

Great Lakes Region II of Pi lambda Theta
Fall Meeting - September 22, 2007
Best Western Hotel, Room 318
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Meeting opened at 9:30 AM chaired by Thelma Brown, 1st Vice President, as President Joanne Walters was not in attendance. Roll call was taken and the sheet was given to the Vice President. A roster of Region II was brought up-to-date with all corrections and additions made by those in attendance.

Thelma Brown	1st VP	Ft. Wayne, Evansville Area
Sheldon Wrice	2d VP	Beta Lambda
Miles Edwards	Treasurer	Ft. Wayne Area
Ruby Cain	Student VP	Ft. Wayne Area

Delegates:

Elizabeth Douglass	International Pres.	Gamma Gamma
Jean Wright	Advisor	Detroit Area
Joan Nardi		Detroit Area
Irene Welch		Detroit Area
Barb Fries		Ft. Wayne Area.
Diana Jackson		Ft. Wayne Area
Zenaida Velez		Ft. Wayne Area
Barbara Skinner		Toledo Area
Doris Hedler	Liason	Toledo Area
Richard Hayes		Alpha Tau

A quorum was established with 6 chapters represented; 4 officers and 9 delegates.

Region II Minutes of September 30, 2006 were approved (with 2 spelling corrections); moved by Wrice and seconded.

July 27, 2007 Meeting minutes were approved; Wrice moved, (and it was seconded).

Treasury:

Miles Edwards gave Treasurer's report and provided documentation of all accounts (hereto attached). The Region has a balance of total assets in all money accounts of \$11,162.17, as of Aug. 31, 2007. Report was accepted and approved.

Sheldon Wrice moved to "Have a conference call before a regular meeting". After discussion, Thelma Brown moved to accept, and it was seconded. Motion passed.

Awards:

Richard Hays provided his reports on the new awards created by the region: The Carol Cannon Distinguished Pi Lambda Thetan Award; Scepter and Key Award; and Exemplar Faculty Adviser Award. (See attached reports)

The Carol Cannon award is the first award given in 2007. The plaque for Carol Cannon was displayed. She was the long-time dedicated regular regional Treasurer for whom the award is named. She died after a battle with cancer.

All procedures for these 3 awards, developed by Richard, in concordance with International rules concerning awards, were approved after discussion, and a motion was made by Ruby Cain, and accepted by the body: "That nominations for the awards be made by current members in good standing in the Region II area."

The Scepter and Key Award will be based on nominations made by current members in good standing in the Region II Area. The Award Committee makes recommendations based on those nominations, to the Executive Board which will decide the final selection.

Discussion about the awards generated thoughts centered on the importance of the need to include general membership in as many areas as possible. Avenues need to be created to include general members who do not belong to a chapter, possibly using on-line discussions and/or conference calls.

The Region II Awards Committee was created: Diana Jackson volunteered. Sheldon Wrice will be Chair of the Committee, and Emma Mahar was recommended by Jean Wright as a 3d member.

Sheldon Wrice offered a motion regarding trophies which was seconded by Thelma Brown, and approved: "To keep the trophy awards made by Classic Trophy in Ft. Wayne because it is so reasonably priced".

Richard Hays reminded the group that awards can also be in the form of certificates.

By-Laws:

Article IV, Sec. 1, Officers, Par. B

It was approved to delete: "Other positions may be developed as Committee Chair positions that do not hold the same privileges as elected or appointed officers.

Article IV Sec. 7, Par.B, 1

The body approved to add the words, "and Speakers Bureau".

(Intent of change, suggested by Ruby Cain, is to broaden the role of the First VP to include being repository of a Speaker's Bureau, another resource for chapters in the region.)

Nominations for Regional Offices:

Jean Wright started off discussion of the issue of several vacancies for proposed candidates for the 2008 to 2010 Term. Discussion resulted in the following nominations:

Sheldon Wrice - 1st Vice Pres. Miles Edwards - Treasurer
Doris Hedler - 3d VP Diana Jackson - Student VP
Evelyn Kozar - Recording Secretary
Diane Skinner - 2d VP

Membership:

Liz Douglass stated that the International is going to develop ways to reach out to the younger students. The International is aware that this generation is extremely service-oriented and that we as an organization are in accord with that.

Doris Hedler provided statistics that while chapter numbers are generally increasing at the same rate as in the past, there are also many more members-at-large who are not affiliated with chapters than in the past.

2008 Conference:

Sheldon Wrice reported he has his conference proposal on-line already. A copy of the Registration Form and Call for Papers can be viewed at the Website.

The conference will be called, "Through the Looking-Glass. Bridging the Gap Between Secondary Schools and College".

The dates are June 13 and 14, 2008, in Toledo, Ohio at the Toledo Hilton.

Sheldon will be contacting the Bill Gates Foundation to ask them for possible funding for the conference as it will be developing an initiative the Gates Foundation wants to promote. Sheldon and Diana gave several examples of current programs they are working with where high school students can get college credits and/or achieve an associates degree by attending college while they are still juniors and seniors in high school.

Spring Board Meeting:

The proposed dates as of right now are 4-26-08 (first choice), and 4-19-08 (2d choice). Time is 9:00 to 3:00. Location is the Toledo Hilton.

Reimbursement for regional officers to attend conferences is available if they show receipts.

Regional Restructuring

Liz Douglass is looking for people who want to be involved in the process of deciding how regions are to be restructured to better reflect current membership patterns. Please contact her if you are interested.

The new Staff Development Conference will be held in Boston, Massachusetts. The International will be promoting new staff development.

Newsletter

"PLT Perspectives", edited by Ruby Cain, President of the Fort Wayne Area Chapter, was passed around. It is an excellent example of a chapter newsletter, with interesting activities, as well as educational community liasons.

Thelma Brown once again received many thanks from attendees for having again assumed the responsibilities for this meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Irene Welch
Secretary Pro Tempore

attachments: reports and information as distributed, including membership sign-in list

All hard copies mailed to Thelma Brown per her request

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