

Alpha Xi Chapter Executive Board Meeting, March 7, 2016

Panera, McCandless Crossing 4:30 P.M.

Members present: Melody Hannegan, Barbara MacDonald, Faith Jack, Paulette Hemmings, Peg Maser, Terry Klein, and Karen Ulrich.

Orientation Meeting: The dates are a problem right now. Faith will send out a new form to officers and initiates: April 13 7 P.M. and April 7 and 14 4:30 P.M. We will contribute a dish to the refreshments.

Melody suggested ways to involve new members. Peg suggested mentors NOT be from the same school district as the sponsor/initiate. It was also suggested that Social chair(s) ask people to serve as greeters/inspiration/raffle basket and commit to that meeting.

Right now, a policy for guests/number of meetings is a non-issue.

Program-Educational Excellence Committee: We discussed possible members/blending retired and current teachers. Paulette already has some ideas for next year.

We discussed musical entertainment for the April meeting. Melody could put together some music on the iPod. We agreed to that. Also discussed was 50's music for the birthday meeting in December. (Karaoke/dress were also mentioned.)

Finances: Terry would like to know the amount of the grant-in-aid in March to notify the recipient.

Yearbook: If we go back to the printed version, we may need to raise local dues. Melody will ask about it at the next meeting to see what the others think. Several people mentioned that it has been their experience that people don't really read all their digital information.

Fundraising/projects: We discussed moving Jared Boxes to fall—but Peg noted that Children's Hospital appreciated them at the start of summer, when schools and other groups are not contributing. Paulette suggested that the new Executive Board as for Chairs for Projects. Literacy funds for this year will go to Reading is Fundamental-Pittsburgh.

State Convention: At the February meeting, Melody passed a survey around to see interest in attending state convention for the Saturday birthday luncheon. About 15 people responded that they are interested. Those going Sat. only could carpool. More information to come. For the State raffle basket, we will do a birthday party basket, and each member will be asked to donate \$2 to \$5 for a gift card to put in it. Melody will provide most of it.

Officers were reminded to organize and hand over files and records to the new officers. The meeting ended at 6:15.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Ulrich, Recording Secretary