Gamma Alpha Minutes
October 22, 2026

Call to Order: 5:35 P.M.

1. President Linda welcomed members and let them know we will order our meals before the program.
2. If you want SCECH credit for the presentation today, Jackie will give you the sheet to sign.
3. Twenty-six were in attendance. Guests were Renee Debs, Caitlin Willard, Patricia Sayre-McCoy, and Ian Smart as or tech support.

Minutes: Minutes were printed in the agenda. Judi Fisher was at the September meeting. Minutes were approved with this correction.

Reports:

President: President Linda attended the Chapter Presidents' Zoom meeting last night.

Vice President: Rosa reminded members that if they know someone who is interested in joining, to contact you or go to our chapter website for the Membership application www.migammaalpha.org. Potential members can watch an orientation, "Unlock Your Potential" on our chapter website, as well. Jackie brought some membership forms if anyone knows someone who might want to join.

Treasurer: No report this month

Standing/Special Committees:

Personal Growth & Service Projects Committee – Lynne Bemer

Gamma Alpha members will gather for an evening filled with friendship, festive fun, delicious food, and the spirit of giving at the home of Vicki Dwelley. An Evite with all the details will be sent in early December. Members will have the opportunity to sign up to bring a hearty hors d'oeuvre or a favorite dessert to share. As part of our holiday tradition, the Service Project Committee will present the Wish Lists from the girls at Beverly House, giving us the opportunity to help make their season brighter. Lynne will be trying to contact Beverly House to get the wish lists to us. Together, we can celebrate the holidays while making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We look forward to sharing a wonderful evening of fellowship, laughter, and generosity with everyone. Ideas for on-site experiences include facial. Sarah might have a contact to help us with this.

Carole Lower made a motion to spend $100 for books at Seedlings. The motion was seconded by Pam Sayre. Judi Fisher will contact Seedlings and purchase the books.

Auction Committee – Jackie Smart

The Auction is Sunday, November 8. Flyer is in the newsletter, in the mailing, and I brought a few with me tonight. RSVP $33 via cash, check, or e-pay options. Specific information about the auction is in the pink booklet. Bring your own WINE!

Grant-in-Aid Committee – Joanna Eiwen

Grant applications are on the chapter website www.migammaalpha.org and are due February 28. There are a few applications on the handouts table. The grants are for $1,000…$500 in May at the Birthday Dinner and the remainder when the recipient attends a meeting.
AIM grant application from the state can be found on the state website www.dkgmichigan.org

Special Orders None

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

Announcements:

- October Birthdays:
  14 Lynne Bemer
  21 Alice Duke
  23 Lisa Austin

- Next Meeting Annual Action on Sunday, November 8 at St. Mary's Cultural Center at 11:30. Each year, Gamma Alpha host one fundraiser to support our chapter's service work, grants, and charitable giving. We count on YOU to make it a success!

Adjournment: Business meeting adjourned at 5:53 P.M. Members had dinner followed by an informative meeting by Grant-in-Aid and A.I.M. grant recipients. We learned how modest a grant, combined with creativity and dedication, can transform learning and inspire young minds. The group had a renewed appreciation for the difference these young teachers can make.