



Pi State

Omega Chapter

**Omega Chapter Meeting, May 14, 2013  
Belhurst Castle - Geneva, NY**

**Social Time:** 5:00-5:30

**Celebration of Life:** 5:30-6:00

Celebration of Life for Lynn Broderick and Donna Klage.

**President's Welcome & Introduction of Guests** (6:00): President Della Ludwig welcomed members with a reading of "The Lanyard" by Billy Collins. Guest of Mary Cherniss, Jennifer Wohlschlegel, was introduced.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Sharyn Powell

**Song of Welcome:** Sharyn Powell

**Dinner:** 6:00-6:45

**Blessing:** Jennifer Bay

**Pink Pig:** Linda Coons (Peg Snyder was this month's winner)

**Pin and Nametag Money:** Linda Upchurch

**Program: Founders Museum:** 6:45-7:00

Laura Hill explained the Founder's Museum. Pictures and biographies of founders were posted around the room and clue booklets were at tables that asked information about the different founders. Members were asked to peruse the "museum" and find the answers to the clues on the posters. There was a prize for the winning booklet. Kerry Smartt and Renee Russo were the winners.

**Business Meeting:**

**Call to Order:** President Della Ludwig called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** Katja Stevens read a thank you card from Mary Martha Harvey regarding her Woman of Distinction Award which she received at the Pi State Convention.

**Roll Call:** Kerry Smartt reported that there were 44 members and 1 guest in attendance.

**Approval of the Minutes from April 16, 2013:** A motion was made Lois Ludwig to approve the minutes as presented. This motion was seconded by Mary King and unanimously approved and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Upchurch reported:

Balance on 3/31/13	\$9,649.43	Checking: \$8,183.10
Total Receipts	\$1,216.00	Savings: \$1,712.95
Total Disbursements	\$969.88	Total: <b>\$9,896.05*</b>
Balance on 4/30/13	<b>\$9,895.55</b>	

\*\$0.50 discrepancy

Sally Maxson asked how much of the budget was earmarked? Money for FLCC scholarships and philanthropic donations was earmarked and would be discussed later in the meeting.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Hostess:** Sharyn Powell reported that she spent a lot of time calling members last year to get people to chair this year's hostess committees. Sharyn presented a poster sign-up for next year's meetings and asked people to sign up to chair the hostess committees. A prize (gift certificate) is available for those that sign up. Della reminded members that the October meeting is just a dessert meeting and the May meeting will be a Saturday meeting (continental breakfast) for the Early Career Educators' Seminar.

**Area Council Rep:** Deb Trombino reported that the Area Council Meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2013 (Wednesday) at Club 86 in Geneva. There will be a buffet with hors d'oeuvres from 5:00-6:30. The theme is "Women's Night Out" and there would be different vendors spread throughout the room for viewing. (i.e. Tastefully Simple, candles, Tupperware, Crown Jewelers, Country Ewe, etc.). All members are encouraged to attend.

**Web Master:** Lois Ludwig reported that the Pictorial Directory still needs 9 releases and 14 photos. 57 members have submitted all their information. Information is formatted and ready to go, but she cannot put an "incomplete" project on the website so needs to wait for ALL information to be submitted. Lois also mentioned Omega members that were recognized at the Pi State Convention and how proud she is to be an Omegan.

**Scholarship & Grants:** Peg Snyder reported that scholarship recipients should be announced at next meeting. The committee is waiting on FLCC to look through the nominations. \$2000 will be taken from budget.

**Historical Records:** Mary Cherniss reported that Judy and Mary went through all the paperwork and there seems to be lots of paperwork that can be removed. Della recommends that the Ad Hoc Committee charged with downsizing Omega's documents looks through this paperwork. Mary will bring both binders and collapsible file to June meeting.

**Membership:** Kerry Smartt encouraged everyone to start thinking about nominations for new members. Kerry has forms with her and they are available on the International website under "forms" and then "membership." Be sure to bring completed recommendations to the June meeting so that committee can look through the recommendations this summer and be ready to present in the fall in preparation for October meeting vote.

**Cheer Committee:** Jan Wright recognized May birthdays.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Schools for Africa Funds:** \$150 was collected from the bingo game at last month's meeting for the Schools for African program. Thanks to Adele for her efforts with this program.

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

**Philanthropic Funds** (Judy Kiehle, Dawn Scales, and Jan Astles). A proposal was made to spend \$1000 from Budget B for donations to four organizations, giving an equal share of \$250 to each organization. The four programs that were recommended are Schools for Africa, Friends of Borgne, Inc., Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, and DonorsChoose.org. Maggie Weigand made a motion to accept this proposal and Evie Bortoff seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Support Early-Career Educators' Seminar Steering Committee** (Della Ludwig and Lynda John). The committee is soliciting members to join the committee to begin planning this summer. Judy Kiehle suggested that Shirley Crosby Memorial Funds would be an appropriate place to ask for funds if needed for the seminar.

**Pi State Conference Report:** Della reported on the Pi State Convention which took place April 19-21 in Buffalo, NY. Highlights included the Executive Board Meeting, the approval of the 2014 budget, elections for open seats, upcoming meeting calendar, the General Session, Birthday Luncheon, Hour of Remembrance and A Celebration of Life, and the Awards and Scholarship Banquet where several Omegans were honored. Della presented Karen Varrichio with one of the three Ad Hoc Travel Stipends for New Members.

**New Business:**

**Standing Rules Report:** June Renner, chairperson of Standing Rules Committee reported that the revised Standing Rules have been on the website for weeks and copies are at each table. The Rules have already been approved by the Omega Executive Board. She requested a motion from chapter members to approve the new Standing Rules. Sally Maxson made a motion to accept the Standing Rules changes. The motion did not need a second because it went through the Executive Board. Maggie Wiegand asked if the purpose of changing the standing rules was to better align the rules with the Pi State Standing Rules? Della explained that significant changes were made in the International Standing Rules especially in the section regarding committee alignments (page 10) and these changes necessitated changes in the Omega Standing Rules. The motion to approve the new Standing Rules was unanimously approved and carried.

**Name Tags:** The first round of name tags have been received. Another order will be placed in the fall.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Della asked members to please record upcoming dates in their calendar. Della needs notification of celebrations for June meeting ASAP. As of now, she has not heard of any retirements. Della thanked Judy Kiehle, Jan Astles, and Dawn Scales, the members of the Standing Rules Revision Committee, and the Ceremony and Hostess Committee for tonight's meeting.

**Announcements:** Maggie Wiegand presented a \$25 check from the 80 Parish Street Tenants Association (senior residency) in honor of former Omegan, Verona Miller. Della will give more information regarding this member at the June meeting.

**Joys and Concerns:** Della reported joys and concerns for Janalee Weaver, Kammy Catchman's daughter, Jackie Johnson, and Peg Snyder.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Della Ludwig at 8:16 pm

### **Delta Kappa Gamma Song**

**Important Announcements:** Thank you to tonight's Hostess Committee: **Christine Taylor – chair**, Evie Bottorf, Mary Cherniss, Dennie Clark, Sue Cunningham, Sally Maxson, Barbara Morgan, Sharyn Powell, and Linda Smith. Thank you also to the Ceremony Committee: **Laura Hill – chair**, Julie Hadyk, Cindy Lynch, Deb Poplasky, and Dawn Scales.

### **Dates to Remember:**

June 11, 2013                      Celebrations  
   Notre Dame, Canandaigua, NY

July 24-27, 2013

Northeast Regional Conference  
Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME

August 14, 2013

Omega Executive Board Meeting  
Canandaigua United Methodist Church 9:00 AM

September 10, 2013

Charles Benoit, Summer Read & Business Meeting  
Wegmans, Canandaigua, NY

Respectfully submitted,

Katja Stevens, Secretary