

**CHI EPSILON SIGMA – GAMMA CHAPTER
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 22, 10AM
RAMADA, PAINTSVILLE, KY**

President Kim Campbell called the meeting to order following with opening and introductions of board members.

Present were Kim Campbell, Marie Grimes, Nancy Williams, Georganne Collins, Robyn Edgell, Tami Widelski, Stephanie Caldwell, Sue Rice, Katie Sandlin, Carol Thompson, Ryan Linton, Lisa Casteel, Stephanie Howard, Lisa Stevens, Carrie Adkins, Debra Combs, Donna Napier, Brandy Garcia, and Josh Mullins.

Board members were given a few minutes to look over the Board meeting minutes from March 21, 2023 and April 14, 2023. Motion to accept both sets of minutes was made by Georganne Collins and seconded by Ryan Linton. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer report given by Georganne. After paying bills and making a county refund for the 2023 conference, the outgoing treasurer, Sherry Stith, sent the account balance of \$12,995.94 by cashier's check and Georganne opened a new account in Lincoln National Bank, Bardstown. The books were audited by Marie Grimes, Kathy Ballard, and Ryan Linton. No issues were found.

Round-up is the next activity for the board. It is on September 29 with the CHIES breakfast reception starting at 9AM. A job sign-up sheet will be posted on teams by Marie. Help is needed for several jobs. Booth sign-ups will be in ½ hour shifts for our Chi booth. Georganne will work on the membership pre-registration form and post on TEAMS. Robyn has the display board.

Membership dues requests will be sent out around the 1st of December. A Qualtrics survey with a deadline of 90 days before the annual conference will be sent.

Ramada requires a payment of \$3,125.00 by October 15th, 2023, with another due on January 15, 2024. There is a possibility that some money spent on the conference will be refunded depending on the number of rooms booked. See contract for details. Kim stated we can have outside caterers and conversation ensued. Note that we will be responsible for all cleanup. Pig and a Poke quoted \$15.10 per person for a buffet dinner.

Survey from 2023 conference was reviewed. Suggestions for the next conference included:

- Seating assigned for a couple of large gatherings to encourage networking.
- "Draw your table" at opening and lunch.
- Provide conversation starters.
- Use packets given at registration in folders of different colors and have tables color coded.
- Ways to have longer breaks on Thursday.
- Use 'Minute to Win It' games during break time to encourage networking.
- Front Porch Pickin- starts at 7PM with \$3.00 admission.
- Loretta Lynn homeplace tour.
- Paintsville lake has a village set up.
- Mountain Arts Center is 20 minutes away.
- Having a county map how to class.

Committees were selected:

- **Awards: Chair- Stephanie Howard**, Lisa Casteel, Carol Thompson
- **Breakout sessions & registration packet- Chair Georganne Collins**, Robyn Edgell, Katie Sandlin
- **Constitution & Bylaws: Chair-Tami Widelski**, Kim Campbell, Marie Grimes
- **Door Prizes: Chair-Stephanie Caldwell**, Sue Rice, Kim Campbell
- **Facilities:** Kim Campbell, Marie Grimes, Robyn Edgell, Georganne Collins, Ryan Linton
- **Member & Speaker Gifts: Chair- Robyn Edgell**, Donna Napier, Carol Thompson, Katie Sandlin, Debra Combs
- **Nominating Committee: Chair- Tami Widelski**, Carrie Adkins, Ryan Linton
- **Professional Improvement & Scholarships: Chair- Sue Rice**, Stephanie Caldwell, Nancy Williams
- **Registration Table: Chair- Josh Mullins**, Carrie Adkins, Lisa Stevens
- **Guest Speaker: Chair- Marie Grimes**, Kim Campbell, Robyn Edgell

The board decided to combine/update committees needed. This will need to be reflected in the by-laws/operating procedures.

Kim asked everyone to come up with a theme before the November board meeting for the 2024 & 2025 conferences.

Marie is still looking for a venue for 2025. The board decided to move the dates to April 23, 24, & 25, 2025. She will look closer at a few venues and bring the results to the November meeting.

Georganne motioned to increase the door prize budget to \$750.00. Robyn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Send any basket ideas to Stephanie C.

New board members send Donna desired shirt, and she will order you a board shirt. We will take a board photo at the November meeting wearing our black shirts for a CHIES Christmas card.

The newsletter deadline is Friday, September 1st, to get your articles/items to Robyn.

Next meeting: Tentatively November 14, 10AM Eastern at Hardin or Warren County Extension office.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Williams, Secretary