

## **January 16, 2013 Minutes**

### **Executive Board Meeting**

Lynne Elsesser called the meeting to order at 3:40 at Mr. Mike's Restaurant in Westland.

Board members reviewed the Chapter Strategic Plan under Lynne's direction. Goals for Membership, Communication, Program, Leadership and Technology were reviewed. Minor changes to wording were made in some areas. Some repetitions under Membership Goal were noted and deleted. Under Leadership Goal, Lynne pro-posed several items to add to Success Indicators. Members agreed with changes. Jackie Smart will re-write the Strategic Plan with the changes that were proposed.

The Annual Report was completed. As with the Strategic Plan, some minor changes were made in wording. An addition was made to specify \$50.00 for the Schools for Africa Project.

Meeting ended at 4:30.

### **Chapter Meeting Minutes**

Meeting began at 4:30 with a craft project directed by guests Pat Vartanian and Vilma DeMille. Lovely ribbon necklaces were made.

At 5:10 Colleen Retherford led the chapter in the Initiation of two new members. Elizabeth Bunner is a transfer member from Indiana. Her daughter, Linda Dobrzeniecki, is new to the Society. Chapter members gave them a warm welcome.

At 5:30, President Lynne Elsesser called the chapter business meeting to order.

Treasurer Cindy Dietz announced that the chapter is sending \$75.00 to Alpha Iota State for the planned celebration of DKG's 75th anniversary at the upcoming state convention.

Lynne announced that the chapter has invited the state president Olive Horning to the Detroit Metro Coordinating Council Tea to be held at Greenmead in Livonia on April 20. Gamma Alpha is planning the event. At the March chapter meeting, specific responsibilities will be discussed. All members are asked to volunteer their assistance. A photographer is needed for the event. Volunteers or suggestions?

Amy Wainwright recommended that Ian Smart be awarded the chapter Friend of Education award for maintain our chapter website. Colleen Retherford made a motion to that effect and Pam Emerson seconded. Motion passed.

Lynne invited all members to attend the stated convention that will be held in Bay City on May 3-5.

Members were reminded to send nominations to Donna Colaianne for scholarships and grant-in-aid. Non-members are eligible for scholarships and members are eligible for the grants.

Lynne offered kudos to Jackie Smart for winning one of three International Educational Foundation Grants. Jackie received recognition for her Leadership Seminar on Bullying. She will present the seminar "Sticks and Stones" at the State Leadership Seminar on March 9 in Grand Blanc, MI.

Judy Morante thanked members for donations to the Beverly House service project. Another collection will be made at the May meeting. She suggested that the chapter donate money for a manicure/pedicure outing for the girls. The suggestion was supported. Money will come from member donations and from the treasury. The chapter will invite the house mother of Beverly House to be a guest at the May meeting which is the chapter Birthday Dinner celebration to be held at Eastside Mario's on May 15.

Amy Wainwright requests that members forward to her articles and photos for the chapter newsletter.

Barb Broadley advised that all Sunshine Committee information should be forwarded to Ellen August.

Honorary Membership to Gamma Alpha will be offered to Debra Bonde, founder of Seedlings. Colleen moved and Amy seconded. Motion approved.

Jackie reported that next year's holiday auction will be at Laurel Manor on December 4. Date and details are tentative.

Motion to adjourn was made by Helen Mate, seconded by Mary Jo Dreffs. Meeting adjourned at 6:20.

Carol Anderson, Recording Secretary