

Corrections (in bold) to these minutes were made 10.18.2023, chapter meeting and approved.



Omicron Chapter
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

Location: Calloway's Restaurant
597 Main Street
West Creek, 08092

Attendance: 25 members

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by President Beth Selfridge. Beth welcomed all attendees.
- II. A tribute to our departed member, Joyce Salow, was presented by Gail Starr, with additional anecdotes from the members.
- III. The induction Ceremony was performed for Colleen Neil, Laura McDonald, and Jane Constantino. **Joan Pujol was recognized as a new member who was inducted earlier in the year at a chapter meeting.**
- IV. The minutes of the March 2, 2023, meeting were read. A motion by Joanne Hill was made to accept the minutes. Linda Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence was read, including thank you notes from a Books for Babies recipient (2003), our Omicron Key Award recipient, Kathie Moon, the DKG NJ Convention committee chairs, and the Ocean Community church for the food pantry donation. Two messages were received from members sending their condolences for the loss of our beloved member, Joyce Salow.

- V. Linda Hoffman reviewed the Treasurer's Statement for the group. Dues were collected at the meeting, and all dues must be paid by June 1, 2023. **The treasury balance is \$1667.79.**
- VI. Educational Excellence Committee. Barb Smith presented a review of how Omicron Chapter members have participated in the Supporting Early-Career Educators project for our chapter, an overview of the Committee for Teaching About The UN (CTAUN), and the United Nations International Children's Education Fund (UNICEF) and the relationship DKG International has with these organizations. Lastly, explaining more about the Schools For Africa (SFA) project and how DKG donations make a difference for the project.
- VII. Committees:
 - a. Yearbook Chairs, Rosiland Ribaldo and Jane Constantino, passed around the chapter directory to have information updated by each member for the 2023-2024 publishing this summer.
 - b. Books for Babies Chair, Linda Hoffman, announced the continuation of the program. She will also continue to seek funding from our beneficiary at Causeway Ford, Mr. Dave Wintrode.
 - c. Gail Starr, Program Chair, explained the distribution of a survey given to each attendee. They were collected at the end of the meeting.

- VIII. Special event – Who’s That Lady? Gail Starr prepared and hosted this fun event. Members tried their luck at guessing which of the members were shown in the childhood photos on the screen.
- IX. Nancy Tonnesen presented her adventures with Zomi over the past 6 months. When done, Nancy introduced Zomi to Lucretia who will now have Zomi as part of her family until our next meeting.
- X. New Business
 - a. Laura McDonald discussed a possible fund raiser called Mittens. More planning will take place to implement the program.
 - b. A fundraising idea was proposed by Diane Roberts. A bracelet sale would help support the Omicron budget for special projects. A motion was made to accept this fund raising idea and seconded by Karen McKeon. The motion passed unanimously.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 after a motion from Joanne Hill was seconded by Kathy Makela.

Upcoming Omicron Activities

- 1. DKGNJ State Meeting tentative date, June 3, 2023, Steinert School, Hamilton, NJ 08690
- 2. Omicron Executive Committee Meeting, June 5, 2023, location TBD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Smith, DKGNJ Omicron Secretary

Signature of President, Beth Selfridge (date)

Barbara Smith Date 10/18/2023 Gail Starr Date 10/18/23
 Recording Secretary 1st V President