

Minutes September 26, 2024

Gamma Alpha Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 P.M. by Co-Presidents Judy Morante and Pam Emerson. Judy thanked Jackie Smart and Judi Fisher for all of their help. She also thanked all of the other officers. Members present were Jackie S, Joanna E, Judy M, Judi F, Pam E, Barb B, Amy W, Cindy D, Pam E, Fran S, Carol A, Diane F, Carole L, Margie S, Lynne B, and Linda C.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting were sent by email. Moved by Carole Anderson and seconded by Pam Sayer, that the minutes be accepted as written. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

- **Presidents:**

Judy and Pam shared information from the State Executive Board meeting that was held via Zoom on September 14. Dates are in the announcements.

- **Treasurer:**

The treasurer's report was sent by email and Cindy reported the balance in the checking account as \$1279.64 and the balance of the savings account \$17,699.46. Moved by Pam Sayre and seconded by Judi Fisher that we approve the report as written. Motion passed.

We donated money to World Fellowship, Seedlings, and Members Supporting Members. Cindy is investigating signatories and CDs at the credit union.

- **Service Projects:** Our Service Projects are Seedlings and Beverly House. Lynne Elsesser and Amy Wright planted flowers at Beverly house, Judy Morante put together and delivered Christmas gift bags and gift bags in the spring to Beverly house on our behalf.
- **Grant-in-Aid:** Joanna Eiwen reported that grant forms are available. Jackie sent a Wayne-Westland teacher an application.
- **Auction:** Jackie announced that the money for the Auction (\$33) is due mid-October.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gamma Alpha donated the leftover books brought in by members to the Northville Public Library shop tonight.

PROGRAM:

Andrea Meyer and Amy Wright presented a program on the value of literacy partnerships. They have two sites The Center for Success located in Pontiac and Detroit and the Downtown Boxing Gym (DBG). Also presented were ideas how our chapter can get involved. Jackie Smart moved that Gamma Alpha chapter adopt the Downtown Boxing Gym as one of our service projects. It was seconded by Cindy Dietz. A discussion followed, and the motion was passed. Carole Lower moved to donate \$300 to DBG. It was seconded by Margie Sievert. Motion passed. Amy will keep the membership updated regarding DBG's needs.

NEW BUSINESS: Judi Fisher moved to donate an additional \$300 to the AIM Foundation so that Gamma Alpha can become a founding member (\$200 has already been given. A founding member must donate \$500). Motion was seconded by Cindy Dietz. The purpose of the AIM Foundation is to give grants to educators. Motion passed. FYI, if you want to apply for an AIM grant or know someone who could use some money for a classroom project or materials, November 30 is the deadline to apply for the grant. See the state website for the application www.dkgmichigan.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- October 1 is the deadline for women in the art, registration forms are online.
- October 25 the Story Ladies will be reading at Elliott Elementary in Wayne-Westland. Volunteers are needed. Contact Jackie Smart to volunteer jackie@mysmartfamily
- October 17 is our next meeting at the Northville library upstairs from 5 to 7. It will be Part I of the Mary Todd Lincoln presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Sievert, Co-Corresponding Secretary