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Omega Chapter **Executive Committee Meeting** **August 23, 2017**

Members Present: Mary Cherniss, Kerry Smartt, Adele Wadsworth, Deb Trombino, Katja Stevens, Sally Maxson, Gail Burr, Gail Rumsey, Linda Upchurch, Maggie Weigand, Phyllis Frantel, Linda Coons, Jan Astles, Dawn Scales, Helene Goodberlet, Beverly Lanoue, Sharyn Powell, Shari Cirulli.

Music Committee: Sharyn Powell stated the mission to support and increase attendance at district arts events by our members. She requested that members share a list of these events from our districts either by November. A copy of your district calendar or just fall events known so far would be helpful. Sharyn also shared that at each meeting they plan to hold a "top tunes" contest with prize, asking members what the hit songs from each decade 1950, 60, 70 and so on were. No referring to resources please! She will explain at next meeting.

Cheer Committee: Helene shared that committee size is small due to resignations and requested help to send cards. Thanks to Lynda John, Sharyn Powell and Sally Maxson for volunteering. A suggestion was made to have Helene contact Lydia Berrong to ask for her help. Cheer plans to continue to announce birthdays and sing to members at monthly meetings.

Finance: Following discussion of the budget, Maggie Weigand made a motion to approve the budget. Dawn Scales seconded. All approved.

Auction Committee: Deb Trombino spoke of the need to bring more guests to the auction and have all *Omega* members bring something or send a donation if you can't be there. There was discussion of putting minimums on some items- particularly those handmade. Gail Burr expressed some concern over the bids on items such as several jars of jam, or other foods. She says items that get a top bid should be the price of all the multiples. Auction will come up with some way to make sure multiples of the same item go for the highest bid.

Deb also asked that others who frequent businesses ask those businesses for a donation for the auction. Gail Burr is going to put a message out to media outlets of those businesses who make donations to the auction.

Scholarship Committee: Chairs were absent but sent in a report read by Kerry Smartt. Committee wondered about how many scholarships we should give. It was generally felt that the amounts would be determined following the auction fundraiser. Some adjustments were made on the calendar for hostess duties to allow the scholarship chairs to focus on their roles of presenting the scholarship winners at the June meeting. Linda John volunteered to chair and others have stepped in to fill the June Hostess Committee.

Resignations: Mary Cherniss reported that Pat Rice and Jen Harris have resigned.

Nominations: Linda John spoke about the need to create a slate of candidates for the next Biennium. At the meeting in September, the committee will announce the start of the search for candidates. There will be a form available for people who are interested in going for a one of the positions. There was some discussion of the past tradition of succession of vice-presidents to president. Some feel that if someone new is interested, that past practice may be bypassed. Generally, the committee felt that *Omega* should encourage the involvement of younger teachers in positions early on to create more involvement and potential candidates for offices.

Bylaws: Committee chairs met earlier in the summer to discuss the Bylaws. There was nothing in the Standing Rules about the Vice President sending out dinner reservations. Lois and Della Ludwig went through all of the Pi State rules on membership and felt that *Omega* did not need to change its Standing Rules to comply. The Committee recommends we wait for International before making any changes regarding *Omega*'s membership rules.

One proposed change is to require the President to organize a luncheon of all *Omega*'s Past Presidents in the summer after the conclusion of her Biennium. The change was to have the president organize a luncheon in the summer after her Biennium.

Sally Maxson moved that the committee accept the proposed rules with today's amendments. Gail Burr seconded. All approved.

Membership: Maggie Weigand reported that her committee is holding a meeting on August 28th to tackle the topic of attracting and maintaining new members. There was much discussion of ideas for doing this. Maggie says the sponsor must stress the importance of involvement to the new candidates. She talked about "Omegas never say no." The committee decided that the highlight posters should be dumped but are thinking of other ideas for membership including e-mailing members with questions and awarding prizes to the winner.

Membership will review the nominations starting in September. Nominees will be able to attend the October and November meetings. Members will vote on the nominees at the April meeting. There will be an orientation lunch April 21st. Discussion of the process and something in writing will be dealt with at September meeting.

There was much discussion about ways to help the new members get involved immediately. Sharyn Powell says younger members feel like they are not really doing anything and, in the past, Omegas took on other projects such as caroling, wrapping presents, etc.

ECAC Women's Night Out: Gail Rumsey presented the agenda for the East Centra Area Council meeting on October 19, 2017 at Club 86. *Omega* is in charge of nametags for all of the chapters. *Omega* members will be asked to volunteer to help with the nametags. There will be several vendors at the meeting. Information will be on the September reservation form. Joan Slagle will be the Pi State guest. A planning meeting will be held on Sept. 20th.

Other Business: Kerry said the new *Pi State Fourth Twenty Years* book is available and is a synopsis of the history of the State's Chapters. Order forms will be available at the September meeting. Price is \$8.00 plus \$3.00 shipping.

Starting September- Pi State Awards Committee is selling tickets. Raffle will be in the spring.

At the meeting in September there will be book discussion groups on *Mind Set*, *Mind Set in the Classroom* and *Hillbilly Elegy*.

Katja Stevens talked about website. She has spent hours updating website. Could use updated photos and asks that the pictures anyone takes be sent to her. She is looking for ways to promote the website and get more people to visit it. She is trying to brainstorm ideas to get people to go to the website and asked for suggestions.

Motion to adjourn made by Beverly Lanoue. Seconded by Phyllis Frantel. All approved.

Submitted by:

Beverly Lanoue, Secretary