

Minutes-Executive Board Meeting

January 12, 2015 Panera-McCandless Crossing

Present: Melody Hannegan, Paulette Hemmings, Marg Foster, Faith Jack, Peg Maser, Barb MacDonald, Terry Klein.

Peg Maser was asked to take minutes of the meeting. Melody had an agenda set up.

Under President's Report: The good news is that we have had consistent attendance. The Bad news is that we are still losing members. (51 currently). It was pointed out that we are still one of the largest chapters. We need to develop an action plan to be included with state-required reports.

Under Membership: We got one former member to return with our effort to re-invite past members (50 letters sent) to join again. We have lost members from Pine-Richland, Seneca Valley, and Hampton. New member orientation will be in April. We should continue to think about recruiting members into the coming years. There was a discussion concerning finding in-the-classroom teachers—perhaps looking at LaRoche College or CCAC.

Under Program: Melody has not received more information from Theta Chapter yet on the bi-chapter meeting on March 7 at McCormick and Schmick's on the South Side. Melody will do an abridged newsletter for February, with Feb. 7 and 11th deadlines so we can register for the Bi-Chapter meeting. For the Feb. 4 meeting, we will make a donation to CORE. There will be a meeting in May to plan for the 2015-2016 year. We have been proactive about carpooling for the Sept., October, and March meetings. We have had great feedback on the programs we have had.

Under Finances: We are holding the line. Local dues increase was a discussion topic, but it was not a favorable response from those present. We have a CD to cash before we raise dues. We lost 11 members and added 1 reserve.

Under Fundraising/Projects: Jared Boxes—Make 30 that are better quality. Melody has some and Peg will buy the rest. Tags will be made for the different categories, and members will pick them up at the Feb. meeting and can return them by the May meeting. For the Chair Project, it was decided to ask members to buy or sell \$30.00 worth of raffle tickets. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The PA Head Start program is the recipient of the funds.

Under Album of Distinction: Darlene Farrell and Dede Rittman will be nominated by the chapter.

Discussion of going digital was tabled for later.

Under New Business: For the May meeting, we will be at the School House in Cranberry from 6-7 and have dessert at the library from 7-8—need to bring coffee pots and paper products and set up the room. Members will be asked to bring dessert and utensils to serve it. We will check out the fee to use these facilities.

Respectfully submitted using Peg's notes...Karen Ulrich