

Gamma Alpha Business Meeting

September 13, 2021

- Meeting Called to order at 6:31 pm.
- Welcome Guests
- Approval of previous Minutes from Planning Meeting on June 12th. Minutes were published in Newsletter. Move to Approve by Judi Fischer. Second by Jackie Smart. Minutes were approved as published.
- President's Report- Amy Wright/Carole Lower
 - Fall workshop will be virtual. Executive Board Meeting will be held September 24. Sessions will be scattered throughout the year. Amy will notify us when she gets info.
 - Phishing alert
 - State officers will never ask you to send gift cards. Amy sent out an email about this.
 - Women in the Arts will be October 15-17. Currently it is still going to be in person. Amy will let us know if she gets updates. It is held in Roscommon.
- Treasurer's Report Card – Cindy Dietz
 - Wednesday the annual audit will be done. Jackie and Judi are helping with that. Audit will be for 19-20 and 20-21 . Not much activity except for dues.
 - There is \$2,300.66 in Checking and \$17,638.47 in Savings.
- Committee Reports
 - Corresponding Secretary- Jackie Smart/ Liz Frazier
 - Auction. The annual auction will be held November 7th at Laurel Manor. Laurel Manor has significantly raised prices due to increases. Jackie will send out the PDF about the Auction so you can share the flyer with friends. She will include forms needed for the State. We didn't have the fundraiser last year and didn't get as many to donate when auction wasn't held. The cost is \$40. Send Checks to Jackie
 - We are hoping to hold auction in person. If we have to cancel we will lose out of pocket. Possibly not if we reschedule.
 - Yearbook is done and has been put on the website.
 - Grant -In – Aid- Joanna Eiwien
 - It must be a female educator. It used to be only for females who have been in education 10 years and younger but now educators who have taught longer can also apply. It can be for any school project or supplies.

Grant is for \$1000 received in increments. Applicants can be from anywhere in our catchment area.

- There was much discussion over how/when the grant recipient would receive the funds. The grant form needs to be updated to show \$500 will be received at the Birthday dinner and \$500 when they attend a meeting in the fall. We usually pay for the recipient's meal. We could offer to pay for a female educator friend to come with them to the dinner.
- Membership
 - We currently have 41 members. Some have dropped out.
- Service Projects-
 - Judy Morante – Beverly House/Sumpter House
 - Have not heard back from director about the TV. Have decided to give them till October meeting. If she hasn't heard by then will decide to do something else.
 - Can still take over bags to Sumpter House.
 - Judi Fischer- Seedlings
 - Seedlings is talking about doing bowling and the auction. Judi will let us know when she gets more information.
 - Could a book be donated to Seedlings in Elizabeth's Name. On the back of the book they put in memory of and in honor of. For every \$10 a book is donated.
 - Motion made by Margie. "A donation of \$100 worth of books to Seedlings in honor of Elizabeth." Seconded by Pam Sayre. Motion Carries.
 - Carole Lower asked about making a motion that any time someone passes we donate \$100 to Seedlings. Would need to ask Jackie. It would need to be added to Bylaws.
- Other Committee Reports- None
- Old Business- None
- New Business-
 - Acknowledgment of Retirement of Pam Sayre. She was inducted in 6-13-98.
 - Amy Wright- Calendar/Address books have been mailed. Please check contact info is correct in the booklet. Let us know if it has been changed.
 - Carole Lower- October Meeting Discussion – In Person or Virtual – Will be right after Women in the Arts. It would be nice to see people in person. Try doing Hybrid and in person. We don't need to worry about going over the 50 person limit.

- October Meeting will be held at Carole Lower's House from 6:30-7:30. Bring a snack if you want one. Carole will provide coffee, tea, and water. RSVP if you will be attending in person or on Zoom. It will be a Business Meeting. How do we want to Communicate? Discuss Auction. Her Address is 45766 Fermanagh Northville, MI 48168.
- Discussion about Transgender/Binary. We are supposed to be inclusive organization. Wording should be put on chapter website bylaws somewhere. Need to see what State/International says and use their wording. A member did drop out after the Keynote Speaker, the Teacher of the Year, was transgender. The teacher of the year is chosen by the state and is sometimes male.
- Motion to Adjourn
 - Made by Pam Sayre. Seconded by Franz Saenz
 - Adjourned at 7:42.