

MINUTES September 1997

- The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Alice Duke.

- Members present were: **Joan Lyon, Barb Broadley, Carol Holland, Evelyn Shuput, Mary Hendrien, Judy Fisher, Donna Colaianne, Debbie Ervin, Marcia Scarr, Grace Morgan, Carol Anderson, Candy Vaphiadis, Esther Loskowske, Colleen Retherford, June Chartrand, Sandy Becher, Bonnie Schweitzer, Jackie Smart, Cindy Dietz, Judy Handley, Mary Jo Dreffs, Ruth Everett, Susie Miller, Marie Canzoneri and Helen Mate.**

- The meeting began with a Recommitment ceremony. June Chartrand and her newly formed Music Committee (Colleen, Sandy and Esther) led us in song.
- **Minutes**
The minutes from the June Executive Board were approved.

- **Treasurer's Report**
Grace passed out the Treasurer's Report.. We have \$5,268.24 in the savings account and \$731.33 in the checking account.

- **Corresponding Secretary**
Jackie read a note from Marcia thanking the chapter for the roses when her stepfather passed away.

- **Unfinished Business**
Alice displayed the attendance flag Gamma Alpha received for having 15% chapter members present at the State Convention. She also announced the other awards our chapter received: the Order of the Rose (for chapter participation) and Gold Award for best newsletter.

- **Committee Reports**

Program of Work

Research – Chris Smith was not present. No report.

Professional Affairs- Sherry Green was not present. Co-chair Mary Jo said that Sherry was arranging a speaker for the November meeting.

Personal Growth- "Founder's Tribute" will be in September -1998.

Legislation- Nancy Bielik was not present. No report.

Music- Committee is looking into Greenfield Village for our December meeting.

Service Projects- Judy Handley reported that we will meet at Red Lobster at 4:30 for dinner on October 8th. State President Eileen Rodak and Susan Usher, Administrator of the Center, will be at dinner. She handed out flyers to members present about dinner and the time schedule for the evening. Dinner reservations and money must be collected beforehand and paid to Grace. A \$5-10 donation to help defray the cost of the sweatshirts for the project was suggested. We will tour the shelter at 6:30p.m. and then help the children make the painted sweatshirts. Many hands make light work, so join us.

Birthday Dinner- Candy reported that they're looking at Copper Creek and Ernesto's for our Birthday Dinner.

- **Society Business**



Membership- Mary Jo reminded members to be thinking of women educators to present for membership in February.

Nominations- Cindy reported that the Nominations Committee will present a slate of officers at the January Executive Board for approval.

Finance- Grace gave members the 1996-1997 Annual Financial Report and the 1997-1998 Proposed Budget. Both were approved. Grace also reminds members that dues need to be paid by October 10th. Working members pay \$73 and retirees pay \$58.

- **Communications**

Yearbook- Sandy sent around a draft of the 97-98 Yearbook for members to look at and make necessary corrections. Mary Clark, Roxanne Sparkman and Celestine Sanders need to send their pictures to Sandy a.s.a.p.

Newsletter- Jackie needs more input from committee chairmen for the newsletter. Also, any gossip for the G.A.B. section is needed.

Empathy- Let Candy know if *anything* happens so her committee can send a card and flowers.

Historian- Mary Jo announced that she and Sherry are in desperate need of help in organizing the scrapbooks and photos.

World Fellowship- Debbie Ervin announced that she collected \$162.50 to send to the World Fellowship Scholarship Fund from our silent auction this evening.

Scholarship- Cindy Dietz reported that Linda Demers, our Gamma Alpha scholarship winner, received \$500 to further her studies. Linda attends Schoolcraft College where she maintains a 3.84 GPA. She is currently a paraprofessional in Livonia Public Schools at Riley Center. She works primarily with autistic and TMI students. Linda also helps out at her local school wearing a variety of hats...scout leader, PTA officer, publisher at the publishing center, etc. She is a single parent with three teenaged daughters and hopes to continue toward a degree in special education.

In her note to Gamma Alpha, Linda writes, "I would like to thank you for the scholarship you awarded me. Without your help it would be difficult for me to pursue my goal of becoming a teacher. I have been very fortunate to work as a paraprofessional with many fine teachers over the past several years from whom I have learned so very much. With this scholarship, I plan to finish my associate's degree and go on to a university. I will keep in touch and let you know of my progress towards this goal. Once again, thank you."

- **Unfinished Business**

None

- **Announcements**

Alice announced that Gamma Alpha will be responsible for helping out at registration during the State Convention in Troy this May. Grace will attend a meeting next week and find out specifically what Gamma Alpha's role will be. More details later.

- **Adjournment**

We adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Smart, Corresponding Secretary substituting for Mary Foster, Recording Secretary