

Minutes of Gamma Alpha Meeting

March 19, 2014

Meeting was held at Cassel's Restaurant and called to order at 5:05 by vice-president, Mary Jo Dreffs. The agenda was adjusted so that our guest speaker was able to make his presentation before the business meeting.

Gary F. Allen, Attorney at Law, specialist in estate and retirement planning spoke about the need to understand the options available for retirees and their assets. Different types of insurance, annuities, crisis planning and other issues were discussed. Many questions were answered and many others asked. Mr. Allen offered each member a free 1-hour consultation at his office.

The business meeting followed beginning with approval of minutes from the previous meeting. Treasurer Cindy Dietz reported that there is \$10,000 in savings and \$2,000 in checking. Cindy asked for discretion to assign funds for regular projects such as the Beverly House, the grant-in-aid, etc. Mary Jo Dreffs moved and Judi Fisher seconded Cindy's request. Passed.

The Metro Council Luncheon will be held on April 26. \$20 must be paid to Cindy by April 1.

The flower fundraiser forms were available at the meeting. Payment for flowers must be received by Cindy by April 26.

The chapter birthday dinner will be held on May 21 at Eastside Mario's. Send RSVP and \$20 to Cindy by May 5.

Jackie informed us that Chris Smith has moved to Florida and has just discovered that she has colon cancer. She will be undergoing treatment. A card was passed for members to sign.

The death of Dr. Geraldine Green of Beta Delta chapter was announced. Dr. Gerry was known by many members.

Judi Fisher explained that the auction of gift baskets at the state convention is more closely monitored because of state gambling regulations. After some discussion, the chapter decided not to donate a basket for the auction this year.

Donna Colaianne has revised the grant-in-aid application form for this year. She will make the form available to members via e-mail. She announced that she will be traveling overseas to visit her niece who was a recipient last year and is now a teacher in China.

Judy Morante reported that the free passes to the Wayne Rec Center for the 6 residents of the Beverly House were used for swimming and ice skating. The girls were greatly appreciative. With a move by Cindy Dietz and a second by Carol Palk, it was decided that the chapter will provide money for manicure/pedicures for the girls in April. In May, summer bags will be filled with beach towels and other summer items for the girls.

19 chapter members reported plans to attend the Alpha Iota State convention on Mackinac Island in May.

The chapter agreed to continue meeting at Cassel's next year.

The planning meeting originally scheduled for June 18 is moved to June 25. Time and place are not changed. All are encouraged to attend.

The April 9 meeting at Carole Lower's house will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 rather than the previously scheduled later time. No meal will be planned. Members will work on favors for the Metro Council Luncheon. (Thanks to craft artists Esther and Grace!)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Submitted by Carol A. Anderson
Recording Secretary
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