



Omega Executive Board Meeting
August 15, 2014
St. John's Episcopal Church, Canandaigua, NY

Members Present: Mary-Martha Harvey, Evie Bottorf, Mary Cherniss, Linda Coons, Helene Goodberlet, Laura Hill, Lynda John, Judy Kiehle, Mary King, Beverly Lanoue, Della Ludwig, Sally Maxon, June Renner, Dawn Scales, Peg Snyder, and Katja V. Stevens

Absent: Gail Burr, Adelle Miller-Wadsworth and Sharyn Powell

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Mary-Martha Harvey at 9:15am.

Approval of Minutes: Della Ludwig moved, seconded by Bev Lanoue to approve the minutes of the March 29th, 2014 Executive Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Omega Book Club: Linda Coons reported that the *Summer Reads* was the *Queen of the Bremen* by Marlies Adams DiFante. She will be our guest at the September meeting. Additional copies of the book will be available for sale at that time by Laura Hill.

Founder's Skit: Sally Maxson reported that the *Founder's Skit* has been removed from Ceremonies in hopes that there will be more participation and promises to be a fun event. She will still serve on the Ceremonies Committee.

President's Report: President Mary-Martha Harvey reviewed the plans for the September meeting. The Reservation Form will be out near the end of August. Reservations need to be returned promptly. There was a discussion about how encourage members to respond in a timely manner. RSVP Regrets will be done by email.

Katja Stevens and Karen Varrichio will Co-Hostess the April meeting with *Beta Tau* and *Alpha Tau*.

The Legislation Committee will be reorganized as Cindy Lynch found it necessary to resign as Chair. Lynda John volunteered to Chair the Committee and Della Ludwig will serve on the Committee.

My DKG Elevator Speech is planned for the beginning of each meeting so that members will have an opportunity to share what *Omega* and DKG means to them.

Cards will be provided to write notes to members who are missing.

Membership Information Data Form is in the process of being updated and will be emailed individually to each member with information to update. New members will receive a blank form.

New forms for *Dinner Reservations Checklist*, *Hostess Committee Guidelines* and *Dinner Pricing and Reservation Forms* have all been revised.

In September all Committees will meet and complete their Goals and Planned Activities for 2014-15. These will be shared in Chapter Newsletters and on the new Chapter website.

The issue of Bonding for Officers was discussed. Mary-Martha will continue to investigate this, determine cost and report to the Executive Board at a later date.

Program for 2014: Mary Cherniss reported that the 2014-15 programs for the year are all set. September is *Summer Reads*; October ~ *The Resistant Student*; November ~ the Annual Fundraiser Auction; March ~ Ontario County Historian; April ~ Joint Meeting with panel discussion on Education Updates; May ~ Founders Ceremony and High School Musicals; and June ~ Celebration of *Omega*. There may be a need to make deposits at some venues, which is limiting where meetings can be held. This issue will be considered. Mary will be creating Programs for each Chapter Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Upchurch reported that the 990 forms have been filed. She requested vouchers for all deposit and expense requests. All the materials for audit are ready. Linda Coons and Phyllis Frantel will perform Audit over summer. Judy Kiehle is a signatory. The Financial Reports are filed with the Minutes.

Parliamentarian: June Renner reported that changes will be considered this year. The Committee will meet in early 2015 to review *Chapter Standing Rules*. Revisions will be presented for a Chapter vote after Executive Board approval.

Golden Gift: Della Ludwig will write an article for the Pi Lights and Chapter Newsletter regarding the training she attended. She encouraged an application from an *Omega* sister be submitted for the next Golden Gift when it is offered again in two years.

Webmaster: Katja Stevens complimented Lois Ludwig for all the work she had done as *Omega* Webmaster. Katja and Mary-Martha are working to convert our HTML based site web page to a Weebly site. This site will give us a more updated look in design and ease of navigation. In order to have ten pages we will have to pay \$39.48 /year for a Started Account. As this transfer is taking place, the current *Omega* site will be active. It is hoped this switch over can be completed by October 31, 2014 which is the deadline for recertification. Three things will be needed from members: written consent, photos of *Omega* in action and updated Committee goals and planned activities. Webmaster's complete report is attached to the Minutes.

Membership: Mary King reported that membership deserves a special meeting. There are concerns and issues around International. There is a need to be aware of how things are done in other Chapters. This will be the major Agenda item for January's Executive Board Meeting.

Nominations: Lynda John has emailed her Committee with suggested goals.

Personal Growth and Services: (Chairs absent) Julie Hadyk and Christine Taylor's full report attached to Minutes. There will be a review of existing projects as well as promoting interest in community service projects and support for members.

Ceremonies: Dawn Scales stated that the main goal will be to make Ceremonies more interesting.

Communications: (Chair absent) Gail Burr has done an excellent job with newspaper coverage for *Omega* news. She plans to continue this goal.

Record: Judy Kiehle and Mary Cherniss reported that Della Ludwig's Biennium Book is almost completed. Members are encouraged to send any *Omega* photos, especially ones of Maggie Wiegand's and Deb Trombino's Presidencies to Judy and Mary since their scrapbooks were lost.

Professional Affairs: Della Ludwig stated that her Committee plans to be create a booklet for the April 2015 Meeting. A Panel Discussion around key education updates will be the highlight. The goal is to bring retired members up-to-date on the education issues as well as support teachers still active in teaching.

Scholarship/Grant(s)-in-Aid: Peg reported that one of the scholarship winners was facing some challenges which will delay her attending college with a full course load. It was the consensus of those in attendance that Peg write a letter to FLCC requesting that the grant be held back until the recipient had successfully completed one year of her course work. There was a discussion about how to continue awarding the scholarship in view of the fact that there have been fewer and fewer students at FLCC interested in the teaching tract. This has reduced the number of scholarship applicants. It was decided to continue to recruit applicants from FLCC for 2014-2015. Peg was asked to have her Committee develop a plan to solicit applicants from area high schools. The plan will be presented to Executive Board in January and if approved for a Chapter vote in 2015.

World Fellowship: (Chair absent) Adelle Miller-Wadsworth will continue the "*Jewels for Schools*" sale of used jewelry to raise money for schools in Africa.

Arts and Music: (Chair absent) Sharyn Powell is considering having music during our gathering time. Following a discussion it was decided to continue with singing our Welcome Song at beginning of the Chapter Meeting and the Delta Kappa Gamma song for closure.

Cheer: Helene Goodberlet stated that the Committee plans to include sending birthday cards and cards of cheer to *Omega* sisters, a single rose to a sister whose spouse, child or parent has died and recognizing birthdays at each meeting with small gift. The goals of this Committee are attached to the Minutes.

Pink Pig: President Mary-Martha Harvey reported the survey results from the June Chapter Meeting. Following a discussion it was decided to continue the Pink Pig as it has been. The Pink Pig is assigned by Second Vice President A-Z and the Blessing Z-A for each Chapter Meeting. Linda Upchurch was the last Pink Pig in June and Evie Bottorf the Blessing. Laura will call members monthly.

Budget: Judy Kiehle and Linda Upchurch presented Budget A and Budget B for 2014-15. The November fundraiser made just enough money to cover the two Grants-in-Aid. Concern was expressed about the amount of funding (over budget) provided members attending conferences in 2014. Requests for funding should be presented to the Executive Board for recommendation and then to the membership for final approval.

Bev Lanoue moved, seconded Evie Bottorf, to accept the budget as presented by the Finance Committee. There was concern about dropping the Grant(s)- in-Aid line to \$1500, especially with the cost of higher education. Three of the Grant(s)-in-Aid recipients could not attend the Early Career Educators Seminar because they had to work. **Bev Lanoue withdrew her motion.**

Bev Lanoue was moved, seconded Evie Bottorf, to accept the proposed budget presented with the change that the Philanthropy line of \$500.00 be transferred to the Grant(s) -in-Aid line. Motion carried. None opposed.

Della Ludwig moved, seconded Evie Bottorf, to transfer \$750 from Budget A to Budget B. Motion carried. None opposed.

Judy Kiehle will present the 2014-15 *Omega* Budget and revised Summary with Transfer, balance 6.30.14 to the Chapter for approval in September as approved by Executive Board.

Omega Auction: Evie Bottorf reported that she will Chair the Auction and suggested a return to the former “*Make it, Bake It. Fake It*” style fundraiser to avoid the high cost of baskets. Evie hopes this would increase attendance and bidding. She would like to see members dress up in holiday attire for the November event. Linda Upchurch suggested an *Ugly Sweater Contest*.

News: Lynda John reported that Jamie Wagner’s daughter, Courtney, is continuing treatment.

Closing: Mary-Martha thanked all for their attendance and excellent work on behalf of our Omega Chapter.

Judy Kiehle moved, seconded Mary Cherniss to adjourn the summer Omega Executive Board Meeting. Motion carried. None opposed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.

The next Executive Board Meeting is January 24, 2015 from 1:00-4:00pm at the Withington House of St. John’s Episcopal Church, Canandaigua.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary S. Shelley, *Omega* Secretary