

Gamma Executive Board Planning Meeting

The Gamma Alpha Chapter met on June 18, 2022 at Margie Sievert's house. Thirteen members were present. After enjoying a delightful lunch, co-President, Jackie Smart called the Planning Meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Planning Meeting

The purpose of this gathering was to plan meetings for the 2022- 2023 calendar year. The major items which were discussed were:

1. The dates of the meetings
2. Speakers, programs, or activities
3. Location of meetings
4. Format of meetings (In person meetings/Zoom)

After discussion, it was decided that the majority of meetings would be held on Thursdays, although some will be on different days. A speaker or activity was to be assigned for each month.

Suggestions for Speakers:

- Carol Anderson's sister, a former M.A.S.H. nurse, who cared for soldiers during the Vietnam War
- Debra Bonde to speak about Seedlings at Seedlings
- A tour of the Detroit Library

Activities:

- Game night with board and card games.
- Annual Auction in November
- Holiday Party with donations to Beverly House
- Birthday dinner in May with awards, Grant-in-Aid, and donations to Beverly House

Hostesses:

Amy Wright and Carole Lower stated that at each meeting, we should consider having meeting hostesses who would greet members and speakers and be responsible for setting up meeting (if needed,) organizing activities, take money for raffles, and take attendance. This would encourage more members to get involved.

Linda Dobrzeniecki suggested that it was more convenient to hold our meetings in a restaurant which offers a separate room as in years past. Linda Clark, Rosa Russenberger, and Jackie Smart will be contacting Cantoro's, Archie's, Genitti's, and Rusty Bucket to find out costs, availability. If that is not an option, Judi Fisher offered to talk to Northville Library officials to see if we could meet there again.

Members decided that some of our meetings next year should be in person and some could be Zoom meetings especially during severe cold weather .

Jackie Smart suggested that in order to reduce the length of meetings, Executive Board meetings could be held on Zoom and information discussed could be emailed to members. Obviously, items requiring a vote would be brought up at meetings.

Amy Wright encouraged more members to sign up for the 3 part Leadership/Zoom Training taking place June 23, July 20, and August 9. Those who participate in all three of the sessions (or the recorded sessions) will have their registrations fee for Fall Conference paid by the Betsey Cooper Leadership Fund. All members are eligible to attend and the meetings are not for only board members. Sign up now.

Cindy Dietz, chapter treasurer, stated that there are several members who have not paid their dues on time. This has caused several problems with Chapter and State Deadlines. It was suggested that she send an invoice for the dues in April to each member so that they could remember to pay on time. Cindy also reported that there is \$20,000 in the Chapter's Saving Account.

Margie Sievert was thanked for hosting such a wonderful lunch and offering her home for the Chapter meeting. Jackie adjourned the planning meeting at 2:10 P.M.

All dates and meetings are included in the Calendar Section of the newsletter.

Executive Board Meeting

The Board members gathered together from 2:15-3:00pm after the regular Gamma Alpha meeting was adjourned. Jackie gave each Executive Board member a copy of the Chapter Standing Rules and the Chapter Strategic Plan that will need to be revised. The assignment is to determine what rules are still relevant and which ones are not. Also, the group should determine how to handle electronic voting issues. The Executive Board will meet August 22 at 10:00 A.M. to discuss the Standing Rules, Strategic Plan, budget, and final calendar and meetings.

Linda Dobrzeniecki co-Recording Secretary