - Fireside auction – still in process
 - Book Group is going regional. Amy and Jill are managing.
 - ANCAC
 - Meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 7PM.
 - Michelle Hunter will be attending.
 - A suggestion was made at the ANCAC meeting that ANCAC host the 2027
 - Treasurer and Membership should attend – or at least be on the mailing list
 - HCAC building changes
 - Blenda Eckhart is following this
- New Business
 - Legacy fund
 - Nonprofit donation for 2024
 - Something related to the Key Bridge?
 - HCAC Space transformation meeting
 - Policy and Procedure updates to begin asap.
 - Mary, Bonnie and Jan are working on this

- An article about Penny's amazing work as historian for NeedleArts?
 - August Meeting is in Person. Where and when?
- Big picture question to ponder throughout the year.... We know what EGA in general has to offer and we know specifically what Constellation has to offer (GO PROGAMS!). What do we have to offer new members? Why would someone choose to join us when there is so much being offered out in the internet universe?
 - Have we been talking to our new members about why they joined?

Program Report Alice LaSota

We had a member showcase on June 3. Several members attended in person, others attended on Zoom, and Chris Armstrong projected the Zoom attendees on a screen, using our Epson projector. The Conference Room was set up for in-person attendees and a buffet. Embroidery pieces were displayed in Room 14, across the hall. Each person, in turn, went to Room 14 and described her pieces, using a handheld mic, while Mary Tod showed each piece on camera. This was projected onto the screen in the Conference Room where everyone could see the pieces and hear them described. After the pieces on site were shown, attendees on Zoom had an opportunity to show their work on the screen. Overall, a successful AV adventure.

A highlight of the meeting was a Silent Auction, featuring three kits from Lesley Soto and Nancy Spies which have been in the care of Nancy Kenealey – Maryland Blue Crab by Ruth Schmuff and two canvas pillows from Glorafilia. We raised \$235 for the Legacy Fund. In addition, there were several door prizes, including some fine scissors donated by founding member, Dolores Andrew.

Summertime is stitch-in time – 1st Mondays at Miller Library and 2nd Saturdays at the Arts Center. The rent for the Conference Room is going up from \$15/hr to \$22/hr in FY25. Thank you to the Arts Center for letting us continue at the \$15 rate through the summer. The rent request for Sept '24 through June '25 has been turned in.

The fall and spring schedule includes national/international teachers Canby Robertson, Wendy Moore, and Hazel Blomkamp! We will feature several of our amazing local teachers, a virtual tour of EGA's Through the Needle's Eye exhibit, and a film from The Crewel Company about Dunollie Castle and Museum in Scotland.

Treasurer's Report for April Board Meeting

May 28, 2024

As of May 28, 2023, the checking account has a balance of \$13,505.09. Our income to date is \$4,315.80 and our expenses to date are \$7,586.53. While this is a deficit, Constellation's primary income is from dues, which will arrive when National sends them. This report only reflects dues from plural members. No primary member dues have been received yet. I have attached our year-to-date (YTD) Budget vs. Actual tracking to show our income and expenses for the current year.

We currently have a PayPal balae of \$0.00.

Our 2 CDs have the following amounts: CD ending in -0137 has a balance of \$3,222.01, at a rate of 4.426%, (APR 4.5%) and matures December 27, 2024.

CD ending in -2241 has a balance of \$5,573.42, at a rate of 0.9963%, and matures July 8, 2024.

Our total current worth (combined checking account, PayPal, and CDs) is \$22,300.52. We have received \$263 in donations to date.

Susan White

Devon Andres

Treasurer

Budget vs Actual, May 28, 2024

	2024 Budget	YTD Actual
INCOME		
Dues*	\$2,400.00	\$188.00
Interest*	\$30.00	
Educational Events*	\$10,000.00	il
Seminar (MAR)		
Exhibit		
Fund Raising*	\$1,000.00	
Sales*		
Advertising*	\$130.00	\$0.00
Community Outreach*	\$800.00	
Contributions, Restricted*	\$200.00	\$0.00
Contributions, Unrestricted*	\$100.00	\$263.00
Parties/Meals		
Retreats		
Contributions/Gifts		
Other*		\$0.00
Transfer from savings		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$14,660.00	\$451.00

	2024 Budget	YTD Actual
EXPENSES		
Region Dues		\$0.00
Educational Events*+	\$11,200.00	\$7,100.63
Seminar* (MAR)		
Exhibits*		
Fund Raising*		
Cost of Sales		
Rent*	\$1,000.00	\$142.50
Newsletter & website*	\$300.00	\$31.79
Administration*	\$500.00	\$311.61
Officers Travel	\$500.00	\$0.00
Community Outreach	\$1,500.00	\$0.00

Parties/Meals		
Retreats		
Contributions/Gifts	\$100.00	\$0.00
Membership Expenses*	\$100.00	\$0.00
IDEA		\$0.00
Other*		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,200.00	\$7,586.53

Constellation - Plural mamberships, 2024

Deneen Wilson	\$20.00
Louise Grady	\$20.00
Yvonne Herbst	\$20.00
Lisa Houck	\$20.00
Jana Bass	\$22.00
Amy Helsek	\$22.00
Ann Elizabeth Headley	\$20.00
Susan White	\$22.00
Colwell Cook	\$22.00
Abby Roane	\$20.00
Cynthia Steinhoff	\$22.00
Karen Nadeau	\$22.00
Carol Ann Woidke	\$22.00
Jean Callis	\$22.00
Heather Long	\$20.00
Beth Raymond	\$22

Constellation - Life Members (paid by PayPal)

Tara Roberts	\$22
Mary Todd	\$22

Supplement to membership report

Finally getting some info on new members, dribs and drabs....

Still about two dozen members who have not renewed (or i do not know about) and I will follow up

New members who have been added to membership roster

June 2024

EGA Constellation Chapter
Newsletter Report

Please remember to have your submissions to me by the deadline. **Deadlines are Jan 10th, March 10th, May 10th, July 10th, Sept 10th, and Nov 10th.**

For the last newsletter, almost everyone got their submissions to me after the 10th. One was submitted after the rough draft was emailed.

My two-year term as newsletter editor ends in December. I placed an announcement in the last newsletter asking people who are interested in being the editor to contact me or Penny Haviland.

Karen Olsen

Newsletter Editor

Region Report - Jun 18, 2024

1. Jane Received MAR information and Flashdrive from Suzie
2. All MAR Meetings will be held virtually as of Fall 2024 due to costs
EXECUTIVE BOARD--THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 AT 7:30 PM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS--SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 AT 2 PM

All members of the region are invited to any meeting. Messaging the Region Director prior to the date will assure you receive the zoom link prior to the start.

Impacts of moving online:

- SMART Day (Stitching Mid-Atlantic Region Tutorial Day) moving to virtual classes.
- ThaP (Take Home a Program) project – Will be taught during the first day at Camp Wannastitch.

Outreach and Diversity Committee Report

The Outreach and Diversity Committee is meeting monthly to discuss currently scheduled events, future events, projects and ways to engage with diverse groups in the community, encouraging others, including individuals from groups under-represented in the Embroidery Guild to become members.

At this time, we continue to meet monthly at libraries in Anne Arundel County for Stitch in Public events. We are discussing branching out to other counties for similar events.

The completed quilt squares for the Love Quilts have been handed off to the quilters. We plan to deliver the completed quilts to the Hospice of the Chesapeake in the fall.