

MINUTES
January 6, 1999



Gamma Alpha Executive Board Meeting

Call to order: 4:50 p.m. at The Water Club Grille.

Members present: Jackie Smart, Barbara Broadley, Marie Canzoneri, Cindy Dietz and Carol Holland.

President's Report:

Reinstatement of Simonne Grzesik will be brought up to membership in February.

Annual reports for the State were sent in on time.

Hand-outs from the State and International:

- Alpha Iota State Scholarships
- Teaching About Universal Human Rights- A Conference for Education February 19, 1999 (UN in New York)
- Seminar April 23, 1999 (Toronto)
- Leadership Conference June 12, 1999 (Traverse City)
- 1999 Northeast Regional Conference July 14-17, Indianapolis

International President Evelyn Barron's goals:

- Membership
- Technology
- Public Relations

Underlying all three areas is the importance of Communication, both within and among all levels of Society organization and with the educational community and the general public.

Announcements:

State News

- The State organization is hiring a consultant to design and set up a State web-site. Thus far only two states (AZ and Utah) have state web-sites. (FYI if we

want to have our web-site added as a "link" to the Society's or State's web-sites, it would cost Gamma Alpha roughly \$36 a year, plus a one-time set-up fee of \$15. Ian would have to make some minor changes to our current sight, if we decide to do this. I don't think enough of our members use the internet yet for us to pay the fee at this time.)

Treasurer's Report:

Jackie reports the following as of January 6, 1999 (Grace is in Florida)

- Checking account - \$3,199.98
- Savings account - \$5,923.59

The Auction raised... \$1145

50/50 raffle raised... \$86

Bavarian Inn raffle raised... \$170

Grand total... \$1401

for the Grant-in-Aid fund

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

- Cindy read a note from Grace Morgan. She is still at Abby Roche's in Florida and is not sure how long she will be there.
- A letter from Simonne Grzesik requesting to be reinstated was read.
- Wayne County Family Center thanked us for the donation of literature. Letter is included in the Service Projects report.

Committee Reports:

- Research and Professional Affairs – The auction was successful. We had 39 members and guests present. Everyone seemed to spend a lot of money and have a good time.
- Personal Growth and Development – The committee worked on the skit for the March meeting. Practice for the skit will be before the February meeting (4:30).
- Legislation - Gail McKnight will be rescheduled for fall.
- Music - No report
- Service Projects - Report is in the newsletter.
- Birthday Dinner - No report. Since this is Gamma Alpha's 20th year, we know it will be special.

Society Business:

- Membership

International Goal

1. Gain 10% new members
2. Retain 95% current members
3. Reclaim 10% former members

Recommendation for Membership forms are in the newsletter.

- Nominations - This is not an election year, but we should all be thinking about what office we would be willing to fill during the 2000-2002 biennium.
- Finance – No report.

Communications:

- Yearbook – A suggestion was made for Colleen to update the committee list since there are errors in the Yearbook. Also, in next fall's Yearbook, a note should be included in the fan-out to let members know that if either Livonia or Wayne-Westland (our largest districts) are closed because of the weather, any meeting scheduled for that day will also be cancelled.
- Newsletter – Members who have not been featured should send Cindy their copy and photos.
- Empathy – Let Candy know if there are members in need of her committee's services.

Historian – Keep those photos coming in for Mary Jo to sort through.

Educational Services:

- World Fellowship - There will be no auction at the state convention. There will only be a raffle. Donations from chapters will be accepted. The Board recommends that we do not make a donation since we send the state many donations.
- Scholarship - Applications are in the newsletter for the Grant-in-Aid fund.

Ad Hoc Committees:

- Seminar 2000 - March 2000 is the date they are thinking about. Some topics under consideration are: holistic doctors and medicines, social services for aging parents, and hormone replacement.
- Library – The committee hasn't met, but Nancy suggested we ask the high school librarians for acceptable titles of women's biographies and purchase the books.

Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Carol Holland, Recording Secretary