



Pi State

Omega Chapter

**Omega Executive Board Meeting, January 11, 2014
United Methodist Church, Canandaigua, NY**

Members present: Mary Cherniss, Laura Hill, Lynda John, Judy Kiehle, Mary King, Della Ludwig, Lois Ludwig, Sally Maxson, June Renner, Kerry Smartt, Katja Stevens, Linda Upchurch, and Karen Varricchio

Members absent: Jennifer Bay, F. Carol Ramsey, Peg Snyder, Deb Trombino, Jan Wright, Sharyn Powell, Adelle Miller-Wadsworth

Guest: Mary-Martha Harvey

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Della Ludwig, president at 9:07.

Approval of Minutes from August 14, 2013 Executive Board Meeting: Minutes were reviewed. Sally Maxson made a motion to approve the minutes. The August 14, 2013 Executive Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Upchurch

October 2013 Report

Balance on 9/30/13	\$10,233.20	Checking:	\$8,522.86
Total Receipts	\$4,984.75	Savings:	\$1,713.34
Total Disbursements	\$450.56		
Total:	\$10,686.76		
Balance on 10/31/13	\$10,236.20		

November/December 2013 Report

Balance on 10/31/13	\$10,236.20	Checking:	\$6,844.33
Total Receipts	\$3,761.07	Savings:	\$1,713.34
Total Disbursements	\$5,439.43		
Total:	\$13,997.27		
Balance on 12/31/13	\$8,557.84		

Auction: Final amount \$2129.00 which is about \$700.00 lower than usual.

Auction Discussion: Membership is concerned about the cost of the baskets as well as whether the auction should be kept to just silent bidding. There is also concern about losing the "fun" of the auction. Perhaps we need to reconsider what is included in the auction – go back to more handmade less expensive items? Omega is committed to \$2300 and this year's auction amount is not going to cover it. We are also behind \$163 that we overspent last year. Della will make

an appeal to the membership asking if members did not have an opportunity to donate and wanted to, donations will still be accepted. A new committee chairperson and committee will have the opportunity to consider changes and improvements.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Kerry Smartt reported that there will be six new potential members who will be at the luncheon on February 8, 2014 at Warfield's. Checks made out to Omega (deadline is January 22, 2014) should be mailed in advance to Kerry. Menu choices will be made at the luncheon. Sponsors have traditionally paid for the new members they are sponsoring. Kerry will have a committee meeting on January 18, 2014 at 10:00 am at Kerry's house to plan the meeting. There were 76 Omega members as of November 2012. There were 72 members as of November 2013 and 3 were put on reserve membership at the November 2013 meeting. [NOTE: See below under New Business for updated resignations which bring membership to 69]. Omega will have six potential new members after initiation. These potential new members should get information from treasurer regarding dues.

Nominations: Mary King reported that she is very excited because the committee has a slate of officers ready. The committee received a list of potential names when they made their presentation. Mary would like to thank the present officers for their present biennium work and dedication. The nomination committee is making the following recommendations:

President – Mary Martha Harvey
1st Vice President - Mary Cherniss
2nd Vice President - Laura Hill
Secretary - Mary Shelley
Member-at-Large - Gail Ramsey

Although not an elected position, Mary also announced that Katja Stevens will take over the role of Webmaster in the new biennium. The slate of officers will be presented in March.

Webmaster: Did not get many reports from committees. The State recommends updating committee reports every four months and Lois strives for at least once a year. Lois is going to remove the report at the end of January so committees who would like to be able to see their previous reports need to do this before the end of the month.

Unfinished Business:

Ad Hoc Committee for Record Retentions: Della will share with Mary Martha the information that she has. The committee is in contact with several organizations, including FLCC, about archiving information that must be kept.

Ad Hoc Steering Committee for Seminar For Early Career Educators: Della is planning a meeting for the end of January or early February to plan. Her goal is to have a presentation with tri-fold displays at the March meeting. The big challenge right now is to make sure

members are in attendance. There is money in the Shirley Fund to help cover the costs for this event. The Pi State President will be attending.

Grants-in-Aid: Della has not received notification from anyone who is interested in working on changing the Grants-in-Aid process. Peg Snyder contacted Della to suggest that she could contact the community college and give a list of schools we currently represent and ask that only nominations from those districts be sent. The Executive Board is in favor of this.

Travel Stipend for CTAUN: Two members received stipends of \$250.00 each at the November meeting. A third member submitted paperwork to Della to attend. Della would love to support this member. We have \$4001.10 that was carried over from last year. Judy Kiehle feels that this much money does not need to be carried over each year. The Executive Board should have discussed before it was presented at the November meeting. Karen Varricchio made a motion that Omega issues a stipend of \$250.00 to Adele to attend the CTAUN Conference. The motion was seconded by Judy Kiehle. It was unanimously approved by the Executive Board. Della can send an email to the membership for approval before the January 31 conference.

New Business:

Committee Report Updates on the Web: These reports should be updated for the website before the end of January. Any report that is a year old will be removed. Committee members who want to use what they have already on the web will want to make sure they update before it is removed.

Vacancies: Auction (Kay Nemecek will be resigning), Legislation/US Forum (Carol Ramsey has stepped down due to personal health issues), and Professional Affairs (Jen Bay has stepped down). Carol and Jen will continue as members. The chair positions will just stay vacant until filled. Della will look to see if anyone is interested in filling in for the remainder of the biennium.

Reserve Members: Elaine Kennedy, Beverly Simons, Jackie Johnson, and Betty Mussack. A suggestion was made that a resolution be presented to International 2016 regarding a change in rules regarding membership. Mary Martha will check what role the state plays in a proposal for change.

Resignation: Jill Antonucci and Ann Orman

State/International Report Deadlines: President's annual report, necrology, communication/publication report, educational excellence committee biennium report, program committee, finance committee biannual report, membership committee, scholarship committee, and world fellowship committee report. All reports are available online (www.dkg.org) at the top under "forms" and then select "report forms" and then "chapter report forms." Deadline is before February 1, 2014. Della will follow up with details.

Message from Pi State President: Hotel reservations are available for the Indianapolis Marriott for the International Convention. Contact Della if you would like information.

Pi State Awards Benefit Tickets: We are contributing to the basket and will have a check ready in March for the Pi State Awards basket. Deb Trombino has the information and Della will communicate with Linda about the details. Traditionally, it has been \$25.00. Della has the tickets and the membership traditionally purchases the tickets. Omega pays \$100.00 for the tickets for the chapter members.

Celebrations Planned for June: Liz Hezel retired in June 2014 and needs to be recognized. Please let Della know of retirements or other celebrations in need of recognition for the June meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Della at 10:34 am.

Upcoming Meetings:

February 8, 2014	New Members Luncheon	Warfield's, Clifton Springs
March 18, 2014	Joint Meeting with Alpha Delta	Trinity Church, Geneva
April 8, 2014	Initiation	Warfield's, Clifton Springs
May 17, 2014	Seminar for Early-Career Educators	Notre Dame, Canandaigua
June 10, 2014	Installation & Celebration	Belhurst, Geneva

Respectfully submitted,

Katja Stevens