



Alpha Upsilon Chapter
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2022

9:30 am: Greeting and shopping

10:05 am: Barbara Summers welcomed everyone to the Bloser Mansion. Kathy Wescoat read a poem about autumn and then lead us in singing our blessing. Breakfast Buffet and fellowship followed.

11:05 am: The business meeting of Alpha Upsilon Chapter was called to order by President Barbara Summers. She began by introducing the following:

Barbara Gasperini, PA State President 2017-2019; AU Chapter 2008-2010

Carolyn Sutton, PA State President 2007-2009; AU Chapter 1996-1998

Judy Schaffer, Alpha Upsilon President 1998-2000

Rosann Currence and Marsha Ewing, Alpha Upsilon Presidents 2006-2008

Jenn McKay, Alpha Upsilon President 2020-2022

Julie King (introduced by Pam Derby). 2nd grade teacher, Pittsburgh Public Schools

Nicole Vigilante (introduced by Mary Beth Yeamans), our guest speaker

Barbara also welcomed Leslie Ortman back as a chapter member

Minutes of the May 4, 2022, meeting had already been read and approved and sent to the members in May.

Correspondence - Linda Henkel gave a report of correspondence from May to September

Birthday cards sent - 13

Sympathy cards sent - 6

Thank you card sent to Sandra McCardle for donation of birthday cards

Memorials - \$25 book memorials sent to Zelenople Public Library for Angelene Eppinger, sister of Rosann Currence; Peoples Library, NK, for Donald Glotfelty, partner of Betty Grossheim; Peoples Library, NK, for Ann Palmer; Peoples Library, LB for Dorothy Acquaviva, stepmother of Lisa Linden; Springdale Public Library for Charles

Desmone, brother of Rosella Lascek, and Peoples Library, LB, for Doris Cashell, mother of Cynthia Lemon.

Treasurer's Report - Sue Hilty

Income: \$1,320.00

Expenses since last report: \$4,251.17 (includes Grant-in-Aid)

Checking Account balance: \$3,942.47

Savings Account balance: \$5,325.63

President's Report

President Barbara shared her goals for this biennium.

1. Technology - It is Barbara's hope to become more technologically savvy by using our website and Facebook page. She reported that PA Organization President, Eileen Little, wants each member to update their profile on the International Website. Barbara suggested that we can do this together at some venue.
2. Focus on membership. Barbara suggested that we try to have socials every month we don't have meetings. She reported that the gathering at Wooden Door Winery in July and the September movie outing were well-received.

Committee Reports:

Finance - Finance Chair, Judy Schaffer reported that she reviewed the treasurer's books in August and everything balanced. Sue Hilty reported that she filed her report with the PA State Treasurer. Sue also filed 990-N e-postcard.

Judy next presented the - Proposed Budget for 2022-2023(copies had been emailed to the members in advance and copies were made available at this meeting.) She moved for the approval of this budget. President Barbara called for an oral vote. The motion was adopted.

Fundraising - Judy reported that fundraising is necessary to operate on a balanced budget. She thanked those who shopped for jewelry and purses. She announced that we would now be offering RaiseRight(formerly Scrip) Gift Cards for purchase. Order forms will be emailed and also distributed at this meeting. Deadline for orders is October 13th so that they can be received by the November meeting.

Membership - Membership Chair, Pamela Derby, reported that there were 20 members and two guests in attendance. She further reported that we have 33 active chapter members and are continuing to connect with four college students.

Pam announced that Mary Anne Battaglia is revising the Alpha Upsilon Chapter brochure which will be available to give to prospective members. She introduced her committee members: April Kopta, Lisa Linden, Barbara Gasperini, and Leslie Ortman.

Social - Chairperson, Mary Anne Battaglia, introduced the members of her committee and thanked them for their work. She announced that there will be greeters for each meeting as well as favors and passed around a sheet asking for volunteers for those assignments. The favor for this meeting was a pumpkin cookie with a fall tag, donated by Jenn McKay and Mary Anne. She also reported that the social committee is considering the following social gatherings:

1. For October, the Ghost Tour at the Prospect Cemetery in Brackenridge on October 13, beginning at 6p.m. The cost is \$10. Groups leave every 15 minutes and it is her desire to have our reservations early so that we can book the 6p.m. slot.
2. Other ideas for our members and that her committee will meet in October to discuss are Christmas shopping at the Mystery Lovers' Bookshop in Oakmont in November or early December and President Summers has suggested a tea for Christmas/Holiday time. To date, Mary Anne has the information for Serendipi-Tea Room in Saxonburg.

Communication - Chairperson, Roseann Currence, announced that Mary Anne Battaglia will be our newsletter editor again this biennium. Mary Anne is requesting articles for the fall issue to be submitted to her by Sunday, September 25.

Jenn McKay, our chapter webmaster, reported that she is updating our website so that it can be approved by international. She also announced that she has established a QR code for our chapter website. Using our phones, members can use the QR code to access the Alpha Upsilon Website and from there, link to the PA State website and the international website. Further, Jenn asked that members, committee chairs, and officers let her know about the dates and events of the chapter activities and she will post them under "Calendar of Events."

Book Club - Chairperson, Mary Beth Yeamans announced the books that the club has/will read. June: True Biz by Sarah Novic, July: In Five Years by Rebecca Serle, August: The Metamorphosis of Becca by Jocelyn Kraemer, September, River of the Gods by Candice Millard, October: The Gridiron Girl by Tamara Girardi. Further, she reported that the book club has been shifting the location of the meetings to other places in the area.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Yearbook: President Summers announced the new format for our yearbook. Members will be asked to keep the binders from year to year. Only certain pages will be updated and printed each year with the hope to keep cost down. Barbara then presented

bouquets of flowers to thank Pam Derby and Carolyn Sutton for their countless hours of work preparing the yearbooks.

President's Project - Jared Boxes: President Summers explained the project, activity boxes to be given to children who are patients at Allegheny Valley Hospital. She asked each member to fill a box and bring it to the November meeting.

Announcements:

Shortly you will notice that our Facebook page for Alpha Upsilon will be missing. It will be necessary to shut it down temporarily. Right now, it is a link to a private page and that needs to be corrected.

Kathy Wescoat announced that there is a new business in New Kensington. Passage of Prose is on the 500 bloc and is a publishing shop for the newsletter for NK businesses. They also plan to have author book signings.

Adjournment: There being no further business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Program: Nicole Vigilante from Trovo Company was our guest speaker. She spoke about the origins of her business which sells vintage items and some new décor items with a vintage flair.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Sutton, Recording Secretary