

Minutes for Meeting on June 23, 2018

Called to order at 11:55 a.m.

- Colleen will be resigning as president in May as she is moving to western Michigan. She will remain a member of Gamma Alpha, but may attend some meetings in Kalamazoo.
- Fall Conference will be held in Midland at the H Hotel September 28-29. Judi needs volunteers to help with registration on Friday and Saturday morning. Please plan on attending.
- Initiation Changes
 - After the International Convention in Austin, there may be changes in the initiation process. For example, new members will be inducted not initiated. This will remove the “sorority” aspect of joining.
 - One only needs to pay dues to join.
 - Membership chair may do a ‘brief’ welcoming speech to the organization. New members would receive the pin and name badge at this time. At the Birthday Dinner in May, an official ceremony would take place for all members inducted during the year.
 - Jackie made a motion regarding new members that they would be inducted and get their pin and name badge when they pay their dues. Motion passed.
- Dora Ellis wants to become a member in the fall.
- Three members from Kappa Chapter plan on transferring to Gamma Alpha in October. They will need to complete a transfer form.
- Baskets for Auctions
 - In the past we have spent \$400 for baskets. \$200 for each basket (Fall Conference and Spring Convention)
 - After much discussion, we decided to collect from members in attendance instead of raising the dues to cover the cost of our basket donation. Those in attendance will be asked to donate \$10. (Members who don’t regularly attend are asked to donate as well.)
 - We are at the Grand Hotel this spring and will be making a gift card “basket” in order to make it easier for the winner to take her prize home. Save your money for this convention.
- Used Books sales. We will continue to have them.
- Gamma Alpha timing for restaurant meetings
 - Start eating at 5:30
 - Meeting is 6:30-7:30
 - We will include a link with the menu to expedite ordering
- The remainder of the planning meeting was selecting dates for meetings, discussing programs, and assigning who will make arrangements for speakers
- The Meeting Calendar will be in the newsletter. Updates will be made in each newsletter.

- Esther and Cindy brought up an idea for DKG's Schools for Africa Service Project. Zeta Chapter makes washable menstruation pad. These get sent to Africa where girls can't go to school when they are on their period. Cindy and Esther have the pattern for the pads. Gamma Alpha would provide the materials. An assembly line could be set up. Some members could cut the pads and material. Others would sew the pads. Grace will check if Gama Alpha can use her church for assembly. This would be open to interested members. Date to be determined.
- Suggested ideas for meeting topics and social activities:
 - Tipping Point Theater in Northville or Barefoot Productions in Livonia
 - Wine tasting and purchasing (Amy's sister) or Chris Bak, former WMHS principal
 - Painting With a Twist
 - Escape Room
 - Art Institute Field Trip

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

Joanna Eiwien, Recording Secretary