



Omega Chapter

September 20, 2016

King's Catering, Canandaigua

BUSINESSS MEETING

- Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business

- **Discussion of the September book, *Life in a Jar*.** Most comments centered on whether the history project that was the centerpiece of the book was a project in place at any of the districts in the *Omega* chapter.
- **A motion was made to put the crane project on hold. Gerry Fletcher made the motion; seconded by Linda Coons.** Discussion included Strong Hospital's inability to display the cranes and there were some concerns about the contents of the book, *A Thousand Paper Cranes* that could be inappropriate for the children who would receive it. **Motion was carried.**
- **Discussion and motion regarding paper bag project.** Co-president Mary Cherniss explained that in lieu of the cranes, *Omega* do the paper bag project Renee Durso had mentioned during the summer "*Omega Gets Social*" picnic. These were given to local police officers. **Motion was made to have former resource officer John Peck speak at October meeting and a small committee would be formed to determine how many bags were needed and which police agencies and resource officers would receive them.** Sally Maxson made the motion; seconded by Della Ludwig. **Discussion:** who would receive the bags, how many we would need to make, and which districts have resource officers. It was mentioned that it is now an education mandate that schools have resource officers. **Small group was formed:** Mary Cherniss, Renee Durso, Liz Hezel, and Laura Hill will obtain the information and present it at the October meeting.
- **Motion made to approve June Meeting minutes.** Lois Ludwig made the motion; seconded by Mary Luckern. **Motion passed.**

- **Correspondence-** Secretary Beverly Lanoue had four letters to mention. Thank you notes were from Peg Snyder who is recovering from shoulder surgery and Laura VanAuken, one of *Omega's* scholarship recipients, and the family of Carol Ramsey for the memorial service in June. The fourth letter was a resignation letter from Kathy Burke. **Maggie Wiegand made a motion to accept the resignation with regret. Seconded by Mary Cherniss. Motion passed.**
- **Directory:** Three new pages were handed out to those in attendance with changes that were to be put in the membership listings. **Note:** Additional changes were mentioned. Lydia Barong has a new email: LydiaBerrong@gmail.com. Holly Rich has gone to a cell phone only: 315-521-2887. Make those changes in your membership directory.

New Business

- **Budget:** Linda Upchurch presented the new budget. She noted that the Shirley Fund was notified by Canandaigua Bank that there were be a \$6.00 fee each month the fund was inactive. In order to avoid that, the treasurer will add a penny a month. There was discussion that perhaps a call to the bank might mean there would be no charge at all. Linda said that would be pursued. Linda also noted the budget was balanced. **Motion made by Beverly Lanoue to approve the budget. Seconded by Laura Hill. Motion passed.**
- **Sound system.** *Omega's* sound system is several years old and weighs 50-80 pounds. **Motion made by Maggie Wiegand to have a committee investigate selling the old system and buying a newer, lighter system. Seconded by Renee Durso. Discussion:** there have already been inquiries made to some retail outlets regarding selling the old system and buying another. No stores would take trade-ins. E-Bay and Craig's List were suggested for selling the system. Concerns about the cost were discussed and it was suggested that if the cost exceeded the selling price, the Shirley fund could be used to make up the difference. Findings of the committee will be presented at a future chapter meeting. **Motion was passed.**
- **Auction committee presentation.** Sue Cunningham and members of the auction committee presented ideas on how to get more members involved in the auction. They are proposing to continue raffles for baskets but do the "live" auction selling on items made by chapter members. The committee will also be encouraging members to bring more non-members to the auction and promote the scholarship fundraising. There will be some promotional material provided at the October meeting.
- **Arts and Music**

-Sharyn Powell asked that members try to send her information about any arts and music events in their school districts so that the committee can help promote the events. Please get those events to her by the December meeting.

-Sharyn mentioned that she wants more people for the *Omega* chorale- and you don't need to be a great singer.

-Committee also hopes to have the May event be a "tea" party event where members bring a memorable tea cup and a story.

- **Omega Gets Social** Dawn Scales noted that there were several events over the summer- a gathering at the Phelps Wine Bar, the Picnic at the Seneca Lake Park and attendance at a play performance.
- **Technology Workshop** Della Ludwig is offering a workshop on Google docs, Google Drive and "the cloud." RSVP to Mary Cherniss or Kerry Smartt by September 30th and participants will set a date for this event.
- **Scholarship Committee** –a member is needed to be the liaison for the Canandaigua School District. Contact Peg Snyder or Holly Rich.
- **ECC Update** Gail Rumsey discussed the role of the East Central-Area Council and how it is formed to help members and chapters. There will be an event next year and she encouraged members to participate.
- **Pi-State meeting in Perinton in October** Several members will be attending. You can still register at the NEW website: www.dkgnystate.org. The event is Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15.
- **BookFeast** Sue Cunningham encouraged members to attend this fundraiser at FLCC. \$100 fee- and she says you'll get that in food.

Committee Meetings were held during the remainder of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Attended: Astles, Avery, Busby, Burr, Carr, Cherniss, Cirulli, Coons, Cunningham, Durso, Fletcher, Frantel, Guastaferro, Harvey, Hezel, Hill, John, King, Lawrence, Lanoue, Ludwig, D., Ludwig, L, Maxson, Miller-Wadsworth, Poplasky, Powell, Renner, Rice, Rumsey,. Scales, Smartt, Smith, Stevens, Trombino, Upchurch, Wahl, Wiegand, Wright, J. **Total: 37**

Absent: Bay, Berrong, Burke, Bennett, Botorf, Clark, Eddington, Dorgan, Eckler, Forbes, Goodberlet, Harris , Gray, Hadyk, Jabara, Johnson 1, Johnson2, Kennedy, Kiehle, Knobel,

Koster, Luckern, Lynch, Monachino, Mussack, Myers, Nicholson, Olmstead, Rich, Shelley, Simons, Snyder, Spina, Stevens, Tillman, VanDeusen, Varricchio, Wagner, Weaver **Total: 39**

Submitted by: Beverly J. Lanoue, Secretary

Signed: *Beverly J. Lanoue 9-26-16*

Attachment: Treasurer's report