



Alpha Upsilon Chapter
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
Saturday, November 18, 2023

The meeting, held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Oakmont, was called to order by President Barbara Summers who then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary Anne Bataglia offered a reflection based on poet and author, Maya Angelou. She shared a brief story of Maya Angelou and then she and other members shared quotes from Angelou's works.

President's Report - Barbara Summers

- Barbara congratulated Jennifer McKay on her retirement from teaching.
- In updating the chapter's project, Jared Boxes, Barbara reported that to date, 50 boxes have been donated to Allegheny Valley Hospital.
- Dates to remember: State Convention - June 19-21, 2024, to be held at Pittsburgh North Marriott in Cranberry and International Convention - July 9-13, 2024, to be at the National Harbor in Maryland.
- Millie Pipman explained that there would be 2 groups touring the Kerr Museum after the luncheon.

1VP Report - Mary Anne Battaglia (Program): No report.

Corresponding Secretary -Linda Henkel:

Cards Sent: 8 Birthday

A Thank you card was sent to Sandra McCardle for providing assorted greeting cards for our chapter. A Thank You card was also sent to Don German, our September speaker, who donated his honorarium back to be used by Julie King for classroom supplies.

Three letters were sent accepting the resignations, with regret, of Sandy Jones, April Kopta, and Leslie Ortman.

Recording Secretary- Carolyn Sutton

The minutes of the September 2023 meeting were recorded by Eileen Maytas in the absence of Carolyn Sutton. They were then emailed to the members.

Treasurer - Sue Hilty

Balance in Checking: \$5083.75

Committee Reports:

Finance - Judy Schaffer

- Today's fundraising activity will be a sale of stocking stuffer items as well as a raffle of three items: Kate Spade purse, Thanksgiving pillow, holiday basket.
- Judy reported that the RaiseRight card sale profit was \$442.13.
- Judy announced that the fundraising at the Christmas social will be a Christmas basket and 50/50 raffle.
- Judy presented the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 year. After discussion, Judy recommended its adoption. The president called for the vote and the budget passed.
- However, after the vote, a discrepancy in the totals was identified by a member. After discussion, the vote to adopt was rescinded and the budget was sent back to the Finance Committee.

Membership: Pam Derby

- Pam reported that there were 21 members and 1 guest present.
- She discussed the results of the membership survey. She commented that there were good ideas for programs. She thanked the members for their responses (22 out of 31) and reported that the results will be published in the newsletter.

Communication:

- Mary Anne Battaglia and Roseann Currence submitted an article under Chapter News to the *Keystonian*. However, they were informed by the editor that Chapter News would now be published on the state website. The next article will be about the DKG Book Club and their donations within the community.
- Jenn McKay is available to help members update their My DKG Profiles on the International website.

Social- Mary Anne Battaglia

- Mary Anne Battaglia distributed the information about the Christmas Social to be held at Hill Crest Country Club on Saturday, December 2 at noon. Each member was given an envelope and reservation form to be sent with her check to Barb Summers.

Book Club - Mary Beth Yeamans announced that the book club didn't meet in November and does not read a book in December, but they celebrate the season by going out for dinner. No future titles have been selected as yet. She distributed the list of the books for September (Tom Lake by Ann Patchett); October (The Heaven and Earth Grocery Story by James McBride); and November (West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge.)

Unfinished Business:

The Grant in Aid committee will meet after the first of the year and prepare the packets for the school districts.

The Nominations Committee, under the direction of Jenn McKay, will begin meeting.

Announcements

- Jenn McKay donated today's centerpieces and these were given as part of the raffle prizes.
- Betty Grossheim and Cindy Lemon provided favors for this meeting. They were tussie mussies and candles.
- Pam Derby thanked the members for supporting the purchase of books for her class members. The selection given was The Dot. Further, she explained that Scholastic Book Company is no longer offering \$1 and is making purchasing more difficult. She is exploring other options.

Adjournment by Barbara Summers at 12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sutton,

Recording Secretary

Following the meeting and catered luncheon, members attended a guided tour at the Kerr Museum, entitled "A Victorian Christmas."