



Pi State

Omega Chapter

**Omega Chapter Meeting
March 15, 2016
Gateway Grill, Canandaigua, NY**

Social Time: 5:00-5:30

President's Welcome: President Mary-Martha welcomed members at 5:33 pm and introduced guest presenters, Brenda Lehman and Annette Wolfe. Information was provided about benefit awards for Pi State. Laura is taking orders for magnetic name tags through the April meeting. Special thanks to Helene Goodberlet and Marilyn Nicholson for co-chairing this month's Hostess Committee and for all committee members for their work.

Introduction of Guests: Brenda Lehman and Tammy Boyce, tonight's program presenters.

Pledge of Allegiance: Sharyn Powell

Song of Welcome: Sharyn Powell

Business Meeting: 5:30-6:15

Call to Order: Mary-Martha Harvey called the business meeting to order at 5:35.

DKG Elevator Speech: None this month.

Secretary's Report & Correspondence: Katja Stevens shared correspondence. The first was a letter of resignation from Christine Taylor. Kay Van Deusen made a motion with regrets to accept Christine's resignation. This motion was seconded by Laura Hill. The motion was carried unanimously with regrets.

Roll Call: Mary King reported that there are 31 members in attendance and 2 guests.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Sally Maxson and seconded by Bev Lanoue to approve the November 17, 2015 minutes as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Upchurch will give the treasurer's report in April.

Standing Committee Reports:

Celebrating December to March Birthdays: Helene Goodberlet recognized January, February, and March birthdays.

Membership: Mary King

Presentation of Second Call New Member Recommendations – Additional candidates for membership were presented to the membership. Ballots were distributed for voting.

Action on Second Call New Member Recommendations – the vote was unanimous.

Letters will be sent to the new members and they will be invited to a special meeting on March 22, 2016 at Mary King's house.

Scholarship: Peg Snyder reported that there have been two submissions for the Grants-in-Aid Scholarship so far. The deadline is April 1, 2016 and a reminder has been sent to all of the superintendents regarding the upcoming deadline.

Nominations: Lynda John began her report by thanking the Nominations Committee for all of their hard work. Lynda thanked the candidates for their willingness to serve and shared a letter from Mary Cherniss who was not able to attend tonight's meeting. There was discussion regarding how a co-presidency would work. Ballots were passed out to membership.

Presentation of Slate of Officers 2016-18 and Call for Nominations from floor:

Co-President – Mary Cherniss and Kerry Smartt

1st Vice President – Sally Maxson

2nd Vice President – Adele Miller-Wadsworth

Secretary – Beverly Lanoue

Area Council Member-at-Large – Gail Rumsey

Action on Slate of Officers 2016-18 – Two absentee ballots – 34 votes with unanimous approval of the slate of officers.

Communications: Gail Burr reported that the Communications Committee was excited about starting a Facebook page for *Omega*. The page is currently up and running with Jen Knoebel serving as the Facebook page manager. The purpose of the page is to raise awareness and to connect with other chapters. Jen explained that her main mission is to connect with other Facebook pages that would be of interest to *Omega* such as high schools that would qualify for our scholarships, educational groups, and possible service projects around the world. She shared detailed information in a handout that was distributed.

World Fellowship New Project: Adelle Miller-Wadsworth reported that at the most recent Executive Board committee the decision was made to participate in the “One Thousand Cranes of Hope” project. At our May meeting, we will begin making the cranes. Adele has been in touch with the community outreach person at Golisano Children’s Hospital regarding hanging the cranes in the hospital.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business – Sharyn Powell shared that the music committee is interested in finding out what is happening at each district regarding the arts. Please let Sharyn know if your district is doing something special in the arts. This project will be called “*Omega Supports the Arts.*”

Pink Pig: Given by Jennifer Bay and won by Susan Cunningham. \$31.00 was collected from the Pink Pig.

Adjournment: Kay Van Deusen made a motion which was seconded by Marilyn Nicholson to adjourn the business meeting.

Dinner: 6:15-7:15

Blessing: Kay Van Deusen.

Program: 7:15

"Internet Safety" presented by Brenda Lehman and Tammy Boyce of Marcus Whitman CSD

Delta Kappa Gamma Song: 8:00

Dates to Remember:

April 19, 2016 – 5:00 pm, Chapter meeting (Torrey Park, Geneva, NY)

April 29-30, 2016 – Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting (Sheraton University Hotel & Conference Center, Syracuse, NY)

May 17, 2016 – 5:00 pm, Chapter meeting (Notre Dame Retreat, Canandaigua, NY)

June 7, 2016 – 5:00 pm, Chapter meeting (Trinity Church, Geneva, NY)

July 5-9, 2016 – DKG 2016 International Convention (Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville, TN)

Respectfully submitted,
Katja Stevens, substitute secretary