



Pi State

Omega Chapter

**Omega Chapter Meeting, September 18, 2012
Trinity Church, Geneva, NY**

Social Time: 5:00 – 5:30

Committee Meetings: 5:30-6:00

President Della Ludwig welcomed members and instructed committees to meet to discuss goals and purpose and to report back directly to her. Della would then submit reports to Webmaster for publication on chapter website.

Pledge of Allegiance: Sharyn Powell

Song of Welcome: Sharyn Powell

Introduction of Guests: Linda Smith introduced Mrs. Patricia Rice.

Blessing: Julie Hadyk

Dinner: 6:00-6:45

Pink Pig: The winner of the pink pig provided by Sharyn Powell was Adelle Miller-Wadsworth.

Business Meeting: 6:45-8:00

Call to Order: President Della Ludwig called the Business Meeting to order at 6:51.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Katja Stevens read correspondence which included thank you letters from Palmyra-Macedon Middle School, both scholarship recipients, the Lesley Catchman-Rosato Fundraising Committee, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and member Margo VanHaneghan. Letters of resignation were read from Diane Clark, Cheryl Birx, and Sandy Voigt.

A motion was made by Margo VanHaneghan to accept the three letters of resignation with regret. The motion was seconded by Carol Ramsey and approved unanimously without discussion by the membership.

Roll Call: Della Ludwig reported that 42 members and 1 guest were present.

Approval of Minutes from June 5, 2012 Meeting: Minutes were accepted and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Upchurch reported

Balance on 6/30/12	\$6047.45	Checking:	\$4313.16
Total Receipts	\$88.72	Savings:	\$1,712.51
Total Disbursements	\$111.00	Total:	\$6136.17
Balance on 8/31/12	\$6025.67*		

*\$0.50 discrepancy even after audit

Standing Committee Reports:

Area Council: Deb Trombino reported on the April Area Council Meeting. Participation by Omegans and other area council chapters was low. The committee is seeking suggestions as to how to improve attendance at area council meetings. Concerns for Omega members included location, time of year (fall might be better), and making choices between attending Omega and Area Council. It should be stressed that for Omega members, the April Area Council Meeting was scheduled as a regular April meeting. Deb requested that members email her with other suggestions before the next committee meeting on **October 10**.

Omega Website: Lois Ludwig reported that a few files have been updated on the website and that new files from committee meetings will be updated soon. Please notify her of any outdated material. This biennium she will put a question on the website related to *Connecting on Purpose* and *Share Our Vision-Strengthen Our Society*. There will continue to be a drawing with a small gift monthly. New members need to sign a permission slip in order to be included on the website.

Auction: Della Ludwig reported for Kay Nemecek that the auction is quickly approaching. Members should keep current with email for upcoming information.

Finance: Karen Varricchio presented the budget for Judy Kiehle. Sally Maxon made a motion to approve the budget as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by the membership.

Program Committee: Karen Varricchio presented the programs for 2012-13. The March meeting will include a College Arts show and poetry reading. The October meeting will be a presentation by Evan Dawson who recently accepted the International Wine Book of the Year Award in London for his book *Summer in a Glass*.

Hostess Committee: Sharyn Powell thanked Liz Koster and her committee for the wonderful meeting. Della Ludwig will take responsibility for ordering ribbon pins for those who would like one. Sharyn thanked those who volunteered to be on hostess committees for 2012-13 and said others would be contacted in the summer of 2013 to serve for 2013-14. Sharyn is also putting together a mentoring committee that can help new members feel more comfortable serving on a hostess committee.

2012 International Hospitality Committee: Lois Ludwig gave her final report on how the Hospitality Room went at the International Convention. Overall, Omega received many positive responses to their efforts. There were left over cookies, cheese, paper products, and funds. The cookies were used for various meetings while the cheese was given to the Executive Board

members at their August meeting. Lois made a motion for the left over paper products to be donated to the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster, NY and for the unused funds to be divided equally between Omega Chapter (\$388.60) and the East Central Area Council (\$388.60). Mary Shelley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the membership.

Sally Maxon called for a standing ovation to thank Lois for all of her very hard work.

Cheer Committee: Jan Wright recognized members who had birthdays over the summer.

Unfinished Business: Della announced that Linda Upchurch was appointed treasurer for the 2012-14 biennium.

New Business: Della Ludwig shared the following new business:

- There will be no call for donations at each meeting. Instead Omega will focus on supporting Schools for Africa and the SEE (Supporting Early Career Educators) Project.
- We will continue to support the Red Bookshelf, Geneva Reads, and the Scholarship Auction.
- Members will be asked to consider their purpose.
- Parliamentary Procedure will be used at meetings.
- Except for the Auction and Celebration meeting, tables will be assigned.
- Pick up folders for those that are not in attendance.
- Be sure to read the Address from the International President included in your folder.

Program:

“A Message from Alice Ozma”: Della Ludwig read an email she received back from Alice Ozma regarding Omega selecting *The Reading Promise* as our Summer 2012 book.

Special Thanks: Thank you to tonight’s Hostess Committee: **Liz Koster – Chair**, Jill Antenucci, Cindy Avery, Julie Hadyk, Laura Hill, Lynda John, Ann Orman, Mindy Ritter, and Bev Simons.

Joys and Concerns: Della shared concerns: Beverly Lanoue, Clarice Schwing, Edna Choffin, and Kammy Catchman. Joys: Gail Ramsey, Mary King, Judy Kiehle, and Maggie Wiegand.

Corrections: New phone number for Evie is 585-749-1383. Add Lynda John to Nominations Committee. Sharyn Powell has an updated email which she will give to Della.

Announcements: Jan Wright – Dog Walk at Ontario Pathways, Jeanne Guastaferrero – author of *The Shack* will be at Crosswinds September 28-29, Margo VanHaneghan – don’t miss October meeting!

Adjournment: 8:05 pm

Delta Kappa Gamma Song

Dates to Remember:

September 28-29, 2012	Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting (The Hotel Albany, Albany, NY)
October 16, 2012	“Summer in a Glass” with Evan Dawson Wegman’s Canandaigua, NY
November 13, 2012	Annual Fundraiser Auction Club 86, Geneva, NY
January 12, 2013	Omega Chapter Executive Board Meeting United Methodist Church, Canandaigua, NY
January 18, 2013	CTAUN Conference United Nations, NYC

Respectfully submitted,

Katja Stevens, Secretary