

Planning Meeting Minutes June 7, 2025

Call to Order at 11:15 A.M.

Fourteen members and one guest were present for the planning meeting:

Judy Morante and Pam Emerson (co-Presidents), Jackie Smart, Judi Fisher, Cindy Dietz, Diane Frangie, Pam Sayre, Amy Wright, Joanna Eiwen, Linda Clark, Linda Dobrzeniecki, Lynne Bemer, Margie Sievert, Carole Lower, and one of our grant awardees, Karen Dickelman.

Quorum:

Secretary Linda D. reported we had a quorum.

Minutes:

The awards from the Birthday Dinners meeting were approved as published.

Reports:

- **Presidents:** Co-Presidents: Judy and Pam made a positive report about their time at the state convention.
- **Treasurer:** Cindy reported we have \$17,491.34 in savings and \$533.86 in the checkbook. Twenty members have paid their dues, and twenty still need to pay. Cindy will be making calls.

Standing/Special Committees

- **Personal Growth & Service Projects Committee:** Carole Lower reported that she delivered the new television to Beverly House. Lynne Bemer reported that she and Lynne Elsesser planted annuals with the girls at the home. The committee will explore some new projects for the girls.
- **Auction Committee:** The auction is scheduled for November 2, 2025, at St. Mary's Cultural and Banquet Center located at 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia (between Six and Seven Mile Roads). The flyer and more information will be in the newsletter. The cost will be \$33. Bring GUESTS.
- **Grant-in-Aid Committee:** Joanna Eiwen let us know that three working teachers from Wayne-Westland are interested in joining Gamma Alpha!!!! They are: Karen Dickelman, Kristen VanDoorne, and Ana Tilley. Judy Morante will follow up with Friend of Education, William Hundley's wife.

Special Orders: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

- A motion was made by Pam Emerson and seconded by Carole Lower to pay dues for the new members for the first year. Motion was passed.
- First-timers at the Fall Conference in Novi (October 3-4, 2025) will have their registration fee paid by the state organization. SCECH credit is available.
- Awards from the Birthday Dinner:

Chapter Woman of Distinction-Margie Sievert

Lifetime Service Awards-Margie Sievert, Carol Anderson, Judi Fisher, Carole Lower, and Judy Morante

Anniversary Pins: 45-Esther Lowkowske, 35-Jackie Smart, 30-Cindy Dietz, and 25-Liz Frazier

Friend of Education: William, Northville's Tuscan Café

Grant-in-Aid Awards: Karen Dickelman and Adriana Tilley. Both are teachers in WWCS.

- Gamma Alpha website fee is going up to \$8.00/month.

<https://migammaalpha.org/>

- The meetings and programs are available in the 2025-2026 Calendar in the newsletter. A copy is attached to the minutes.
- Pam Emerson will chair the October meeting. Judy Morante will be on vacation.
- Meeting ideas were discussed, and the calendar for 2025-2026 was decided.
- Amy was given a gift from the chapter. Pam Emerson read a touching tribute about her. We will still see Amy at state events.

Announcements:

Bring old eyeglasses to any meeting. These will be donated to the Lions Club. Linda Clark will collect and deliver the glasses.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Linda Dobrzeniecki, Recording Secretary