

## **Meeting Minutes**

**January 20, 2016**

### **Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Board members met at 4:30 at Cassel's Restaurant.

President Lynne Elsesser provided the Biennial Report forms for discussion and completion. Members suggested that a place be added on the form to include donations besides scholarships. Additionally, a section to include Points of Pride was suggested. For our most popular event/activity, the group agreed on the Beverly House Girls project.

The group agreed to send a donation of \$70 to Schools for Africa in lieu of purchasing table favors for the holiday auction.

Nominees for the coming biennium include:

Co-presidents Colleen Retherford and Amy Wright

Vice-president Carole Lower

Recording Secretary Mary Jo Dreffs

Co-Corresponding Secretaries

Pam Husson and Amy Wright

Treasurer Cindy Dietz

Barb Broadley agreed to be Parliamentarian, Lisa Austin to be Sunshine chair, and Mary Jo Dreffs to be nominations chair.

Corresponding Secretaries agreed that they would prepare one Annual Newsletter and maintain regular contact with members via e-mail.

The chapter currently has 40 members.

### **Gamma Alpha Chapter Meeting Minutes**

The meeting at Cassel's Restaurant was called to order by Lynne Elsesser at 5:30.

Because of a printing error on the agenda, Lynne read the minutes from the previous meeting. With a motion by Amy Wright and second by Judi Fisher, they were approved.

A moment of silence was held in memory of member Chris Smith. Lynne read her obituary.

Marie Canzoneri reported that she spoke to a person from the Linus Project and was informed that our blanket was given in donation.

Judy Morante informed us that she has acquired Groupon rates for the Beverly House girls to attend Skatin' Station this Saturday.

She told us that the earlier request for tutor volunteers for the girls is now being met by students from Schoolcraft College.

She reminded us that we are helping to sponsor the girls to bowl at the Seedlings bowling fundraiser on March 12. Members are asked to assist.

She told us of a request by the Beverly House manager that we consider helping a similar home in Belleville for girls who are pregnant. After some discussion, the chapter voted to hold a shower for the young mothers. Grace Morgan placed the motion and Amy Wright seconded.

Lynne reported that the plans for the annual Kids for Afghan Kids soup dinner are incomplete but is expected to be in March. Some members will again volunteer.

The Metro Council luncheon will be on April 9 at same location as last year.

Esther Loskowske reported that she and Jackie had contacted Laurel Manor to investigate holding our chapter auction with a Sunday brunch. After some discussion and the request to change the name to Annual Gamma Alpha Auction (not holiday auction), Fran Saenz moved and Judi Fisher seconded to hold a Sunday Brunch auction on November 6, 2016. Motion carried.

Judi Fisher reported that the March 16 meeting will be held at the Bee's Knees in Northville. Members may select their piece of pottery to purchase. An additional charge of \$8 will be collected. Meeting will begin at 6:30. Minimum 10 must attend for this group rate.

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