

Alpha Phi Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2015, 10:00 A.M.

Friendship House, Hixson United Methodist Church

Members in attendance at Alpha Phi's March meeting were: Faye Hitchcock, Mary Holland, Sherry McCullough, Sharon McMahan, Ann Moore, Judy Nixon, Barbara Northcut, Laurie Richardson, Sandy Smith, Jensi Souders, Amy Thompson and Patsy Woodham.

Following fellowship and food (furnished by Richardson, Smith, Souders and Westbrook), President Souders called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. She welcomed all, but especially Hitchcock, McCullough and Wilhoite, who were attending their first meeting of the year); ill and absent members were noted and up-dates given. Souders noted that all but seven chapter members have participated in at least one chapter meeting or project during this year, equaling **84%** member participation for the year. While the goal of 100% was missed, the percentage of improvement over the previous year was excellent.

Synopses of the December and February meetings (no business conducted), as well as directions to the Founders' Day Luncheon Site were distributed. Richardson presented the treasurer's report in Westbrook's absence. Balance on hand October 31 was \$4,610.41. Disbursements October-March 7 totaled \$4,048.74. Income for the same period totaled \$4,287.04, with a balance on March 7, 2015, of \$4848.71. The report was accepted and filed.

Katie Graham (Wolftever Creek Elementary) and Amy Dendy (ER Middle) presented the materials that their mini-grants allowed them to purchase, and explained how the materials were furthering educational excellence in their classrooms.

Following the program, committee reports were heard from Finance (May Belk Charity Sale participation), Membership (looking ahead to fall member recruitment), Educational Excellence (CGLA Tour, Books from Birth, HS Essay Contest), Planning (Chapter Success Plan), and Educational Services (\$100 drawing for member currently active in education—Mary Holland was the winner).

There being no old or new business to act on, announcements were made:

- Alpha Phi's mini-grant program is featured in the current DKG NEWS.
- The chapter yearbook received a perfect score in the state evaluation.
- Susie Westbrook and Lin Marten have been accepted and will attend the Advanced Leadership Management Seminar.

- Reminders were given for state convention and Southeast Regional Conference registration and travel sharing.
- A partnership with CGLA to teach leadership skills may be in the offing.
- Members will be surveyed by email in the spring to give input into meeting times, locations and programs for 2015-2016.
- AN Order of the Rose nomination has been made, with nominee voted on by Executive Board.
- Sara Makemson and Susie Westbrook have volunteered to make the items for the chapter's donation to the state convention silent auction.