

Minutes for Gamma Alpha Executive Board Meeting

January 15, 2026

The Zoom Executive Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Members attending were: Judi Fisher, Co-President Judy Morante, Linda Dobrzeniecki, Co-President Pam Emerson, Jackie Smart, Cindy Dietz, and Lynne Bemer. Co-President Pam Emerson was the presider. She will be attending the DKG State Convention in April along with the new incoming President.

Presidents' Reports:

- State Convention is at the AC Hotel University Area (3160 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing 48912) on April 24-26, 2026. *Information will be sent to you soon.*
- Kathleen Rodak, Fine Arts Liaison, sent an email to the presidents about the submission date (February 15) for anyone who wants to submit a photo of their art. Jackie sent the form to the members.
- The Award of the Rose, the President's Award, and the Chapter Woman of Distinction forms were submitted on Google Docs.
- The Friend of Education form was completed. Chef Zach Peterlin, owner of Peterlin's Restaurant and Bar, was chosen as Gamma Alpha's Friend of Education award. Zach is deeply committed to giving back to his community. For many years, he has partnered with Visions Unlimited, a Farmington Hills post-secondary program that supports young adults with physical and developmental disabilities. Through this partnership, Zach provides meaningful volunteer opportunities and mentors students as they gain valuable job skills and confidence.
- The Lifetime Service Award will be presented at the Birthday Dinner in May. Judy will send the information to Jackie so she can complete the form.

Vice President's Report:

Carole Lower is acting VP until June. She is unable to attend but sent the following report. *We are looking forward to Jen Troike joining our Gamma Alpha chapter. Jen is a special education K-2 teacher chair in the Wayne Westland Community School District. She will be inducted into our Chapter at the Birthday Dinner on May 14 at Genitti's in Northville. DKG is looking into the possibility of extending membership to the Collegiate community. Presently, we have 41 members. Please let me know if anyone has a recommendation for a possible candidate, and I will contact them.*

Treasurer's Report:

- Cindy Dietz said the checking account balance is \$1383.93. The savings account is \$17,699.61.

- Esther Loskowske has been dropped for non-payment of dues. Esther has been a member since 1980 and has mobility and other medical issues. Pam Emerson made a motion to change Esther's status from Active to Reserve and the chapter pay for Esther's Chapter 'reserve' dues of \$40 for the next year. Judy Morante seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Cindy pointed out that this is the time we make our chapter's donations to state and international projects. Jackie Smart made a motion for our chapter to donate \$100.00 to each of the following projects: DKG International's World Fellowship fund, the state's Member Supporting Member fund, DKG International's (partnered with UNICEF) G.I.R.L.S. Fund, and the state's AIM Foundation. Judi Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Cindy announced that she would start accepting Membership Dues for 2026-2027 fiscal year and would set a deadline by April 15. Dues are \$85. Mail dues to Cindy Dietz 7329 Gilman Westland, MI 48185. \$85 Check payable to Gamma Alpha.

Service Project: Beverly House

Lynne Bemer reported that our generous members donated lovely gifts for the girls at Beverly House, including socks, slippers, pants, hoodies, craft kits, spa accessories, etc., plus an additional \$300 in cash! This was added to the \$300 earmarked from the auction. The money was used to buy each girl a \$50.00 Target gift card and an item from their wish list. There was some money left. It will be spent on the spring gardening project at Beverly House. We will purchase annuals, perennials, pots, soil, and a watering can. The girls help plant flowers with us.

Auction Report:

Jackie reported that the auction will be on November 8, 2026, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Save the date. We made a total of \$2,675 from the November auction. The profits fund our grants, donations to state and international projects, and our community donations.

Grant-in-Aid Report:

Joanna Eiwen was unable to attend but sent the following report. *The grant form is on our website www.migammaalpha.org. I will ask for help from our newest working members in seeking worthy applicants for the grant.*

New Business:

The new slate of officers for 2026-2028 was presented.

President: Linda Dobrzeniecki

VP/Membership: Rosa Russenberger

Recording Secretary: Margie Sievert

Treasurer: Cindy Dietz (Appointed)

Parliamentarian: Pam Sayre (Appointed)

Judy Morante made a motion to approve the new slate of officers. Cindy Dietz seconded it. The motion passed.

Announcements:

A reminder about the dates of upcoming meetings. Specific information can be found in the calendar.

February 19, 2026

The Zoom Meeting is about Forest Bathing with Linda McClean from Beta Chi. 1
SCECH credit available.

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March 19, 2026

FIELD TRIP to the newly expanded Seedlings (14151 Farmington Road, Livonia followed by dinner at Los Tres Amigos on Middlebelt and Five Mile in Livonia. 1
SCECH credit available.

May 9, 2026

The Metro Council meeting is scheduled at the Sports Den from 11:15 to 2:00. 1
SCECH credit available.

May 14, 2026

Birthday Dinner at Genitti's Hole in the Wall
108 E. Main Street in downtown Northville
An Evite will be sent.

June 13, 2026

11:00 to 1:00ish
Planning Luncheon & Meeting
Linda Dobrzeniecki's home
2089 Helmsford
Wolverine Lake

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dobrzeniecki, Co-Recording Secretary