



*Alpha Upsilon Chapter*  
*Minutes of the General Membership Meeting*  
*Saturday, November 19, 2022*

Prior to the meeting, members were greeted by members of the Social Committee (Sandy Ross and Mary Beth Yeamans) and participated in the fundraiser to benefit the Grant-in-Aid: Used Book Sale and Raffle Basket.

The meeting, held at The Bloser Mansion in New Kensington, was called to order by President Barbara Summers at 10:10 a.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pamela Derby offered a reflection of thankful thoughts.

President's Report - Barbara Summers

- Jared Boxes were collected at the meeting and will be delivered to Allegheny Valley Hospital. Barbara thanked everyone for participating and said that if anyone has leftover gifts, she will combine them to fill additional boxes.
- Barbara announced that two of our members are experiencing health issues. Marsha Ewing is recovering from hip surgery. Barbara Farina is suffering from Lupus of the skin. The president suggested sending cards and emails.
- President Summers distributed Julie King's information to be added to our yearbooks and announced corrections to be made.
- Dates for the 2023 State Convention: June 21-23, to be held at Wyndham Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster, PA
- Barbara also shared a newspaper article about Trovo.

1VP Report - Mary Anne Battaglia (Program)

- Visual & Performing Arts Committee falls under the direction of the First Vice President; therefore, Mary Anne reported that she has some committee members and asked for volunteers. This committee will be having their first meeting soon.
- Mary Anne thanked Sandy Ross and Mary Beth Yeamans for serving as greeters. She thanked Judy Schaffer for the favors and Jenn McKay for the centerpieces.
- Mary Anne reported that the Alpha Upsilon Christmas Tea will be held at the Bloser Mansion on December 3 at 12 a.m. She distributed invitations which included the cost of \$20. Members are to send their checks to Barbara Summers by November 28. There will also be a gift exchange (\$15.)

- The Social Committee has made arrangements for a social event that combines Christmas shopping at Mystery Lovers Bookshop and dinner in Oakmont. This event will take place on Thursday, December 15. Members are to rsvp to Mary Anne Battaglia by Monday, December 12 (412-719-7181.)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report - Pamela Derby (Membership)

- Pamela reported that Julie King was unable to attend the meeting so her induction will be planned for a later date.
- Pamela reported that there were 20 members and 1 guest present.

#### Corresponding Secretary - Linda Henkel

Cards Sent: 7 Birthday, 1 Sympathy, 1 Get Well Card

Thank you received from the Springdale Free Public Library for the donation in memory of Charles Desmone, brother of Rosella Lascek

Linda reported that she will send Christmas Cards to our members who have not been to any meetings or activities as of late.

#### Recording Secretary- Carolyn Sutton

The minutes of the September 17, 2022, meeting were read and corrected and emailed to the members. Readers for the November minutes will be Mary Anne Battaglia and Roseann Currence.

#### Treasurer - Sue Hilty

Balance in Checking: \$4366.82

#### Committee Reports:

##### Communication - Roseann Currence

- Roseann reported that a newsletter will be published soon. Mary Anne will send the deadline and assignments.
- Our chapter website was approved by International and Jenn McKay has posted the seal on our website.

##### Finance - Judy Schaffer

\$184 made on the fundraiser on the purse and jewelry sale

\$266.35 was our profit from the RaiseRight Gift Card sale

Book Club - Mary Beth Yeamans reported that the club members are continuing to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Club members will go out for dinner for the holidays. The books slated to begin the new year are:

January - The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

February - Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

March - Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Unfinished Business- None

New Business - Bridge Flight - It has been brought to the president's attention that some members would like to see Bridge Flight return to our chapter. This is a twofold request - first to find members who like to play and also to teach some members (and possibly friends of members) to learn how to play. Roseann Currence and Kathy Wescoat volunteered to work on this project.

Adjournment was 10:40 a.m.

Program: Author, Tamara Girardi, spoke of her journey to become a published author. She also had books to sell and have autographed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sutton, Recording Secretary