

## **June 17, 2023 Planning Session Minutes**

- on June 17, 2023. There were 13 members in attendance. A delicious lunch, consisting of a Maurice Salad, relishes, and dessert, was shared by everyone.
- After lunch, Jackie Smart called the meeting to order at noon. The main order of business was to discuss and plan activities for the coming year. A tentative calendar was distributed to everyone. It was determined that in-person meetings will start promptly at 5:30 pm, and Virtual meetings will be from 6:00-700 pm.
- For the Wednesday, September 20th meeting, Sarah Elsesser suggested that our group should take a field trip to The Friendship Circle, Farber Center in West Bloomfield. This is a non-profit organization that provides services for individuals with special needs. Our group will learn about the real-life experiences offered to individuals that help them develop these social, physical, and cognitive skills. Our guide will give us a tour to the Art studio and Bakery. The address is: Friendship Circle, Farber Center, 5586 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48332.
- Judy Morante made a motion for Gamma Alpha to donate \$100.00 to the Friendship Circle. Margie Sievert seconded it. The motion passed.
- Judi Fisher suggested that our club should donate \$100.00 to the World Fellowship since we won't be holding a vacation auction. Amy Wright made the motion, and the motion passed. Amy will also purchase gift cards for the Fall Conference auction. Jackie also thought Gamma Alpha should give people attending the Fall Conference \$100.00 to encourage attendance.
- Fran Saenz suggested Pam Craig, a retired Media Specialist, for a presentation about Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo and their influence on Detroit. Judi Fisher will arrange to have the October 19 meeting in the Northville Library.
- The Fall Conference will be held from September, 29-30 at the "H Hotel" in Midland. Details will be on the State Website and in The Wolverine.
- Sunday, November 5, is the Annual Gamma Alpha Auction. Jackie stated that she has been delighted with the number of people attending the auction. However, she would appreciate it if members don't delay in sending the money. She will be out of the country for October, and for the last two weeks, she will have no internet for reminders. So try to pay for you and your guests before October 21. If you are unable to attend, please consider donating, since this is our only non-dues revenue fundraiser.
- Our annual Holiday Party will be on December 14. Place TBA.
- January 19 will be the Board Meeting from 6-7 pm. No membership meeting, but anyone can attend the Zoom meeting.
- February 15, there will be a Virtual Membership meeting, to be conducted by Amy Wright. Vintage Valentines will be shared, as well as other activities are planned.
- March 14 will have a speaker from the Yankee Air Museum and Rosie the Riveter.
- Metro Council Meeting has planned a trip on April 20 to learn about the Underground Railroad

in Detroit. The group will visit The Underground Railroad Living Museum, Flight to Freedom at The First Congregational Church in Detroit, 33 E Forest Ave. in Detroit. Lunch will be provided: Fried Chicken, Spaghetti, Cookie, Lemonade, and Iced Tea. Cost TBD, but around \$25.

- April 26 to 28 will be the State Convention at the Double Tree by Hilton in Bay City. Details will be on the DKG Website and in The Wolverine.
- Thursday, May 16 is the annual DKG Birthday Dinner at Genitti's Hole In The Wall in Northville. Awards will be given. There will be Induction of New Members, Installation of New Officers, and the Founders Celebration.
- Saturday, June 15, will be the Planning meeting for the next calendar year. Place TBD.

### **Old Business**

- Dues that have not been paid need to be sent to Cindy Dietz ASAP.
- Lynne Elsesser needs to submit the bill for flowers to Beverly House.
- Any member who is going to the International Conference in July will be reimbursed \$100.00 by Gamma Alpha.

A BIG thanks to Sarah for hosting the planning meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M. by Jackie Smart.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Dobrzeniecki, Co-Recording Secretary