



***Omega Chapter***  
**September 19, 2017**  
**Gateway Grille, Canandaigua**

**Attendance:** 38 members in attendance (see attendance sheet)

**Meeting called to order at 5:33p.m.**

**Retirees:** Omega members Sue Grey and Liz Koster were honored for their recent retirements. Sue Grey received her gift. Liz was unable to attend the meeting but will receive her gift later.

**Finance Committee Report:** Linda Upchurch presented the annual budget (attached) for the finance committee. Vote was delayed until later in the meeting in order for people to view copies of the budget. Later in the meeting, Beverly Lanoue made a motion to accept the budget. Seconded by Jeanne Guastafarro. Approved unanimously.

**Auction:** Sue Cunningham updated the chapter on auction preparations. Members are asked to e-mail Sue to let her know what you are bringing. There was discussion of how to handle the duplicate items (such as jars of jam, etc.) There was discussion about how to handle those identical items either by placing a bid sheet for each individual item or offering others the option of buying the remaining items for the winning bid. Sue and her committee will be working on that issue. Sue also urged everyone to bring lots of guests to the auction.

**White Elephant:** Hostess committee co-chair, Dawn Scales, requested that members attending this meeting bring a white elephant item. Throughout the meeting, numbers were drawn and members could go and take one of the white elephant items of their choice. Leftover items will be saved for future events.

**Membership Committee:** Co-chair Maggie Weigand outlined the new timetable for taking in new members for Omega. This is on the Omega website. Nomination forms can be sent to Maggie or other membership committee members. Maggie recommends that two Omega signatures should be on the nomination. Over the winter, the committee will review the nominations and present them for a vote at the April meeting. The nominees will NOT be allowed at that meeting but can be guests at the auction meeting. There will be an orientation meeting April 28 at the Wood Library and accepted nominees will be initiated in September 2018.

Maggie suggested that once a nominee becomes a member, the sponsors should ensure that the new member gets to meetings by offering rides to meetings and/or getting those new members involved. Omegans always say “yes.”

**Bi-laws Committee:** Lois Ludwig presented the findings of a survey on whether to amend the standing rules to allow for formal recognition of the passing of former Omega members who ceased membership due to issues of health, incapacitation or moving away. Based on the survey results (13 members responded), Lois Ludwig asked the members whether this should be a change in the standing rules or just an informal decision by the chapter. In order to address the issue, Lois made a motion to call for an amendment to the standing rules. Maggie Weigand seconded. After much discussion, the proposal was **rejected**. *It was recommended that Omega can discuss each of these events on a case by case basis and individual members can make suggestions and possibly collect money in order to recognize the passing of a former Omegan.*

**Review of June Minutes:** Lois Ludwig proposed that the chapter accept the minutes. Seconded by Maggie Weigand. Unanimously approved.

**Hurricane Relief:** Dawn Scales suggested that Omega should do something to help victims of the hurricanes in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. Co-president Mary Cherniss investigated the idea and was told that DKG has an emergency fund to which donations may be directed. Individuals were also urged to make donations. Maggie Weigand proposed that the chapter use the Shirley Fund to make the donation. Seconded by Jerry Fletcher. Lois Ludwig urged that funds be stipulated for hurricane relief. Motion was approved.

**Book talk:** members shared briefly about the summer reads: *Hill Billy Elegy*, and the two books on Mindset.

**Committee meetings:** Committees met to set goals and plans for the upcoming year.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00:** Motion made by Beverly Lanoue to adjourn. Seconded Sally Maxson. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Lanoue, Secretary