

Minutes Jan. 21st, 2015

Meeting was held at Cassel's Restaurant.

Called to order at 5:00 by President Lynne Elsesser.

Lynne shared the President's Report and Form 2 Necrology with board members.

An updated Geographical Boundaries report was noted.

Immediately following the Executive Board meeting, the Chapter Meeting was called to order by Lynne at 5:35.

Guests were introduced: Liz VanWestenburg, Alpha Iota State President; Sandy Downs, Alpha Iota State Visitation Chair; Ian Smart and Rachel Smart, family members of Jackie Smart, AKA "Jane Austen".

New member, Doris Prieskorn, was initiated in a ceremony presided over by Colleen Retherford.

President Lynne informed members about the Leadership Conference to be held on March 28.

Registration forms are in The Wolverine.

Lynne reminded members of the State Convention to be held May 1-3. Gamma Alpha will be handling the registration table. All are encouraged to attend the convention and assist at registration.

The DKG Regional Conference will be held in Baltimore July 8-11.

Treasurer Cindy Dietz reported that The Holiday Auction netted \$1943.00.

Corresponding Secretary Amy Wright recommended that all e-mail re: chapter information be marked "Subject: DKG" so that mailings are not over-looked.

Judy Morante informed us that Beverly House residents are in need of tutors in math and language arts. There is a stipend available for tutors. In addition, she proposed a plan to encourage personal con-tact with the girls. Chapter members will have the opportunity to take the girls out to dinner at a restaurant of their choice.

Jackie Smart reported that Seedlings is holding its annual Bowling Fundraiser on March 21.

Gamma Alpha has helped with the event in years past and we are encouraged to participate again this year.

Jackie reminded members of the Empty Bowl project sponsored by Kids 4 Afghan Kids. Chapter members signed up to help raise funds by preparing and serving soup on February 6 from 5:30 to 8:00 at Northville Presbyterian Church.

Jackie and Lynne provided details about the Metro Council Luncheon scheduled for April 25 at 10:00 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington Hills. Gamma Alpha is responsible for preparing centerpieces, table favors, name tags, and a craft activity.

Jackie proposed that Gamma Alpha and Metro Council each contribute \$75 to help offset the cost of speakers at the state convention. Members agreed.

The chapter Birthday Dinner will be held at Rocky's in Northville on May 20. Cost will be \$20.

Members decided on entree items of chicken, pork and fish.

Judi Fisher moved to adjourn at 6:20. Amy Wright seconded.

The meeting was followed by an interactive presentation by Jackie Smart in the persona of Jane Austen, "Jane Austen and Her Fictional Men."

Respectfully Submitted: Carol A. Anderson

Recording Secretary
Gamma Alpha