

Meeting Minutes-September 2015

Bravo Cucina, Cranberry Twp.

September 14, 2015

4:45 P.M.

18 present, 1 guest.

President Melody Hannegan opened the meeting at 5:05 P.M. We each received a red folder to hold our printed directory when we signed in for the meeting.

In lieu of inspiration, we each wrote “three little words”, which we shared with members from other tables.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as printed in the September newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary Peg Maser reported on her correspondences since the last meeting. She sent thank yous and a get well card to Paulette Hemmings when she had her knee replaced. She read a thank you from Barbara Rankin, a letter of resignation from Aleda Lardin, a thank you from the Jared Box Project and from UPMC Children’s Hospital.

Barbara Schmid accepted news checks and gave the Treasurer’s Report in Marg Foster’s absence. The balance on hand is \$2455.58. Barb also presented the Budget for the year and answered any questions. Terry Klein moved to accept the budget; Phyllis Jenny seconded. Motion carried.

Membership/Second Vice President Faith Jack brought bookmarks with links to the state and international websites. Faith also announced a +1 or +2 Initiative to get members to bring potential members to the October 28 meeting. She also is looking for someone to travel to the United Kingdom in July 2016 with a Delta Kappa Gamma-sponsored tour.

Jane Sestric introduced her guest, Elva Matous.

First Vice President/ Educational Excellence Program Chair Paulette Hemmings thanked her committee for coming up with programs for the year and is open to suggestions for the future.

Melody announced Sandy Werderitch and Shari McGill as co-chairs for Projects. State projects for State President Tracy Dusch’s biennium include Library connections (Little Free Libraries) and Dress for Success initiatives. We will also continue the Jared Boxes under the direction of Peg Maser.

The Social Committee had sign-ups for greeters, inspiration, and baskets.

Melody still needs a Visual and Performing Arts chair and a Historical Records chair.
(Melody is the State chair for Historical Records, and Phyllis Jenny is on her committee.)

Under New Business, the Purposeful Seminar in 2016 will be in Pittsburgh: “The Pride of Pittsburgh.” A planning meeting will be at King’s in New Kensington. Terry Klein moved to give \$50 to the Purposeful Living Seminar; Peg Maser seconded. Motion approved.

Several members have new grandchildren, Dede Rittman reported that her book *Grady Gets Glasses* will be released on Dec. 4 in Times Square. Former member Nancy Moore had double bypass surgery recently.

Barb Schmid won the raffle bag.

We ended the meeting with the Delta Kappa Gamma song at 5:55.

After dinner, Paulette introduced author Katherine (Kathy) Ayres. Kathy spoke of her inspiration for her books and about the writing process and the “stinky writing closet” that holds the flotsam of her early projects. She also brought books we could purchase and that she would autograph.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ulrich