



Pi State

Omega Chapter

**Omega Chapter Meeting, June 11, 2013
Notre Dame Retreat Center – Canandaigua, NY**

Social Time: 5:00-5:30

Committee Gathering: 5:30-5:45

President's Welcome & Introduction Guests (5:45): President Della Ludwig welcomed members by reading "Little Summer Poem Touching the Subject of Faith," by Mary Oliver. Peg Snyder then introduced two scholarship recipient guests, Kelly Broderick and Samantha Beeney.

Pledge of Allegiance: Sharyn Powell

Song of Welcome: Sharyn Powell

Dinner: 6:00-6:45

Blessing: Katja Stevens

Ping Pig: Karen Varricchio (this month's winner was Maggie Wiegand)

Pin and Nametag Money: Linda Upchurch

Business Meeting: President Della Ludwig called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.

Secretary's Report: Katja Stevens reported that Jean Tanner sent Omega nine cards recognizing nine contributions made to the Pi State Educational Foundation, Inc. in honor of Omega Chapter. A thank you card was read from scholarship recipient, Kelly Broderick and updates were read from Carol Ramsey and Margo VanHaneghan. Additionally, a letter of resignation was read from Ann Orman. A motion was made by Lois Ludwig to accept Ann's resignation with regrets. This motion was seconded by Maggie Wiegand. The motion was approved unanimously.

Roll Call: Kerry Smartt reported that there were 31 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes from May 14, 2013: A motion was made by Sharyn Powell to approve the minutes as presented. This motion was unanimously approved and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Upchurch reported:

Balance on 4/30/13	\$9,895.5	Checking: \$8,542.52
Total Receipts	\$1,511.35	Savings: \$1,713.16
Total Disbursements	\$1151.72	Total: \$10,255.18*
Balance on 5/31/13	\$10,255.68	

*\$0.50 discrepancy

Standing Committee Reports:

Hostess: Sharyn Powell thanked all members for signing up to be hostess committee chairs for 2013-2014 at last month's meeting. All slots have been filled.

Membership: Kerry Smartt reported that four recommendations for membership have been submitted and she anticipates more recommendations in early July. She will be getting with the Membership Committee this summer, hopefully in August, to take a look at the recommendations. The vote will take place in October. An application has been received for an honorary membership for Sylvia Houston, Betty Mussack's daughter. August 1 is the hard deadline for recommendations.

Cheer Committee: Della Ludwig recognized summer birthdays.

Unfinished Business:

Ad Hoc Committees:

Record Retention Policy: This Ad-hoc committee is co-chaired by Mary-Martha Harvey and Linda Smith. This committee will look at Omega documents and make recommendations regarding what can be discarded and what should be kept. If you have any documents, please inventory and send a list of what you have to Della and she will forward it to the Ad Hoc Committee. Details are necessary and helpful.

Support Early-Career Educators' Seminar Steering Committee (Della Ludwig and Lynda John). This seminar will be held in May 2014. The steering committee is soliciting members to join the committee to begin planning this summer. It would be nice to have a representative from each of the schools.

New Business:

Pi State Directory: Please check information on the directory drafts that are on tables and initial it if the information is correct. If it needs corrections, please make the corrections large enough to read. Updated copies of the 2013-14 directory will be forwarded as soon as they are available.

Financial Support for Oklahoma Schools: Kathy Davis, Gamma State President, has shared with Della the difficult time that members of Alpha Chi in Oklahoma, teachers in the hardest hit area, are having after the tornadoes. Notes of caring can be sent to the members of Alpha Chi. The address was forwarded in an email that Della sent. Linda Upchurch reports that we have \$1684.00 left in Budget B. Judy Kiehle made a recommendation via an email to Della to give a substantial contribution to the relief efforts of the Oklahoma schools. Kerry Smartt made a motion that we make a donation to the Oklahoma School Fund. It was seconded by Renee Durso. This contribution would be made through Donors Choose and Della would send a letter to Alpha Chi to let them know that this contribution was made. Donors Choose is a 4-star website that will forward the money donated to the designated organization. Linda added that as with our other Donors Choose donation, the committee would ask that we receive a report of exactly how the money was spent. Evie Bortoff made a motion that \$1500 be given to Donors Choose. The motion was seconded by Linda Upchurch and many others. The amended motion that \$1500 be given to schools in Oklahoma via Donors Choose was approved and carried unanimously by members.

Summer Read: This summer's read will be a little different. Instead of reading the same book, we will be reading the same author, Charles Benoit. A short biography was included with tonight's program. Benoit is a mystery writer who has recently published a Young Adult novel. He will be the guest speaker at the September meeting. He comes strongly recommended by Margo VanHanagan. Members with monkey stickers in their programs were able to choose a Benoit book.

Announcements: Mary Cherniss reported that the Past Presidents CDs are finally finished. Please take a copy on the way out. Della added that hostess committee packets and program calendars for 2013-2014 should also be picked up.

Those with smiley stickers in programs get to take centerpieces home.

Joys and Concerns: Della reported joys and concerns.

Kammy Catchman and her family – Lesley's funeral will be on June 15th at 10:00 AM

Janalee Weaver – recovering slowly.

Judy Kiehle – knee replacement surgery, recovering at the Pines.

Mary Luckern – knee replacement surgery

Bev Lenoue – shoulder surgery

Barb Morgan – with her sister who is fighting cancer at Sloan Kettering

Jackie Johnson – continues to fight with breast cancer

Liz Koster, Dennie Clark, and Carol Ramsey - caregivers

Celebrate!

Kerry Smartt recognized perfect attendance and years of service (10, 15, 20, and 40 years of service). Sharry Cirulli was recognized for 31.5 years of teaching in Newark and 14 years as a sub in Phelps/Clifton Springs for a total for 45 years and the promise that she will keep on going until they tell her to stop. Mindy Ritter was recognized for being selected Coach of the Year and her softball team’s championship. Mary Cherniss and Lois Ludwig were recognized for their devoted perseverance to completing the pictorial directory which is now online. Please check information on the website to make sure it is correct. Let the webmaster, Lois Ludwig, know if there are any necessary changes.

Adjournment: The business meeting was adjourned by Della Ludwig at 7:21 pm. A motion was made by Marilyn Nicholson.

Delta Kappa Gamma Song

Important Announcements: Thank you to tonight’s Hostess Committee: **Cynthia Myers – Chair**, Gail Burr, Sharry Cirulli, Elizabeth Hezel, Marilyn Nicholson, Carol Ramsey, Linda Upchurch, and Maggie Wiegand.

Dates to Remember:

- July 24-27, 2013 Northeast Regional Conference
Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME

- August 14, 2013 Omega Executive Board Meeting
Canandaigua United Methodist Church 9:00 AM

- September 10, 2013 Charles Benoit, Summer Read & Business Meeting
Wegmans, Canandaigua, NY

- October 14, 2013 Omega Dessert Meeting 6:00-7:30
Dallywaters, Geneva, NY

- October 23, 2013 East Area Council: Ladies’ Night Out
Club 86, Geneva, NY

Respectfully submitted,

Katja Stevens, Secretary