



Pi State

Omega Chapter

**Joint Chapter Meeting – Omega/Beta Delta
March 18, 2014
Trinity Church, Geneva NY**

Social Time: 5:00-5:30

Welcome & Celebration (5:30): President Della Ludwig called the meeting to order at 5:42 with a reading, "Sweet Early Spring" by David Budbill. Beta Delta President Janet Driscoll welcomed members and thanked Omega for its work in putting together tonight's meeting and hosting Beta Delta.

Introduction of Guests: John Adamski, president of Board of Trustees of the Finger Lakes Museum. Soon-to-be new members, Phyllis Frantel and Jamie Wagner, attended as a guests. Maggie Weigand introduced Jean Myer who was a member of Alpha Rho chapter and has moved to this area.

Pledge of Allegiance: Cornelia Johnson

Song of Welcome: Sharyn Powell

Dinner: 5:30-6:30

Blessing: Della Ludwig

Pink Pig: Karen Varricchio and Sue Gray – winners were Mary Cherniss and Lois Ludwig

Pin and Nametag Money: Linda Upchurch

Program: 6:30-7:00

Finger Lakes Museum: John Adamski

Joint Meeting: 7:00-7:15

Call to Order: President Della Ludwig and Beta Delta President Janet Driscoll called the business meeting to order at 7:11.

Seminar for Early-Career Educators Update: The Steering Committee has been working hard to put together a valuable program for early-career educators on May 17, 2014 from 8:30 to

12:30. The location has been moved from Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua to Trinity Church in Geneva. The program for this seminar will meet the objective outlined by International President, Beverly Helms. Highlights include a welcome by Pi State President, Dr. Joyce Tang; keynote address by former Williamson Superintendent Maria Ehresman; four presentations (Mind Tools, National Board Certification, Professionalism, and Communication Styles & Techniques); and a panel question and answer period. Door prizes will be offered and certificates of participation will be provided for attendees. The Steering Committee is asking each member to seek one early-career educator to participate in the event. Brochures are available to share.

Pi State Executive Board Meeting & Seminar Update: President Janet Driscoll shared that this year's Pi State Executive Board Meeting will be in Syracuse, NY on April 25-26. Many informative workshops will be held. Registration is \$55.00.

Delta Kappa Gamma Song

Omega Meeting: 7:15-8:00

Secretary's Report: Katja Stevens shared a thank you card from Lois Ludwig. She also shared two acceptance of membership cards from Phyllis Frantel and Amy Monachino. Finally, two letters of resignation were received from Jill Antonucci and Kay Nemecek, respectively. A motion was made by Maggie Wiegand and seconded by Cindy Lynch to accept, with regret, the two requests for resignations.

Roll Call: Kerry Smartt reported that there were 36 members and 3 guests present.

Approval of the Minutes from November 12, 2013: A motion was made by Mary King and seconded by Evie Bortoff to approve the November 2013 minutes as presented. This motion was unanimously approved and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Upchurch reported:

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| Balance on 12/31/13 | \$8,557.84 | Checking: \$6,275.42 |
| Total Receipts | \$106.22 | Savings: \$1,713.68 |
| Total Disbursements | \$674.96 | |
| Balance on 2/28/14 | \$ 7,989.10 | |

Standing Committee Reports:

Nominations Committee: Mary King and the Nominations Committee of Omega Chapter presented the following slate of officers for the 2014-2016 Biennium: President: Mary Martha Harvey, 1st Vice President: Mary Cherniss, 2nd Vice President: Laura Hill, Secretary: Mary Shelley, Area Council Member-at-Large: Gail Rumsey. Ballots were distributed for voting.

Voting took place and the committee reported that the slate of officers was accepted by the Chapter as presented.

Membership: Della thanked the Membership Committee for the delightful luncheon in February. Kerry Smartt reported that the committee is working on the April induction ceremony for our six new members. The committee has also been looking at records for years of service to be recognized at the June meeting.

World Fellowship: Adele Miller-Wadsworth shared that the World Fellowship Committee is doing a fundraiser, “Jewels for Schools” and is asking members to donate jewelry that the committee will sell at future meetings for a reasonable cost and proceeds will go to support schools in Africa.

Web Master: Lois Ludwig did not have a report. Della reported that Lois has been working diligently to get updated reports from chairs of committees.

Cheer Committee: No cheer report.

Report from CTAUN: Three Omegans participated in this year’s CTAUN conference. Laura Hill reported that the CTAUN conference was attended by Sharyn Powell, Laura Hill, and Adele Miller-Wadsworth. There were 466 attendees. One take back was the importance of having a “peace bench” in the playground to resolve conflicts. Sharyn is already working at implementing a peace bench at her school.

Unfinished Business:

Steering Committee for SEE: The committee is looking for a talented individual or two who will take all the gathered school supplies and put together two door prizes. Contact Della if interested. The committee is considering one or two other door prizes. Maggie Wiegand made a motion that the chapter consider one or two other door prizes. Mary Shelly seconded the motion. Ideas include a gift card to Staples, a low-end classroom Kindle, or a subscription to a professional journal. The committee can tap into the Shirley Crosby Fund as this would be a project that she would support. Della’s goal is for at least 50 early-career educators to attend the seminar. Lynda John made a motion to spend up to \$500. This motion was seconded by Lois Ludwig. The motion was approved and carried unanimously. Lynda John and Cindy Lynch volunteered to research options for 3-5 nice door prizes.

The Steering Committee is also looking for a group of members who will put together a small gift bag including key chains, pencils, etc. Mary Martha, Jan Astles, Lynda John, and Dawn Scales offered to do this.

The Steering Committee would like this to be a no-cost event for guests. Therefore, there will only be a continental breakfast of bagels, fresh fruit, water, coffee/tea, etc. A motion was made by Maggie Wiegand and seconded by Gail Rumsey for Omega Chapter to cover the costs.

Name Tag Pins (magnetic): An order will be put in by Sharyn at the end of the month. The cost is \$17.50 and the order must come with the payment.

Ad Hoc Record Retention Committee: This committee needs all reports of records that are being stored at various locations. If you haven't done this yet, please do so as soon as possible.

New Business:

CTAUN Stipends: The Executive Committee discussed and approved a motion to award Adele Miller-Wadsworth the same stipend as the other two attendees to attend the 2014 CTAUN Conference. Mary Shelly made a motion to award Adele Miller-Wadsworth the same stipend as was awarded to Sharyn Powell and Laura Hill. This motion was approved unanimously.

Call for Celebration Information: Please let Della know of any members who have milestones that should be recognized.

Executive Board Meeting: A third meeting has been called for March 29 at 9:00 for the purpose of setting next year's calendar.

Adjournment

Important Announcements: Thanks to all Committee Chairs who completed their committee reports for Delta Kappa Gamma State and International. Please support our new members by attending the April meeting at Warfield's. Don't forget to register for Executive Pi State meeting (see *Pi Lights*). Thank you to Phyllis Frantel who provided all the desserts.

Thank you to tonight's Hostess Committee: **Mary Shelly-Chair**, Helene Goodberlet, Sue Gray, Liz Koster, Cindy Myers, Betty Musseck, Kay Nemecek, June Renner, and Linda Upchurch.

Deb Poplasky announced the upcoming play *Einstein is a Dummy*.

Dawn Scales announced that the One Room Schoolhouse is looking for people to do the programs for MORS. There will be a steering committee to organize all the presenters.

Pi State Awards Benefit Tickets are available from Della. They are \$5.00 for six tickets.

Joys and Concerns: Jeanne Guastaferio, Carol Ramsey, Lois Ludwig, and Margo Vanhaneghan.

Adjournment: President Della Ludwig adjourned the meeting at 8:14.

Dates to Remember:

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| April 8, 2014 | Induction of New Members, 5:00 pm Warfields, Clifton Springs, NY |
| April 25 & 26, 2014 | Pi State Executive Board Meeting & Seminar Sheraton Hotel Conference Center, Syracuse, NY |
| May 17, 2014 | Seminar for Early-Career Educators, 9:00 Trinity Church, Geneva, NY |
| June 10, 2014 | Installation & Celebration Belhurst Castle, Geneva, NY |

Respectfully submitted,

Katja Stevens, Secretary