

Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2016

Wildwood Golf Club, 10:30 A.M. 29 Present

The meeting opened at 10:45 with the introduction of guests: Sandy Werderitch introduced Judy Horne (retired, Shaler Area), and Terry Klein introduced our Grant-in-aid recipient, Tori Abbondanza (Duquesne University, Latin).

Barbara MacDonald then conducted the Initiation ceremony. Sallie Fisher, Jade Leung, and Debbie Steinmetz, along with their sponsors Phyllis Jenny and Faith Jack, were invited to the front of the room. The ceremony was a blend of old and new aspects. Several members helped with reading parts to explain our purposes, pin design, and Society traditions.

Next was the Installation of officers for the next biennium: Faith Jack, President; Paulette Hemmings, First Vice President (Programs); Sandy Werderitch, Second Vice President (Membership); Shari McGill, Recording Secretary; Peg Maser, Corresponding Secretary. Also appointees Marg Foster, Treasurer, and Terry Klein, Parliamentarian, were recognized.

Terry Klein introduced Tori Abbondanza, a graduating Latin major from Duquesne University and North Allegheny, as our Grant-in-Aid recipient and presented her with a check.

Melody Hannegan gave the inspiration, a song from *Wicked* with the idea "because I know you, I have been changed for good." Melody presented gifts to her officers and a rose to our longest-belonging member, Nancy Penney.

Peg Maser reported that she had sent a thinking of you card to Sandy Werderitch (foot surgery) and a thank you to Katie of Katie's Clay Studio.

Marg Foster gave the Treasurer's Report, which shows a balance of \$1,021.84.

Paulette Hemmings reported on plans already underway for next year. The Program Committee will meet on May 12.

Faith Jack reported on the Leadership Training she attend in Altoona in April. She made contacts and networked with other incoming chapter presidents.

Peg Maser reported that all 39 Jared Boxes are accounted for. They will be delivered in June to Children's Hospital. She also took some photos with members and the boxes to send to the state Jared Box organization.

Barbara MacDonald will continue to do the yearbook. She will be working on it over the summer for digital submission.

Melody reported on convention plans. We have members going Friday and others coming up for the Saturday birthday luncheon, our 60th. 50's attire is requested. Our gift basket will have a birthday party theme.

Faith provided notecards to anyone who wanted to write a note to a serviceperson for the DAR project.

Under Joys and Concerns, **Shari McGill** reported that her son Paul opened his second Off-Broadway show as choreographer and was in a choreographer showcase. Paul will leave for Germany soon to choreograph a circus. **Sue Phillips** sang with the Bach Choir of Pittsburgh at Carrie Furnace for the premier of "Smoke and Steel." **Barbara Rankin** has become the resident storyteller at Sherwood Oaks. **Dede Rittman** is partnering with another educator and going international with *Grady Gets Glasses*. Karen Klingman and Melissa Costantino heard Bill Clinton speak at the PSEA headquarters.

Faith then shared a Shutterfly scrapbook she is creating for Melody. She can add more pictures before it's printed.

The meeting ended with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song at noon. Faith had the honor of adjourning the meeting.

We had a buffet lunch. The raffle basket was won by Jade Leung.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ulrich, Recording Secretary