

January 18, 2012 Minutes

Our January meeting began at 4:30 pm at Hayden's in Canton. The minutes from the last meeting we amended and accepted. We welcomed a new member, Carole Lower. Colleen led the initiation ceremony. Carole is a Dearborn teacher. Judi Fisher sponsored her as a member. Our membership count is now at 36.

Debbie Ervin wants us to know that no one has yet applied for our Grant in Aid scholarship as yet. Jackie informed the group that last year's recipient intends on reapplying for the grant-in-aid. Seedlings will have their Bowl-a-thon on March 24th. So mark that date if you want to help or bowl. More information will be in the newsletter or group emails.

Amy brought us up to date about the Methodist Children Home Society. Last spring we stuffed duffle bags. This fall we donated graphing calculators and school supplies to the home. We also donated the fee for a Tai Chi class. Our spring service project for the home will be working on helping the young men who "age out" of the system. These young adults will be setting up housekeeping. Amy had a list of apartment and housekeeping supplies which members signed up to purchase. Our donations will help give the young men a "housewarming shower." If you would like to donate something contact Amy. If you signed up to give something please bring it to any meeting (March, April or May). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

New slate of officers were presented and voted on.

President - Lynn Elsesser

1st VP - Mary Jo Dreffs

2nd VP - Colleen Retherford

Recording Secretary - Carol Anderson

Corresponding Secretary - Amy Wainwright

Congratulations to all.

We had a wonderful speaker, Maria Dismondy. Maria is an elementary school teacher who also writes stories about how to deal with bullies. She was bubbly and enthusiastic. Her books are available at Barnes and Noble or you may contact her at mariadismondy@mac.com.

Reminders:

- Metro Council Luncheon - Antonio's 26356 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 4/21/12 at 1pm. Cost \$24.00. Checks to Cindy payable to Gamma Alpha by March 30. Plan on attending.
- Birthday dinner Eastside Mario's in Livonia, May 16th. See calendar for details.
- Please remember to bring any books that you would like to share with your fellow members.

Submitted by Carol Palk

Carol Palk, Recording Secretary