

Minutes of Gamma Alpha Board Meeting: January 18, 2024

President's Report:

- Jackie Smart, Co President of Gamma Alpha, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. The first order of business was to fill out two forms: The Award of the Rose, and the President's Award. The Executive Board agreed that when filling out the forms that all the criteria were met, and our chapter is eligible to receive the awards.
- Our chapter needs to recommend a recipient to receive the Friends in Education Award. The criterion to receive this award was discussed. The recipient should be involved in promoting education, but not a paid educator. Perhaps it should be someone who is a volunteer, or a parent. Recommendations should be given to Jackie or Judi.
- A Chapter Woman of Distinction should be recommended. The Executive Board has chosen a recipient to receive this year's award. The award will be presented at the Birthday Dinner.
- Jackie announced that members need to be nominated for the positions of Co-Presidents, Co-Vice Presidents, Co-Recording Secretaries, for the coming year. If anyone is interested, please let her know. The VP and Secretaries said they would continue in their position for the next biennium, with no objection. Member(s) to volunteer to be President is needed.
- There will be a venue change for our annual auction in November. It will be at St. Mary's Cultural and Banquet Center in Livonia. The cost of the meal had been raised to \$50.00 at Laurel Park Manor, and it was determined that it was better to change the venue for a lower price.
- The Metro Council Field Trip to the First Congregational Church in Detroit(33 E. Forest) is on April 20. The church members present a reenactment of the flight to freedom on the Underground Railroad. Public Schools in Detroit and community groups have taken part in the presentation. The cost will be \$25.00. Lunch will be provided. A flyer will be sent to everyone in February. Members are encouraged to carpool and attend.

VP/Membership Report:

These two potential members will be sent membership forms:

- Krystal Leece (friend of State President Karen Lessnau-Scott)
- Marilyn Rivera (Sarah Elsesser's friend)

We will invite them to the March and April meetings. If they join, they will be initiated at the Birthday Dinner in May. Their dues will be paid for the next year.

Treasurer's Report:

- A copy of the checking account contributions and expenses was given to each board member. Contributions for (the AIM Foundation, Members Supporting Members-State, Schools for Africa- International, and World Fellowship-

International) were \$200.00 to each organization. Contributions for the AIM Foundation will be discussed in the Wolverine Magazine.

- Cindy Dietz stated that from the Annual Auction our chapter had a profit of \$2570.00. Jackie and Judi thanked members for their generosity.
- Treasurer Cindy Dietz made a motion stating that Judi Fisher, Finance chair, be named signature on the Gamma Alpha checking account. Motion was seconded by Margie Sievert. Cindy stated we makes should have a second name on the account just in case something happens. Judi has been Finance chair for years and will continue in this position. Motion passed.

Service Projects Reports:

- Judy Morante said that the girls at Beverly House loved the Christmas gift bags and were excited to receive them. It was suggested that \$200.00 be given to Beverly House for new comforters and sheet sets for the twin beds there. The old comforters are worn out and it would nice for the girls to have better bedding.
- Judi Fisher said that Gamma Alpha contributed \$100 to Seedlings. We adopted two children to receive books.

Grants in Aid:

Our chapter will give \$ 500.00 to educators for continuing education or classroom projects which will be awarded at the spring dinner. Applicant will write a one page essay, explaining how they will use the money, and submit one letter of recommendation on their application. Contact Joanna Elden for more information.

Other New Business:

- The DKG State Convention is in Bay City April 26-28 at the Double Tree. Bay City is a charming town, and a nice venue for the convention.
- Wilma Adams Grant: Amy Wright would like to be considered for this grant. She works at the Detroit Boxing Gym in Detroit. This organization works with children in grades 3-8. The goal is to help children with their physical strength and academic skills in reading and literacy. This grant would give her \$300.00 that she could spend on literary supplies. This is a state grant.
- DKG Artwork deadline is February 15. Kathleen Rhodes has informed us that members can submit artwork such as photos, painting, sculpture, poetry, etc. for the Collegial Magazine.
- Jackie suggested that Alpha Rho, an Ann Arbor chapter, should be invited to join our Metro Council, since it is closer to our chapter. She also said that Beta Chi from Oakland County should be invited to attend our Metro Council Field trip.

Upcoming Meetings: Put on your calendar.

- February 15 at 6:00 Zoom - Virtual Scavenger Hunt
- March 21 at 5:30 Willow Run and Story of Rosie the Riveter and the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Location TBD

- April 20 Field Trip to First Congregational Church in Detroit: The Underground Railroad Living Museum - Detroit
- May 16 at 5:30 Genitti's Hole in the Wall
- June Planning Meeting at 11:00 am: June 8 or 22 -TBD (This is a change from June 15.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Dobrzeniecki, Co Recording Secretary