



Pi State

Omega Chapter

**Omega Chapter Meeting, October 15, 2013  
Dallywaters, Geneva NY**

**President's Welcome & Introduction Guests** (6:00): President Della Ludwig called the meeting to order at 6:17 with a "cup of tea" poem. Della welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no guests.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Sharyn Powell

**Song of Welcome:** Sharyn Powell

**Blessing:** Janice Astles

**Ping Pig:** There were two pink pig winners: Clarice Schwing and Mary Shelley

**Business Meeting**

**Secretary's Report:** Katja Stevens shared a letter from Karen Crumbley of Pi State approving our Chapter Standing Rules and recognizing a job well done. A thank you card from Charles Benoit was shared.

**Roll Call:** Kerry Smartt reported that there were 31 members present.

**Approval of the Minutes from September 10, 2013:** Correction: Executive Board meeting is on January 11, 2014, not January 12. A motion was made by Maggie Wiegand to approve the minutes as corrected. This motion was unanimously approved and carried.

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

Balance on 8/31/13	\$5,689.44	Checking: \$3,988.67
Total Receipts	\$1,213.65	Savings: \$1,713.34
Total Disbursements	\$1,201.08	Total: \$5,702.01
Balance on 9/30/13	\$5,702.01	

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Kerry Smartt shared information regarding applications for new membership. Members were given an opportunity to speak on behalf of the nominations that were made. A concern was brought up regarding the number of years teaching experience required before a nomination is made. Omega's Standing Rules indicates that perspective members must have at

least five years of teaching experience. International changed the rules in 2010, but the Omega Chapter decided not to change the rules and to stick with the three year minimum. There was concern regarding one nomination, but upon closer inspection of the application, the applicant clearly has at least five years of teaching experience so discussion was concluded on this matter.

**Area Council:** Deb Trombino reported that the next Area Council meeting will be next week on October 23, “Wednesday Night Out” at Club 86. Appetizers and buffet will begin the meeting. After dinner, members will be able to peruse the vendors. There will be eighteen vendors so there will be a lot going on. Be sure to bring cash because not all of the vendors will have their credit card machines with them.

**Auction:** Della reported for Kay Namecek that the next meeting in November will be the auction meeting. Baskets and “time and talent” items can be auctioned off. Della will send out more information via email.

**Cheer:** October birthdays were recognized by Della.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Review of Grants-in-Aid:** At the last meeting it was suggested that an ad-hoc committee would be formed to review the process for grants-in-aid. At this point, Della has not received any interest from members. Please let her know if you are interested in working on this committee.

**Badge Ribbons Second Order:** A second order will go out when the vendor is back in town. Please let Della know if you are interest in ordering. Ribbons are \$17.

**Standing Rules:** Della recognized Omega members who worked on the Standing Rules which were approved by Pi State.

**Updated Directory:** Della passed out an updated directory to all members present.

**Other:** Della has extra copies of information that was passed out at the last meeting (Officers/Committees and Meeting Dates).

The Pi State directory is available in a PDF format. Let Della know if you’d like one and she will email it to you. Della found this directory to be very useful when she first joined Omega. Della proposed that a motion be made that Omega purchase a Pi State Directory (\$25.00 each) for each new member. Lois Ludwig made the motion which was seconded by Evie Borttof. There was discussion regarding the price of the directories versus what is budgeted for Omega to spend on something like directories. Alternatives were suggested such as CD copies, purchasing one copy that could be shared and borrowed as needed, printing copies from the

CD version and binding them, or setting up a donation fund to purchase the directories. Judy Kiehle reminded members that \$2000.00 must be kept in the account to start each year. There is enough money in the account to cover the \$150 for the directories. Della restated the motion which was to purchase a Pi State Directory for each new member. 22 were in favor. 7 opposed. 1 abstained. The motion was carried.

Deadline for dues is October 31. A check for \$73 should be mailed to Linda Upchurch.

Della would like to meet with the members of the Early Education Steering Committee to set a date for the committee's next meeting.

Mary Shelley was recognized by Linda Upchurch for submitting her dues first.

**Announcements:** Thanks to Mary Martha Harvey who gave Omega a basket to put towards our giveaways for our May meeting. Thanks to our hostess committee.

**Joys and Concerns:** Carol Ramsey, Deb Poplasky, Evie Bottorf, and Kay Namecek

**Results of nomination votes:** All six candidates for new membership were voted in and accepted. The orientation meeting will be at Warfield's at noon on February 8, 2014.

**Committee Meetings:** Please give updated reports to Della.

**Adjournment:** The business meeting was adjourned by Della Ludwig at 7:33 pm.

### **Delta Kappa Gamma Song**

**Important Announcements:** Thank you to tonight's Hostess Committee: **Julie Hadyk-Chair**, Laura Hill, Sharyn Powell, Denny Clark, Jen Davison, and Mary Dorgan.

### **Dates to Remember:**

October 23, 2013	East Area Council: Ladies' Night Out Club 86, Geneva, NY
November 12, 2013	Scholarship Auction Club 86, Geneva, NY
January 11, 2014	Executive Board Meeting United Methodist Church, Canandaigua, NY 9:30
January 31, 2014	CTAUN Conference "Promoting Peace through Education" United Nations, New York City, NY

March 18, 2013

“Imagine a Place: The Finger Lakes Museum”  
Joint Meeting with Beta Delta  
Trinity Church, Geneva, NY

April 8, 2014

Induction of New Members  
Warfields, Clifton Springs, NY

May 17, 2014

Seminar for Early Career Educators  
Notre Dame, Canandaigua, NY

Respectfully submitted,

Katja Stevens, Secretary