



Omega Chapter

October 18, 2016

Clifton Springs Country Club

5:30 p.m. Business meeting called to order

- **Motion to support Mary-Martha Harvey for Pi-State President**

Motion was made by Peg Snyder; seconded by Maggie Weigand. Discussion was delayed until later for Mary-Martha to attend.

- **Standing Rules update**

Lois Ludwig and Della Ludwig presented their report. A review of the rules is required each biennium. Committee chairs are to check the rules to see how they apply to their committees. Suggestions for changes or other comments on the rules should be directed to the Rules committee: Lois Ludwig, Della Ludwig and Kristin Wahl.

- **Pi-State Conference**

Co-president Kerry Smartt mentioned that at the recent conference in Bushnell's Basin, the theme was "change" and that your voice be heard.

Kerry also noted that the November dinner reservation forms were on the table to encourage early registration for the auction event.

- **Treasurer's Report from Judy Kiehle**

(This was omitted from September report. Treasurer's report is attached here.)

- **Arts and Music Committee**

Sharyn Powell musically asked for more people to join her impromptu *Omega* chorus to entertain at meetings. Janice Wright and Kerry Smartt were among those volunteering to join.

- **Time of Remembrance**

Ceremonies Committee shared a tribute to Pat Naracong, a former *Omega* president who recently passed away. Dawn Scales, Phyllis Frantel and Liz Hezel conducted the tribute.

- **Blessing- Jan Astles**

6:00 p.m. Business meeting was suspended until after dinner.

- **Dinner guest and speaker**

John Peck, a school resource officer in the Red Jacket district, talked about his ten years of experience as an SRO. His speech included a description of the SRO job: to make the district safe by helping define school emergency plans but, more importantly, to establish a positive relationship between police and young people. He mentioned that this relationship has led to situations where he has been able to help a young person who may have family problems or drug/alcohol related issues. He also noted that while the school resource office is not the school's disciplinarian, he does work closely with the schools on some of those issues as well.

- **Family Promise of Ontario County**

Jeanne Gaustafarro and Cindy Avery presented information on this new non-profit organization being developed in Ontario County. The purpose is to provide food and shelter for homeless families who are otherwise not receiving services from typical social programs. The group is seeking donations and volunteers to help the organization.

- **Auction update**

Deb Trombino and Sue Cunningham handed out samples of rum cake to show that chapter members need only make a cake or something simple to support the auction. The committee asked that people please sign up and/or e-mail one of the auction members to let them know what you are bringing to the auction. Members are strongly urged to bring guests!

- **September minutes approved**
- **Resignations**

Three members: Jackie Johnson (1), Julie Hadyk and Elaine Kennedy have requested to resign from the chapter. Della Ludwig offered to pay for reserve membership for Kennedy. Della will contact Mr. Kennedy on the feasibility of reserve membership. Lois Ludwig moved that the resignations be accepted with regret. Seconded by Linda Coons. Motion passed to accept resignations

- **Motion for support of Mary-Martha Harvey for Pi-State President**

The motion was revisited and discussed. There were some questions about why the usual path to state presidency was not being followed, i.e. that the next lower rank usually succeeds to the higher position. There was a call for a vote. The motion to support was approved. The co-presidents will write a letter of support.

- **Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. but many members remained to make the gift bags for school resource officers and police.**

Attachments: motion for supporting MM Harvey; standing rules committee report; treasurer's report