

Minutes for December 15, 2005

Executive Board Meeting The Executive Board meeting was held at Jackie's home. Judi, Lynne, Jackie, Chris S. , Bonnie F. Carol A. and Marie were in attendance. This was the day of the big snow and several members emailed or phoned in their committee reports. Thanks!

Committee Reports Membership- Marie. Linda F. was initiated in November.

The Fashion Show has been cancelled.

We will present new members again in January. Orientation will be in February. Initiation in March.

Ice breakers will be used to begin meetings.

Nominations- Amy presented the slate of officers that will be voted on in January.

President– Jackie S., First Vice President– Judi F., Second Vice President– Amy W., Recording Secretary– Carol A., Corresponding Secretary /Newsletter- Jackie.

As you can probably tell, it was a challenge getting members to accept leadership roles.

Professional Affairs- Marge. CPR presentation was informative. Presenter, Kim Lowney, was from Redford Public Schools and was interested in joining. Judi F. will follow-up.

Personal Growth-Barbara. \$982 was raised from the auction. Chris S. donated \$18 to make it an even \$1,000. We had 21 members and 10 guests present. We were small in size but had big checkbooks. Many members were involved in helping.

Service Projects- Esther. February 15 at Elliott 4:30. We have received \$300 from the Wilma Adams Fund to help with this project. We will make Essential Needs Bags for the women at the family center. The committee will purchase bags and items for the bags. Bring some women's magazines to put into the bags. Light snacks will be provided for \$4.

New member orientation, as well. Music– Chris S. volunteered to chair this committee.

Legislation/US Forum- Cindy & Colleen R. January 25 meeting at Hayes at 4:30. Note the change of venue. Jill Kontry from Arbor Hospice has a 45-minute informative presentation regarding Patient Advocate Designation for Healthcare. When a loved one is seriously ill, that person's health care choices may not be known among friends and relatives. As a result, family arguments can ensue and the patient's wishes aren't always kept in mind. Jill will help us complete an advance directive. Life is precarious at best and you never know when you're going to need to make those decisions. The presentation is free but the chapter can make a donation to Arbor Hospice if we desire. Light snacks will be available for \$4. Guest are welcome.

Birthday Dinner-Helen volunteered to chair. Bonnie F. and Chris S. offered to be on the committee. We are going to use the Metro Council Luncheon as our Birthday Dinner. See Announcements for details.

World Fellowships- Carol H. \$120.75 raised from the Vacation Auction for World Fellowships.

Grant-in-Aid- Mary Jo. Two \$500 grants available for 2006. The application on the website under Chapter Forms. Send applications to me by March 31.

Yearbook- Colleen R.- Yearbooks were mailed to Sally Garrison before December 1. Colleen will be in Montreal for a 6-week Teacher of ESL course beginning in January.

Newsletter- Jackie. Send me news so I don't have to make this stuff up! I only mail 5 hard copies now (+ ones for the State). Unfortunately, only e-mail members get meeting reminders. How is it working for members? Let me know!

Empathy- Carol A. and Donna. Jackie gave Carol an updated list of member birthdays.

Announcements Jackie been re-elected President of Metro Council. Here is some news about the spring Metro Council Luncheon. Date: Saturday, April 8, 2006 Place: Grand Celebrations 32305 Grand River Avenue Farmington, MI 48336 (Located between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads) Arrive: 11:00 Buffet: Begins at 11:30 Cost: \$16.00 The menu is :butter baked chicken, Mostaccioli, Swedish meatballs, oven-browned potatoes, peas and mushrooms, tossed Salad with ranch or Italian dressings, coffee, tea, ice tea, and soft drinks, and cake. Metro Council Luncheon is April 8 and occurs once every two years.

Convention is May 5-7.

The scheduled date for the Birthday Dinner is May 17 and the planning meeting is May 31. It seems like a lot of DKG within a 6-week period. Because convention is going to be so expensive, we felt this might save members some cash. Another plus is that the luncheon is on Saturday and we might see some members who are unable to attend because of evening. We will also invite the Grant-in-Aid recipients and honor any retirees. So, if you plan on retiring, let Helen or Executive Board know. More information to follow.

Joan Cady and her husband moved to Florida!

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Smith, Recording Secretary