

January 16, 2025 Minutes

Call to Order: The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

Attendance:

Judy Morante and Pam Emerson (Co-Presidents)

Carole Lower (Service Projects chair)

Margie Sievert and Linda Dobrzeniecki (Co-Recording Secretaries),

Jackie Smart (Immediate Past co-President)

Pamela Sayre (Parliamentarian)

Amy Wright (Co-Vice President/Membership)

Cindy Dietz (Treasurer)

Judi Fisher (Immediate Past President) sent a Seedlings report, Joanna Eiwen and Karen Mosca sent a Grant-in-Aid report.

Absent: Jennifer LaRose (Co-Vice President/Membership)

Minutes: September minutes were approved as amended (Pam Sayre was at the last meeting).

Reports:

Co-Presidents: Judy and Pam reported that we have had a good first half of their year as presidents and look forward to the rest of their biennium.

Co-Vice Presidents: Amy discussed the President's Award and the Award of the Rose and their requirements. She completed both reports on Google forms. Our 2025 goals will be on Membership Spotlight, Program Showcase, and SCECHs session for Mary Todd Lincoln and our Rosie the Riveter/Michigan Flight Museum trip. We had a lively discussion on what "average attendance" means and encouraging member attendance.

Treasurer: The checking balance is \$1329.87 and \$20,378.16 in savings. We sent checks to support World Fellowship, AIM, Members Supporting Members, and Schools for Africa. Cindy will start collecting dues in April.

Standing Committees:

Personal Growth and Service Projects:

- Carole reported that there is a new director and aides at Beverly House. Our members were very generous with the Christmas donations for the girls. The girls were excited when Elf Carole delivered the gifts.
- Seedlings – Judi sent a report. She said we donated to the Seedlings "Adopt a Reader" program. The adopted child will receive 10 books over during 2025.

Auction: Jackie reported that we netted \$2660 from the auction. Members expressed favorable comments about St. Mary's Cultural Center. The auction will be held at the same place on November 2, 2025. Start shopping the sales for items for the auction!

Grant-in-Aid: Karen Mosca sent pictures showing how she used her grant money. Pictures and an article are in the newsletter. Joanna and Karen (co-chairs) are accepting applications for 2025 grants.

Special Orders: Judi Fisher will confirm the Northville Library room for our March meeting.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Chapter Woman of Distinction was selected. Our honoree will be revealed at the Birthday Dinner in May.
2. State Convention in Mt. Pleasant at Soaring Eagle May 2-4 , 2025. All members are encouraged to attend. Thus far, Judy M , Pam E , Amy, Judi, Cindy, and Jackie plan on attending.
3. 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. The board suggested that Pam Sayre submit some of her photographs.
4. Metro Council trip to Michigan Flight Museum (formerly Yankee Air Museum) will take place on May 10. Jackie will send a flyer out to members in April. Claire Dahl will do a presentation for us and lead us in riveting lessons at the museum. M.C. will make a \$200 donation to the museum.

Announcements:

1. Amy announced that she will be moving back to Sturgis, MI where her family lives. She will REALLY be missed !!!

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:18 with no objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Sievert Co-Recording Secretary