



**Pi State**

**Omega Chapter**

**Omega Executive Board Meeting, January 12, 2013  
United Methodist Church, Canandaigua, NY**

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

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Della Ludwig, president at 9:30.

**Approval of Minutes from August 8, 2012 Executive Board Meeting:**

Minutes were reviewed and corrected. Lois Ludwig made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. The corrected August 8, 2012 Executive Board Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Balance on 10/31/12	\$11,336.27	Checking: \$8690.94
Total Receipts	\$4639.72	Savings: \$1,712.73
Total Disbursements	\$5572.82	Total: <b>\$10,403.67</b>
Balance on 12/31/12	<b>\$10,403.17</b>	

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:** Judy Kiehle deferred report to Della Ludwig, president. Della reminded committee that she had asked the membership to consider joining three new ad hoc committees – the Philanthropic Donation Committee, Document Retention Committee, and a committee to plan the Early Career Seminar slated for 2014. Linda Coons has the process that needs to be followed for determining philanthropic donations. Judy Kiehle, Dawn Scales, and Jan Astles will meet to start this process. Mary Martha Harvey, Linda Smith, Jerry Fletcher, and June Renner will meet to discuss what documents should be retained and how. So far, Lynda John and Kathy Eckler are on the planning committee for the Early Career Seminar. Omega needs more members on this committee to make it a success. Della is thinking of a half day seminar on a Saturday involving both new teachers and professors from surrounding education programs. This event would give Omega a presence and be an inroad for potential new membership.

**Programs:** Karen Varricchio reported that the next Program of Works committee meeting is tentatively set for Saturday, February 23.

**Hostesses:** Sharyn Powell reported that her goal is to complete the list of hostesses for 2013-2014 by June. She had a very difficult time this past summer getting people to volunteer for these jobs. She will begin seeking people in February. She stressed that a unified message needs to be sent to the membership that being a hostess and serving our chapter is expected. Hostesses have lots of help. Della suggested that perhaps we assign meetings to particular school districts to make planning easier. Hostesses should be told in advance that the Trinity Church meeting and Phelps Arts Center meeting require arrangements for catering.

**Webmaster:** Lois Ludwig reported that she will be retiring as Webmaster at the end of this biennium. She also reported that the "Know Your Society" program has run its course and she proposes dropping the program and instead plans to focus on creating an Omega Pictorial Program. Finally, Lois shared an updated Membership, Initiates and Transfers report as well as an updated Presidents List. Judy Kiehle has been keeping records as well and will compare what she has with what Lois presented.

**Membership:** Kerry Smartt reported the following:

September meeting – 42 members present out of 79

October meeting – 47 members present out of 76

November meeting – 48 members present out of 76

To date, three members have passed away, six members have resigned, and one membership has been terminated due to lack of dues payment. This makes the Omega total membership 75 members.

**Personal Growth:** Sally Maxson reported that the book club is thriving with about 8 regulars. Books are posted on the Omega website. Currently, the book group is tackling *Anna Karenina*. Sally proposed that Omega looks into having the schoolhouse open for the April meeting so that members could take a look before the start of the meeting, given its proximity to Warfield's. Margo VanHaneghan recommended *You*, by Charles Benoit for the summer read. The Program of Works committee will look into this recommendation.

**Ceremony:** Laura Hill expressed concern about Founders Night being the same meeting as the Remembrance Ceremonies. It was decided that both events will occur at the April meeting, but the Founders portion of the meeting would be kept short.

**Nominations Committee:** Mary King reported that like Sharyn Powell, she has concerns about recruiting people to be nominated as officers for the next biennium. She proposed doing a skit that would explain the various officer roles. It was decided that this skit would be incorporated in the September meeting.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Standing Rules Update:** Mary King, June Renner (chair), Lynda John, and Lois Ludwig served on the Standing Rules committee and June Renner reported changes to the standing rules that were proposed by International. The changes were reviewed by the Executive Board. A motion was made by Karen Varricchio to accept the changes as presented. This motion was seconded by Mary King. There was no discussion. Lois Ludwig called for a vote. The Executive Board

unanimously voted to bring a motion to the floor approving all changes that were made to the Omega Standing Rules. This motion was carried unanimously. Linda Upchurch and Judy Kiehle will work with Della Ludwig regarding Items f and g under Section IB1 in the Standing Rules.

**New Business:**

**Travel Stipends:** Della Ludwig announced that travel stipends are available for new members (5 years or less) to attend the Northeast Regional Conference this July in Portland, ME.

**Announcements:** There is money in the budget for members to attend the CTAUN meeting on January 18. Members should be inviting administrators to the March Administrator's Night Meeting. A reminder will be sent to all members regarding this invitation and payment of meals. Finally, a reminder that there is a \$20.00 reduction in registration fees for the April 19-23 Pi State Convention in Buffalo.

**Next Executive Board Meeting:** A date has not been set yet.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am by Della Ludwig.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katja V. Stevens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Katja Stevens, secretary