

**Gamma Alpha**  
**Minutes for Meeting on September 10, 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting called to order** at 6:34 p.m.

**Welcome and Ice breaker** led by Carole Lower, Co-President

**Approval of previous minutes.** Motion to Approve by Liz Frazier and seconded by Margie Sievert.  
Motion carried.

**Presidents' Reports**

- Next meeting will be Zoom – October 16, 2020
- Members will talk about Education in the time of Covid. It will be a panel discussion.
- Meet at 6:30 at the same Zoom link.
- President Strategic Plan has been completed by Carole Lower and Amy Wright for the next 2 years.

**Treasurer's Report** - Cindy Dietz was not present. She will email out report. If you have not paid your dues, please get that money to Cindy ASAP. Dues are \$85 per year. Write check payable to Gamma Alpha and mail to Cindy's home address at 7329 Gilman Westland, MI 48185.

Donations: If you donate to Beverly House, send your check payable to Gamma Alpha and mail to Cindy Dietz. Indicate in the memo it is for Beverly House. Donations to Seedlings can be made directly to Seedlings. We always make a memorial donation to Seedlings for those who have passed. Memorials should have been made for Grace Morgan who passed in June and Debbie Ervin who passed in August. Amy will send a text to Cindy to ask if these donations were made.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report** - Jackie Smart reported that you should have received your calendar booklet/contact list/mini-yearbook in the mail. The complete yearbook (108 pages) is only available on our website and is password protected. The website address and password are on the booklet cover. All of the new inductees got information for the yearbook to her. The 2020-2021 is waiting for a couple of items to be completed before it is posted on our website.

**Grant-in-Aid** - Joanna Eiwen reported that the application is on our website. Jessica Walker was the recipient of last year's grant. She still hasn't spent the grant yet. She wants to get an interactive whiteboard. This is something she could use at home. She currently has to teach from home 3 days a week. She might also use some to buy PPE. She will receive the second part of her grant money from Cindy since she has attended a meeting.

**Service Projects** - Judy Morante reported that the Disney + has been purchased for the Beverly House. The girls were EXCITED. They are currently housing teens, no babies. Lynne Elsesser brought mums and with the help of the girls, the mums were planted. The girls got carryout one day. They appreciate everything we are doing. Judi Fisher reported that the employees at Seedlings are still working and they hope to hold the Bowling for Braille next March. Many people donated money even though bowling was cancelled.

**Vacation Auction** - We are doing Quarantine crafts instead of the Auction.

**50/50** - Is there a way to do it while Zooming? Might be possible with a cash app. We will consider

alternatives between now and the next meeting. Motion to defer discussion of 50/50 to the next meeting was made by Jackie Smart and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carole Anderson. Motion approved.

**Used Book Sale** - Margie Sievert reported we can't do this until we meet In person. If you read a good book send a book report to Jackie Smart.

**Annual Auction** - Jackie Smart reported that the Annual Auction has been deferred until November 2021.year. The explanation is in the calendar. We usually make about \$2000 which goes to fund Grant-in-Aid, Beverly House, Schools for Africa, and other things. People usually spend money paying for the lunch, buying items for the auction, buying raffle tickets. Can easily spend over \$100 on these items. Suggestion that members could make a donation to Gamma Alpha since we are not holding the Auction. Send it to Cindy Dietz. Make a note in the memo line.

**Membership** - Recommendation for Membership form is on our chapter website Please include the new member's birthdate. Please e-mail to Lynne Elsesser or Linda Clark.

**New Business** - Calendar Adjustments: The **Fall Conference** will be virtual on Zoom- Saturday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. Information should be going out to Chapter Presidents this week. You can pick the sessions that you want to attend on Zoom. Will only be held Saturday, not Friday. **Women in the Arts** is cancelled for this year.

**Holiday Happy Hour** in December is still on the calendar. We will wait and see if it is a go. Margie Sievert says we are all still invited.

**January** - will be Zoom meeting- about Cruising Tips.

**February**- Virtual Happy Hour with a Trivia game. Send Trivia questions to Amy. Will Use Kahoot. You will want to have 2 devices. One to be on the meeting and one to play the game. Questions should be multiple choice or true/false. Choose Fun, Interesting, Obscure trivia.

**State Convention** - It is currently scheduled to be held at DoubleTree in Bay City from April 30<sup>th</sup> -May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Metro Council** - There is also a deposit on Wild Women of Detroit for May 15, 2021

**Birthday Dinner** - is schedule for May 20, 2021 at Karl's Cabin.

### **Birthdays**

September

9 Cindy Dietz

10 Carole Lower

11 Helen Mate

12 Barb Anderson

13 Jennifer LaRose

14 Linda Clark

30 Jackie Smart.

**Announcements**

Next Meeting- October 15, 2020

*Education in the Time of Covid*

Our working members will speak about teaching during the 20-21 school year.

6:30 p.m. Zoom link + meeting ID

Amy renamed the Zoom link Gamma Alpha.

Thanks to Amy for Tech Advice.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jackie Smart and seconded by Judi Fisher to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 PM

Following the business meeting was “Quarantine Show and Tell.”

Joanna Eiwen, Recording Secretary

Linda Dobrzeniecki, Recording Secretary