



Alpha Upsilon Chapter
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
Saturday, May 13, 2023

Prior to the meeting, members participated in the fundraiser to benefit the Grant-in-Aid: Bake Sale and Raffle Baskets.

The meeting, held at The Bloser Mansion in New Kensington, was called to order by President Barbara Summers at 11:08 a.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pamela Derby offered a reflection on women and their role in children's lives.

Pamela Derby introduced members of Deer Lakes High School Drama Club: Jake Toth, Marianna Vergerio, Willow Racon, and Kathryn Strang. This group, directed and accompanied by their teacher, Matthew Derby, entertained our members with a musical presentation of Broadway selections. The students were very well received.

President's Report - Barbara Summers

- President Summers reported that the chapter project of Jared Boxes is an ongoing project. She thanked all members who have contributed and reported that she is ready to deliver another 18-20 boxes to Allegheny Valley Hospital.
- Barbara reported on the STEM day held at the Lower Burrell branch of Peoples Library. She and Pam Derby attended with the children's librarian and had a fun time doing activities with the one participant.
- President Summers announced that there are seven members of Alpha Upsilon Chapter attending the State Convention to be held June 21-23 at Wyndham Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster, PA.
- The Grant-in-Aid was presented to Autumn Miller, a senior at Burrell School District. Autumn, an honor student and active in community service, will attend Penn State University this fall and major in Early Childhood Education. She was presented with a bouquet of red roses and a check for \$1000. She expressed her thanks to the group. She was accompanied by her proud mother.
- Barbara introduced Royce Boyd, First Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Organization. Royce addressed her comments to the group, focusing on women and what they can achieve.

1VP Report - Mary Anne Battaglia (Program)

- The Social Committee has met and has set up the dates and programs for the 2023-2024 year. Each member received a "Save the Date" flyer to help ensure success in attendance at our next meetings.
 - Saturday, September 9, 2023: The program will be "The Bald Eagles of U.S. Steel" presented by Don German. This meeting will be held at Puckety Church.
 - Saturday, November 18, 2023: The program will be "Victorian Christmas Tour at Kerr Museum". The meeting will be held at St. Thomas Church in Oakmont which is directly across the street from the Museum.
 - Saturday, March 23, 2024: The program will be author and historian, George Guido. This meeting will be held at Puckety Church.
 - Saturday, May 18, 2024: The program will be "Cyber Safety and Security" presented by a representative from the FBI Outreach Program. This meeting will be held at Puckety Church.
 - The meals will be catered for meetings by a local catering company.
 - In addition, the Social Committee

2nd VP Report - Pamela Derby (Membership)

- Pamela reported that there were 19 members and 3 guests present.
- Pamela presented a certificate to Shelley Nicholas, in recognition of her 20 years of membership in DKG.

Corresponding Secretary - In the absence of Linda Henkel, President Barbara reported.

Cards Sent: 5 Birthday

Thank you received from Tamara Girardi for having her at our November meeting.

Recording Secretary- Carolyn Sutton

The minutes of the March 25, 2023, meeting were emailed to the members. Carolyn thanked Tricia Cavanaugh for substituting in her absence. Readers for the May minutes will be Mary Anne Battaglia and Barbara Gasperini.

Treasurer - Sue Hilty

Balance in Checking: \$4,171.68

The dues of \$107 are due to Sue by June 15th.

Committee Reports:

Book Club - In the absence of Mary Beth Yeamans, Carolyn Sutton reported that the club will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month. This month's book is The Maid by Nita Prose. The books for June, July and August have not been selected yet.

IT - Jenn McKay:

Our chapter website has been updated. Jenn will be holding technology classes next year and will have more information later.

Jenn requested that we look at our chapter bylaws to align with the State Organization by using the title, IT in place of webmaster. After some discussion, it was decided that a committee led by Parliamentarian, Barbara Gasperini, review the bylaws and present any changes or recommendations for change to the Executive Board this summer so they can be brought to the membership at a fall meeting.

Finance - Judy Schaffer

\$127 was made on the fundraiser of the Easter basket and Mystery Boxes raffles.

\$101.95 was our profit from the RaiseRight Gift Card sale.

Further, Judy will be sending letters to the members who haven't attended any meetings to ask for a monetary donation to fund the Grant-in-Aid.

Bridge Flight - Kathy Wescoat reported that so far, no chapter bridge flight has been formed.

Unfinished Business:

A committee has been formed to review the guidelines for the Grant-in-Aid. The members are Barbara Gasperini, Tricia Cavanaugh, Julie King and Barbara Summers. They will meet on Thursday, July 13th.

Announcements

- Articles for the summer issue of The Keystonian are to be sent to Eileen Little.
- Mary Anne thanked Jenn McKay for providing the centerpieces, Jenn, Sandy Ross and Becky Timlin for the dessert and announced that she and Leslie Ortman had provided the favors.

Adjournment was 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sutton, Recording Secretary