



Pi State

Omega Chapter

**Omega Chapter Meeting  
April 8, 2014  
Warfields, Clifton Springs, NY**

**Social Time:** 5:00-5:45

**Initiation of New Members:** (5:45) Christine Bennett, Amy Monachino, Phyllis Frantel, Jennifer Wohlschlegel, Betty Tillman, and Jamie Wagner were initiated as new members of the Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

**Welcome & Celebration** (6:00) President Della Ludwig opened the meeting with a reading of *Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* by William Wordsworth. She gave a special welcome to new members and a special thank you to the Membership Committee for organizing this evening's initiation ceremony.

**Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests introduced at tonight's meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Sharyn Powell

**Song of Welcome:** Sharyn Powell

**Blessing:** Jennifer Bay

**Pink Pig:** Kay VanDuesen – Gail Burr was the winner

**Pin and Nametag Money:** Linda Upchurch

**Dinner:** 6:00-7:00

**Business Meeting:** 7:15-8:00

The business meeting was called to order by President Della Ludwig at 7:28pm.

**Secretary's Report:** Katja Stevens shared several communications. Betty Tillman, Jamie Wagner, Christine Bennett, and Jennifer Wohlschlegel all wrote letters of acceptance as initiates to Omega Chapter. Katja also shared a letter of thanks from Beverly Helms,

International President of Delta Kappa Gamma, for Omega's contribution of \$100.00 to the World Fellowship Fund.

**Roll Call:** Kerry Smartt reported that there were 52 (45 members, 6 new members and 1 guest).

**Approval of the Minutes from March 18, 2014:** A motion was made by Maggie Wiegand and seconded by Mary Cherniss to approve the March 18, 2014 minutes as presented. This motion was unanimously approved and carried.

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

Balance on 2/28/14	\$7,989.10	Checking: \$6,445.29
Total Receipts	\$1,316.39	Savings: \$1,713.68
Total Disbursements	\$1,146.52	
Balance on 3/31/14	\$8,158.97	

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**New Biennium:** Mary-Martha Harvey will present her report at the June meeting.

**Personal Growth:** Sally Maxson talked about the Omega Book club which meets once a month and has about eight regular attendees. Books are recommended, shared, and discussed. The current books the club is reading are *Journey* by Robert and Susan Macey and *Life in a Jar*. *The Language of Flowers* will be next month's book. Books can be found on the Omega website.

**Scholarships/Grants:** Peg Snyder reported that communication has been made to the schools for available scholarships.

**Cheer Committee:** Jan Wright reported that new initiates received a "Proud to be an Omegan" pencil. She also recognized April birthdays.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Pi State Awards Drawing Tickets:** Della reported that Pi State Award drawing tickets are available – 6 tickets for \$5.00. Della has forms available. The drawing is for a gift basket valued at \$100 filled with local items.

**Name Tag Pins:** Sharyn Powell reported that this is the last opportunity for a while to order the magnetic name tag pins.

**Seminar for Early-Career Educators:** Omega's next meeting will be the Seminar for Early-Career Educators. The seminar is on Saturday, May 17 from 9:00-12:30 at Trinity Hall in

Geneva. Continental breakfast will be served. Members and guests will be welcomed by Pi State President, Dr. Joyce Tang. The keynote speaker will be Maria Ehresman. There will then be four presentations (Mind Tools; National Board Certification; Professionalism, Communication Styles & Techniques). The seminar will end with a panel question and answer period. Attendance of both early-career educators and Omegans is very important to the success of the seminar. Lynda John suggested having a few people outside of the church building to welcome and direct people into the hall. Let Della know if you are interested in helping with this task. Della expressed her deepest appreciation to those who served on the steering committee.

### **New Business:**

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

### **Important Announcements**

Adele is still accepting donations for the “Jewels for Africa” fundraiser. Tonight, \$65.00 was raised. Make sure to bring donations to the May meeting. If enough donations are received, a booth can be set up for the May meeting.

Laura Hill would like members to look at directory information to make sure information is accurate. She also has the book lists for teaching peace in the classroom from the CTAUN classroom.

Dawn Scales reported that the one-room schoolhouse (MORS) is looking for people who would be interested in helping with presenting lessons at the schoolhouse. The founder of the school is very ill and it was her dream to have groups come to visit the schoolhouse. Please let Dawn know if you are interested in learning more.

Thank you to tonight’s Hostess Committee: **Evie Bottorf-Chair**, Gail Burr, Kammy Catchman, Mary Cherniss, Renee Durson, Liz Hezel, Beverly Lanoue, Holly Rich, Gail Rumsey and Peg Snyder.

Please let Della know if you would like a Pi state directory in PDF format.

**Joys and Concerns:** Connor (Kay VanDeusen’s grandson), Jeanne Myers’s husband, Byron

**Adjournment:** President Della Ludwig adjourned the meeting at 8:07.

**Dates to Remember:**

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

July 28-August 3, 2014

DKG International Convention  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Respectfully submitted,

Katja Stevens, Secretary