



**Pi State**

**Omega Chapter**

**Omega Executive Board Meeting, August 8, 2012  
United Methodist Church, Canandaigua, NY**

**Members present:** Lynda John, Judy Kiehle, Mary King, Della Ludwig, Lois Ludwig, Sally Maxson, F. Carol Ramsey, June Rehner, Katja Stevens, Deb Trombino, Linda Upchurch, and Karen Varrichio

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Della Ludwig, president at 9:36.

**Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2012 Executive Board Meeting:**

Minutes were reviewed and corrected. Lois Ludwig made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Mary King. The corrected January 28, 2012 Executive Board Meeting minutes were approved.

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

Balance on 5/31/12	\$6220.05	Checking: \$4335.66
Total Receipts	\$1132.55	Savings: \$1,712.29 (Shirley Fund)
Total Disbursements	\$1304.65	Total: <b>\$6047.95</b>
Balance on 6/30/12	<b>\$6047.95</b>	

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:** Judy Kiehle reported that she and Barb Morgan met on August 7. \$1025.78 of Budget B was not spent. Wants to keep enough of a "slush fund" for early payments that need to be made (i.e. for September meeting). Sally Maxson moved to accept the proposal to use \$500 of Budget B for member stipends and \$550 for philanthropy. Linda Upchurch seconded the motion. All accepted.

**Programs:** Karen Varrichio reported the program for 2012-2013.

September – Committee meetings/*The Reading Promise*

October – *Summer in a Glass* with Evan Dawson

November – Scholarship Auction

March – Administration Night/Honoring the Arts

April – Schools for Africa

May – Founder's Night

June – Celebration

**Hostesses:** Della Ludwig reported for Sharyn Powell that the hostess assignments are almost ready, but several small corrections need to be made.

**Area Council:** Deb Trombino reported that the attendance was poor at the most recent Area Council meeting and only 15 Omegans were in attendance. The next meeting will be in October.

**Webmaster:** Lois Ludwig reported that she will be updating the Omega Directory which may cause the cost of the website to increase slightly. Members are encouraged to visit the DKG Social Network. Pages for committee chairs and officers will continue to be maintained on the website. In addition, monthly drawings and prizes for “Know Your Society” questions will continue.

**DKG International Convention Hospitality Room Report:** Lois Ludwig reported that she sent an email to the membership thanking all for supporting the 2012 International Convention Hospitality Room.

**Scholarships and Grants:** Della Ludwig reported for Peg Snyder that there was concern regarding the low number of applications from FLCC. This may be due, in part, to the lack of teaching jobs in New York State at this time. Della is going to contact FLCC to discuss further.

**Omega Book Club:** Sally Maxson reported that the book group is going well with about 10 people participating monthly. Della requested that a list of the books read be posted on the Omega website.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**Standing Rules Updating:** Della Ludwig requested a committee to review the standing rules and report back at the January Executive Board Meeting. The following volunteered to serve on this committee: Mary King, June Renner (chair), Lynda John, and Lois Ludwig

**Membership Report:** Della Ludwig shared a summary of attendance that she put together. There will be assigned seating at all meetings except for the November and June meeting. Seating for the September meeting will be by committee. Della will reach out to all those who miss two meetings. Committee members should be nurtured by chairs so that members are more willing to serve as future chairs.

#### **New Business:**

**International Convention President’s Message:** Della Ludwig distributed copies of Dr. Beverly Helms’ Acceptance Speech given on July 28, 2012 at the International Convention. Della will have two published causes each year. Members will be surveyed regarding their needs and wants as members of Omega Chapter. 2012-2013 causes will be Schools for Africa and the Scholarship and Grant Auction. The 2013-2014 causes will be Early Career Educators and Support and Donations. Della would like to bring pauses to asking members to bring things to each meeting and rather have members focus on published causes.

Judy Kiehle made a motion to spend \$1025.78 by November using guidelines established under the ad hoc committee chaired by Linda Coons on how money should be donated. Linda

Upchurch seconded the motion. Members are welcome to submit proposals in writing detailing organizations that they would like to support and the amount requested. This should be done by October.

**Omega Trip to Washington DC Summer 2013:** Della Ludwig would like to organize an Omega trip to Washington DC based on a survey she conducted. 15 people expressed interest. Della will put together a proposal for the September meeting which will include details for a “comfy, but not too costly” trip. The trip would be for 3 days and include various highlights in Washington D.C., hopefully including a visit to the Federal Department of Education.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Linda Upchurch to adjourn the meeting at 11:30. Lynda John seconded.

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