

Gamma Alpha Chapter Meeting September 16, 2015

The meeting was held at Cassel's in Northville and started with "Sister Chat" at 5:30. Lynne Elsesser called the business meeting to order at 5:50.

Lynne distributed DKG Prospect cards to members and explained that they are a part of a new national initiative to expand membership. After we fill out cards, they may be returned to Lynne, Amy or Colleen.

Colleen moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting with a correction to include the information regarding the "purple basket" being assembled for the Fall Conference.

Approved.

Cindy presented the financial report. As of 7-1-15 a checking balance of \$691.70 was reported. With a motion from Jackie and a second from Amy, the report was accepted.

New chapter address books were distributed. Jackie suggested that all members contact her if a photo update is desired.

The outing to Tipping Point theater is planned for November 19. Ticket price will be \$23 or \$24. Purchase tickets at the October meeting.

As part of our support for Beverly House and Seedlings, Jackie proposed that we apply for a Wilma Adams grant so that we can secure two lanes in the Seedlings Bowl-a-thon and bring the Beverly House girls to bowl.

Jackie reported on her contact with Kids for Afghan Kids Project. The chapter decided to turn down a request to host a garage sale for the Project. Following a motion by Colleen and a second by Mary Jo, the chapter approved a donation of \$500 to Kids for Afghan Kids.

This year's Metro Council Luncheon will be at O.L. Sorrows Hall in Farmington Hills on April 9. A speaker will address the topic of "Caretakers of Alzheimer's Patients."

The chapter Birthday Dinner will be on May 18 at Courthouse Grille in Plymouth. Officers for the new biennium will be installed. Amy and Colleen agreed to be co-presidents. There was some discussion about combining the offices of vice-presidents into one office. Members are needed to fill the offices of vice-president and recording secretary.

Mary Jo, Lynne and Jackie led a spirited discussion regarding issues surrounding the Holiday Auction. Donations should be new items only. Some members requested a return to the live auction format. The issue of whether the auction should be for entertainment, raising funds, or camaraderie was discussed. The auction committee will meet to finalize plans for this year's

auction scheduled for December 2. They will entertain the suggestions for changes to be made for next year's event.

Jackie has information for anyone interested in MARSP membership. This is an organization of retired educators.

The vacation auction netted \$150.

Lynne distributed new member biography forms. Return completed forms to Lynne.

We are reminded to contact Lisa with information for the Sunshine Committee. Report: Sarah Dabiero is due to deliver her baby soon.

Our October 21 meeting will feature a speaker on "Human Trafficking." New member initiation will also be held.

Members are encouraged to register for Women in the Arts and plan ahead for the State Convention to be held in Kalamazoo in mid-April.

Carol Holland invited all to attend a Variety Show by Beyond Belief, a senior Theatre and Chorus group. Carol is a member.

Grace showed some craft ideas that the chapter may use for table favors, etc. in the coming year.

Lynne recognized August, September and October birthdays. Special note was made of Carole Lower's birthday which was that day.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Carol A. Anderson: Recording Secretary, Gamma Alpha Chapter