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Omega Chapter

**Omega Chapter Meeting
November 17, 2015
Club 86, Geneva, NY**

Social Time: 5:00-5:30

Silent Auction: 5:00-7:00

President's Welcome: (5:30) President Mary-Martha Harvey welcomed attendees at 5:44 pm. A special thank you was given to Susan Cunningham, chair of the Auction Committee, and the entire Auction Committee. Mary-Martha also thanked Adelle Miller-Wadsworth and Jeannie Guastaferro, hostess committee members for tonight's meeting, and Omega photographers who have been documenting meetings and events.

Pledge of Allegiance: Sharyn Powell

Song of Welcome: Sharyn Powell

Introduction of Guests: Sylvia Hughson (Betty Mussack), Ashlee Upchurch (Linda Upchurch), Cathie Abdunnasir (Della Ludwig), Joanne Leoni (Deb Trombino), MaryLou Lawrence (Adelle Miller-Wadsworth), Kristin Lawrence (Adelle Miller-Wadsworth), Amanda Tourtellotte (Sharyn Powell), Kathy McLane (Sue Cunningham), Patti Earp (Sue Cunningham), Tammy Olmstead (Peg Snyder), Kathie Linse (Peg Snyder), Karen Yudichak (Peg Snyder), Joyce Bradley (Sally Maxson), Diane Eagle (Deb Poplasky), and Evie Bottorf (Mary Cherniss).

Business Meeting: 5:30-6:00

Call to Order: The business meeting was called to order by President Mary-Martha Harvey at 5:51 pm. DKG Elevator Speech: Deb Trombino

Blessing: Gail Burr

Secretary's Report: Katja Stevens (substituting for Mary Shelley) shared correspondence from Kristen Wahl, Tammy Richmond, and Pamela Eberhardt. Resignation letters were shared from Kammy Catchman, Barbara Morgan, and Mindy Ritter.

Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2015: A motion was made by Jan Wright and seconded by Maggie Wiegand to approve the September 2015 minutes as written. *The motion was carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.*

Resignations: A motion was made by Sally Maxson with great regret. This motion was seconded by Jacquie Johnson. The motion to approve the three resignations was carried and unanimously approved. Roll Call: Mary King reported that there were 31 members and 3 guests at the October meeting. For the November meeting, there were 41 members and 14 guests.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Upchurch reported for September and October 2015:

Balance on 8/31/15	\$4,904.38	Checking:	\$5,866.54
Total Receipts	\$3,057.00	Savings:	\$1,014.84
Total Disbursements	\$1,080.00		
Balance on 9/30/15	\$6,881.38	Checking:	\$8,136.54
Total Receipts	\$2,270.08	Savings:	\$1,014.92
Total Disbursements	\$0.00		
Balance on 10/31/15	\$9,151.46		

Linda noted that we have four members who have requested reserve membership. They are Kathleen Burke, Kathy Eckler, Mary Luckern and Beverly Simons.

A motion was made by Linda Coons and seconded by Kay Van Dusen to approve the treasurer's report as given.

Discussion – Maggie Wiegand asked about rules for reserve membership. Eligibility for reserve membership includes circumstances such as family situations, illness, etc. It is up to the Chapter to accept reserve membership. Members were reminded that the Chapter does not get any membership monies for reserve members as their dues go to State and International. Membership could propose additional dues for that level of membership and call it something different, not reserve. Linda reported that Evie Bottorf wants to remain a member, but as a reserve member.

A request was made to amend the reserve member's list to include Evie Bottorf. The original motion was restated and seconded again. The motion was carried with four oppositions.

Dues Report: There are currently 61 active and 9 reserve members in *Omega*.

Cheer Committee: Helene Goodberlet announced October and November birthdays.

Membership: Mary King reported that Sally Maxson, Linda John and Helene Goodberlet are members of the month. Mary gave an attendance report summary from March meetings in 2006-2015. 30% of total active membership is needed for a quorum.

Della Ludwig made a motion to keep the calendar as is with a March meeting. Maggie Wiegand seconded the motion. The motion was carried and approved with three oppositions.

Scholarship: Peg Snyder reported that the committee has been working hard to change the scholarship from FLCC members to high school students. She thanked the Scholarship Committee members who have been working with each school district. The committee is in the process of getting results back from high schools after having sent a detailed letter and application form to each of the districts. Some responses have come back and districts are excited about this new opportunity for high school students. Letters went to superintendents – Canandaigua and Newark are yeses and liaisons are now contacting all the superintendents and talking to guidance counselors. \$750 will go to a female high school student planning to major in education.

Nominations: November 30 is the due date for Officer nominations. 2017-19 is the term for the East Central Area Council representative. Gail Rumsey will be the new Area Council Representative. Deb Trombino was thanked for all the work she has done for East Central Area Council.

Communications: Gail Burr and the Communications Committee are excited to share with the membership that *Omega* has been researching the possibility of having its own Facebook page. Jennifer Knoebel will be the Facebook manager for the Chapter. The Facebook website will be registered as an organization and will disseminate information about who we are and network with similar organizations. People can “like” *Omega* but can’t post comments. Messages can be emailed to the Manager and upon approval from the Manager, can be posted. A proposal regarding the Facebook page will be made to the Executive Board in January and a presentation will be made to the full membership at the March meeting.

Unfinished business: There will be a \$2.00 dues increase for 2016-17.

Kay Van Dusen made a motion to approve the proposed dues increase. The motion was seconded by Laura Hill. The motion was carried and unanimously approved. Dues will be \$75.00 starting in 2016.

New business: The Pink Pig was given by Cindy Avery. Maggie Wiegand was the winner.

Adjournment: ***A motion was made at 6:29 by Kerry Smartt to adjourn the meeting and continue to the auction portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Renee Durso. The membership unanimously approved the motion.***

Dinner: 6:00-7:00

Auction: 7:00-8:00

Dates to Remember:

January 23, 2016	Executive Board Meeting (<i>St. John's Episcopal Church, Canandaigua</i>)
February 6, 2016	Initiates' Invitational Brunch (<i>Warfield's, Clifton Springs – 11:30 am</i>)
March 15, 2016	<i>Omega</i> Chapter Meeting “ <u>Staying Safe Online: What You Need to Know</u> ” (<i>Gateway Grill, Main Street, Canandaigua</i>)

Respectfully submitted,
Katja Stevens, Substitute Secretary