

Gamma Alpha Chapter Meeting October 21, 2015

The meeting was held at Cassel's Restaurant. President Lynne Elsesser called the meeting to order at 5:40.

She welcomed guests Rev. Carrie Wood and Tara Cooper.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a motion by Carole Lower and a second by Grace Morgan.

Lynne reminded members to fill out and return to her the Member Prospect cards.

Several chapter members attended the Fall Conference last month. Eight Gamma Alpha sisters are on the state president's advisory council.

Treasurer Cindy Dietz reported that 5 members have not yet renewed membership. Sandra Brock will "take a break" because of family duties. Cindy moved to offer Elizabeth Bunner Reserve Membership. Judi Fisher seconded and the motion carried.

Mary Jo Dreffs reported on the recent planning meeting for the Holiday Auction. It was decided that we will use the same format as last year. Discussions for possible changes as to format, venue, method of collecting donations, date, etc. should be held many months prior to the next auction.

Judy Morante reported that we received a Wilma Adams grant from the state that will allow us to have Beverly House girls participate in the spring Seedlings Bowling fundraiser.

Judy also informed us that tutors are needed for the girls in all secondary subjects. Members should contact Judy to help with tutoring.

Sarah Dabiero welcomed a new baby boy on October 16.

Lynne requests that Biography sheets be returned to her ASAP.

Mary Jo won \$40.50 in the 50/50 raffle.

Guest speaker, Rev. Carrie Wood, offered a very informative presentation on Human Trafficking. Rev. Wood is part of a group called "Pearls of Great Price" that works to raise awareness of and assistance to trafficking victims. The group meets once a month at United Methodist Church in Plymouth. Their goals are Awareness, Education and Action in regard to preventing such trafficking. She informed us that there are 3 types of human trafficking that occur: Labor Trafficking, Sex Trafficking, and Organ Trafficking. A movie "Nefarious" that aims to inform the public about this difficult issue will be shown in theaters in the near future. After the presentation, Colleen Retherford moved and Judi Fisher seconded that we donate \$50 to "Pearls of Great Price." Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.