

**Meeting Minutes: Alpha Xi Chapter
October 22, 2012
Domenico's Restaurant, Cranberry Township, PA**

16 members present.

The meeting opened at 5:05 PM. Darlene Farrell read the inspiration from *The Art of Growing Up*. The selection ended with these words: "In order to keep everything, we have to be willing to let go of it all."

The minutes as printed in the October newsletter were approved as printed. Peg Maser moved; Karen Klingman seconded. Motion carried.

Peg Maser read a thank you note from Kelly Fitzpatrick, 2012 Grant-in-aid recipient.

Barb Schmid read the treasurer's report in Marg Foster's absence. Current balance is \$4872.44 but remember that dues have not been submitted to State and International yet.

A vote on the proposed budget for the year was tabled until November, because the printout was missing two columns. Barb MacDonald stated that we may have to cut some expenses due to having fewer members.

Ellen Rodwick thanked members for their food donations in September for the North Hills backpack initiative. Our October service project is "Seeds of Change" through Heifer International. The money will help needy families in our country to grow and use food. So far, close to \$3000 has been collected. Our next project will be to help get the Millvale Library ready to open. In November, we will be asked to bring a book needed to fill their collection. A list will be provided soon. Ellen also is seeking someone to take over the Service Projects chair for next year. She has ideas and contacts ready, so hopefully someone will step up and volunteer.

Barb MacDonald is still looking for a Social chairwoman.

Karen Ulrich introduced her guest, Andrea Sadowski, a guidance counselor at Springdale Jr.-Senior High School.

Several members indicated that they will not be renewing their membership for the year: Carol Kjellman, Carolyn Pettit, BJ Robertson, Erin Sloane, Lois Crummie, and Linda Martin. Barb Schmid moved, and Karen Klingman seconded a motion to accept these resignations. Motion carried.

Barb MacDonald and Melody Hannegan attended the Fall Conference in Cambridge Springs.

Members were encouraged to go online and vote for a National Women's History Museum to be built in Washington, DC.

Karen Ulrich won the raffle basket for the second month in a row. (We will have to forbid her from buying tickets in the future.)

The meeting adjourned at 5:50. Dinner followed.

After our meal, we PLAYED with toys. We had Legos, Slinky, Play-Doh, Army men, Rubik's cube, Lite-Brite, and a yo-yo. We examined each and came up with leadership traits associated with each one. (Like the Rubik's Cube shows patience, persistence, logic, dealing with frustration, ethics, and following different paths to a solution.)

The next meeting is at Monte Cello's on Route 8 near Wildwood Road on November 28. The program will be a travelogue presented by several members.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ulrich, Recording Secretary Alpha Xi

Sept 29, 2012

Western State Fall Area Conference, Cambridge Springs

Details will be in the *Keystoneian* for these conferences.

They are open to all members of Delta Kappa Gamma and not just officers.

Mark Your Calendar

Important Dates from Alpha Alpha State