



Omicron Chapter
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

March 02, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

Lucretia Gravino's Home, 1447 F street, Forked River, NJ 08731

Program: A Brief Overview of Ocean County History, presented by Gail Starr

Attendance: 15 members

- I. Dinner and social time – 5:30 pm-6:00 pm
- II. President Beth Selfridge called the general meeting to order at 6:00 PM, welcomed all members and two new inductees, Jane Constantino and Laura McDonald.
- III. The Inspirational Message was given by Beth.
- IV. The evening program presenter, Gail Starr, was introduced and proceeded with the program. This excellent program included sites from Toms River to Little Egg Harbor with information on our area's Native Americans, slave holdings, and much more. Gail encouraged members to read more about Ocean County history and mentioned *Stories of Slavery in New Jersey* as a good book to begin with.
- V. The December 6, 2022, Omicron Meeting Minutes were distributed via email and hard copies for the members attending the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Diane Roberts and seconded by Barbara Wheeler. The motion passed unanimously; minutes were approved.
- VI. Correspondence was read by Smith, thank you notes from Susan Gallagher, Omicron Reserve Member, thanking us for keeping in touch with her, David's Dream Cancer Foundation for the donation made in memory of our Omicron member Joan Tatur, and Ocean's Harbor House for the donation to their 2022 Annual Appeal.
- VII. Treasurer Linda Hoffman presented her report and noted our current balance is \$3,190.76. Linda noted that the state organization has raised our dues by \$10 but it was decided it wasn't necessary to assess our members with the increase so the Omicron Chapter dues will remain at \$100 annually. The report will be filed.
- VIII. Committee Reports:

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership chair Joanne Hill introduced Laura McDonald and Jane Constantino to the membership as new members. They will be inducted at the Omicron May Business Meeting. Kari Morton, our third new member, will be attending the convention in March and will be inducted at the state ceremony.
- Beth Selfridge presented Patti Rahn with her forty-five-year Milestone Membership Pin.
- Rosalind Ribaldo and Nancy Tonnesen were recognized for thirty-five-years of membership. They were not able to attend the meeting so will receive their pins at the next meeting.

LITERACY PROJECT

- Linda Hoffman reported that The Literacy Project, Books for Babies, are continuing to be dropped off at Southern Ocean County Medical Center.

CONVENTION

- Beth reported the dates for the DKGNJ State Convention, March 24-26, 2023. The deadline for early registration is extended to Friday, March 10th. After this date there will be a late fee of \$10.

The chapter responsibility at the convention is to be monitors for the breakout sessions. This includes helping the presenters in any way needed, introducing the presenters, and thanking them at the end of the session. The banner will be carried at the luncheon by Diane Roberts. Raffle baskets are being made by Linda Hoffman and Diane Roberts. Gail Starr has secured a hospitality suite for the chapter to use for social time during the convention.

NOMINATIONS

- Diane Roberts and Ruth Exel presented a motion to nominate Lucretia Gravino as Omicron Chapter Nominations Chair. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Gail Starr reported for the Awards/Scholarships Committee. Our local chapter scholarship has not presently been selected. The DKGNJ Margaret Abel Scholarship awardee has been selected and will be present at the State Convention Luncheon to accept the award.

EEC/SEE/UN

- Barbara Smith reported that Mini-Grant for Omicron Active Teaching Members was not sought out by any members. The money will remain in the budget for next year. Barbara encouraged the members to contribute any ideas they may have to help with the Supporting Early Educators project. Barbara reminded members of the CTAUN webinar set for March 3, 2023. The registration is available on www.teachun.org. The topic for the webinar is HUNGER: MANY CAUSES, MANY SOLUTIONS. Hunger is the second of CTAUN's seventeen Sustainability Global Goals.

PROGRAMS

- Gail Starr reminded members of the next meeting in May with the Schools for Africa program presentation. She requested that before the next meeting, members email, or send her a photo of themselves, preferably as a child, any age, with three clues about themselves. At the meeting, members can guess a name to match each photo. A fun game for learning a little bit more about one another. The activity is called, "Who's that Lady?"

WORLD FELLOWSHIP

- Eileen Mahan provided handout information explaining about what World Fellowship Scholarships are all about. She will investigate how to get addresses of the recipients so we can send letters of congratulations and support towards their educational success and goals.

XII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Barbara Wheeler. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Upcoming Omicron Activities

- 1. March 22, 2023, DKGNJ State Convention, 03/22/2023 - 03/24/2023
- 2. May 17, 2023, at Calloway's Restaurant & Bar, West Creek, NJ
- 3. DKGNJ State Meeting tentative date, June 3, 2023, Steinert School, Hamilton, NJ 08690
- 4. Omicron Executive Committee Meeting, June 5, 2023, location TBD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Smith, DKGNJ Omicron Secretary

Signature of President, Beth Selfridge (date)

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