

## September 26, 2019 Minutes

- ◆ Meeting called to Order at 5:50 by **Amy Wright**. She welcome guests and reminded members to wear our name tags to meetings. Caitlin, the Grant-In-Aid recipient, couldn't attend, but will be at another meeting. Jessica is a teacher at Fordson High School in Dearborn and is considering membership.
- ◆ Previous minutes from June 15 were approved with a correction. It should be Karen Smith from Seedlings. Amy reminded us of upcoming events and said to check out newsletter for any changes. We will meet at the Northville Library on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report- **Cindy Dietz** reminded us that we pay our dues at the birthday dinner. In July, delinquent letters are sent. New people pay dues when they join. They aren't officially a member until dues are paid. Dues are not prorated. Cindy is also the Membership Chair for the State. Ohio has issued a challenge to Michigan. Whoever gets the highest percentage of new members wins. The loser makes a \$100 donation to the Educational Foundation in the name of the winner. Chocolate Covered Cherries vs. Buckeyes is the edible prize. The challenge Is from Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. A jingle and a logo are being worked on.
- ◆ Correspondence- Debbie Irving has lost her battle with cancer. Amy needs info to fill out the form for the White Rose article. Marcia and Sherry will send her some information. Colleen sent a letter requesting a chapter transfer. She looks forward to seeing people at conferences.
- ◆ Membership – Carole Lower passed around attendance sheet. She is sending letters to perspective remembers. The form with info needed from perspective members is on website or you can just e-mail her the information. Joanna will give her info for Amber and Caitlin. Information on accessing the website is in the Chapter booklet.
- ◆ Newsletter/Yearbook/Auction- Jackie has sent out the newsletter online. It has dates for the whole year. She puts forms in the Newsletter to make sure people have info for upcoming conferences. Please get any changes for the yearbook to her. We try to keep it up-to-date. The Auction flyers and a request for volunteers were passed around.
- ◆ Metro Council– We will do field trip in May. It is a “Wild Women of Detroit” Tour. Guests are invited to attend.
- ◆ Grant-In-Aid- Joanna Reported that Caitlin has put together a reading corner in her middle school classroom. She has purchased a bookshelf and books including graphic novels. She plans to attend a future meeting.
- ◆ Service Projects- Judi & Judy We have “adopted” one child at Seedlings Braille Books for Children. Seedlings is always looking for volunteers. The Seedlings Bowl-a-thon is the first Saturday in March. When someone has passed away, we donate to money Seedlings in her name. Money that would have gone to the purchase the President's corsage is also donated. Every ten dollars pays for a Braille book for a child. Judy will get a group of girls from Beverly house to go to Seedlings Bowl-a-thon. Instead of a white elephant gift for the Holiday party bring a gift for Beverly House for the Girl's Christmas bags. October 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 PM, Seedlings is having an Open House. There is an opportunity to meet Avett Maness from American Idol. He is a 7 year old blind pianist. Another Service Project is “The Storybook Ladies.” Esther, Cindy and Jackie Read to classes at Elliott. After reading, Gamma Alpha donates a book to the teachers' library. Lisa Austin volunteered to donate books.
- ◆ Old Business- We hope to have the MASH Nurse as speaker for April Meeting. Carol Anderson will contact nurse and let us know the date. At January meeting a slate of officers will be proposed.

Please volunteer for a leadership role and help our Nominations Chair, Rosa.

- ◆ New Business- No new business.
- ◆ Birthdays- Cindy Dietz, Carol Lower, Helen Mater, Linda Clark, and Jackie Smart have birthdays this month.
- ◆ Announcements- Look in October's newsletter to see Gamma Gamma's (our Metro Council Sister) upcoming events.
- ◆ Next Meeting- Wed 10/16 at Northville Public Library, 5:30-6:30, Speaker Michael Craig- "The Gardens at Drew," with dinner to follow in downtown Northville.
- ◆ Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Joanna Eiwen, Recording Secretary