

BETA THETA CHATTA AND NEWS

November 11, 2023

9:30 AM

Parish House

Hummelstown, PA

Social Hour beginning at 9:00

Brethren Housing Association, located on Hummel Street in Allison Hill, has been serving individuals experiencing homelessness since 1989. Since that time the program has greatly expanded. Jessica Johnson Vinton will join us to share about this program and opportunities to volunteer. There will also be an opportunity for questions regarding homelessness in our community. Know that this is the program Linda Geesaman (and many Beta Theta members) support by furnishing apartments.



Beta Theta Chapter Meetings 2023-2024



November 11, 2023- 9:30 AM- Regular Mtg., Parish House – Corner of Rosanna St. and North Alley, Hummelstown, PA 17036

Monday, November 20, 2023- 10:30 AM - Book Club at Panera Bread, High Point Commons

December 12, 2023- 12 noon PM- Holiday Gathering - Leed's Restaurant, Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA

February 20 or 21, 2024- 1 PM - Sewing Little Dresses/Dignity Kits, Home of Linda Geesaman

March 9, 2024- 9:30 AM- Regular Mtg. – Parish House- Corner of Rosanna St. and North Alley, Hummelstown, PA 17036

April 13, 2024- 11 AM- 2 PM- Four Chapter Meeting – Gilligan's- 5002 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

May 11, 2024- 9:30 AM- Regular Meeting, Parish House- Corner of Rosanna St. and North Alley, Hummelstown, PA 17036

June 19-21, 2024- PA State Organization Convention- Pittsburgh Marriott North, Cranberry Township (Information in The Keystonean)

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

November 2023

Growing and Going For Good



It's my favorite time of the year ... crisp weather, leaves changing color, and a feeling of thankfulness filling the air. I am thankful for the opportunity to have time to spend with Beta Theta and make memories with all of you!

It was so good to be together again at our September picnic. We ate, talked, planned and discussed ... many of the things we do best. It was a great turnout with nineteen members in attendance!!

Our fundraisers are in full swing. As always, thanks for supporting the Boscov's shopping pass sale, Lynch Creek Farms Wreath sale and our holiday RaiseRight gift card sale. Don't forget to place your orders for Lynch Creek and also get your orders ready for RaiseRight for our November meeting. All gift cards can be ordered at the meeting and will be distributed at our Holiday Luncheon. Many thanks to Gaye Hicks, Marcy Sharpe and Geneva Reeder for their leadership with these important fundraisers.

Linda Geesaman once again opened her home for the sewing of Little Dresses and Dignity Kits. Nine Beta Theta members spent time sewing, turning, clipping and enjoying working on a project that is so much bigger than we are ... it's good to do whatever we can to help others in whatever way we are able!

Fourteen new teachers in the Harrisburg School District were presented baskets of supplies and books for their classrooms on Thursday November 2nd. Thanks to all who donated items and helped with the assembly and distribution. What an awesome way to give back to those new teachers starting out on their educational journey. I think this is one of the best things that we do each year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our meeting on November 11, 2023 at 9:30 AM at the Parish House in Hummelstown. You won't want to miss our guest speaker and hear about all the wonderful work being done by the Brethren Housing Association.

Check out all of the other dates on the Calendar of Events as well. Looking forward to seeing you at all of them!

*I've heard it said, that people come into our lives
for a reason,
Bringing something we must learn,
And we are led to those who help us most to
grow if we let them,
And we help them in return ...
And, because I knew you, I have been changed
For Good.*

Cristal 

**DECK THOSE
HALLS
EVERYONE!!**



The holidays are coming and it's time to order your favorite products from Lynch Creek.

Simply go to:

<http://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/301168>

I suggest you choose a delivery date a few days earlier than your choice.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

HAPPY SHOPPING 🌲🌲

Marcy

Re-Gift Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has supported our re-gift raffle fundraiser by donating raffle goodies and buying tickets. Last year we raised \$216 for Beta Theta, netted some lucky sisters with new-to-them treasures to take home, and hopefully helped clear a little clutter for some others.

At our meeting in September we made \$38 to start this year's fundraiser off with a bang!

Remember tickets are only \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5; and let's face it, our odds of winning sure do beat the Powerball's! Our donation schedule is based on birthday months, but don't feel like you have to wait to donate especially if you've rounded up some seasonable goodies.

The donation schedule for the rest of the year is:



November Meeting-October, November, and December Birthdays

March Meeting-January, February, and March Birthdays

May Meeting-April, May, June, and July Birthdays



Holiday Luncheon

December 12, 2023 @ 12:00 Noon

Leeds Restaurant, 750 Eisenhower Blvd

Please join us for a relaxing holiday luncheon with good food and good friends! For a little extra fun...we will once again have a \$10 gift exchange. There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting if you haven't already done so...or call Sherry Welty or Pat Ethridge if you are unable to attend. We have had a super response so far!

Cottage Sewing Meeting



Nine members gathered on October 22nd to sew little dresses and dignity kits. Laurie Williamson brought a stash of dresses made at home and with other contributions the sewers will have over 50 dresses to date. In addition, Norma facilitated the making of dignity kits obtained by Cristal at State Convention. It was a productive day! Another cottage meeting is scheduled for February. (The date may be changed to Wednesday Feb 21). There are jobs for sewers and non-sewers.



Increasing Your Awareness / Voicing Your Concerns

US Forum's Mission : to serve the interests & concerns of its members.

Emphasis is on sharing information and ideas and exploring solutions to identified issues. Participating US Forum members can engage with the issues of concern of all members at the US Forum sessions during international conferences and the international convention.

Advocacy Statement

The US Forum is dedicated to being an advocate for women, children, and education by implementing actions which enable change and improvement in social institutions, systems, legislation, and practices that impose hardships or impact negatively on individuals, groups, or families.

Legislation to Watch

House of Representatives:

HR 4259 — Think Differently About Education: This bill was approved 39-0 by the House Committee on Education and Workforce, and now goes to the floor of the US House. If the bill passes, schools would be required to notify parents of students with disabilities that they can invite people with additional knowledge or expertise to participate in individualized education program meetings.

HR 882— The American Teacher Act: This bill establishes grants to states and local communities to increase the minimum salary of public-school teachers to \$60K. It also authorizes a national campaign to promote the value of the teaching profession and encourage secondary & college students to consider teaching as a profession. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Education and the Workplace.

Senate:

SB.3019— A bill to develop and disseminate accurate, relevant, & accessible resources to promote understanding about Native American and Tribal Histories. This bill was recently introduced (October 2023) & referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S.3006 — A bill to ensure comprehensive wraparound services for families impacted by substance abuse orders, and for other purposes. This bill was introduced in 10/23; was read twice and referred to Committee on Health Education, Labor, and Pensions. There are no cosponsors @ present time.

S.766 — **The Pay Teachers Act** was introduced by Senator Sanders (VT) on 3/9/23. This bill will raise the annual teacher salaries to no less than \$60K. There are significant federal investments in public schools & in support staff. The bill will also triple Title 1-A funding and funding for Rural Education programs, increase grants and joint ventures with organizations who prepare teachers for the profession, and support funding for special educ, SEED, and the School Leader Incentive Program. Referral to: Senate Committee on Health Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Legislative Update: Average pay for educators who teach in rural communities is significantly lower than that of teachers in urban areas. States with higher average teacher salaries: New York (\$80K), Illinois, Michigan, PA (\$70K), Washington (\$69K). Lowest average: Florida, South Dakota, West Virginia, Mississippi.

NEWS FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE—met on 9/13 & the following programs were selected for presentation to members:

- 1) **Forest Bathing**—immerse oneself in nature.
- 2) **Outdoor Educ.**—designed to get students into nature & away from screens.
- 3) **Emotional Well-being through Journal Writing for self-care & wellness.**
- 4) **QPR suicide prevention training. Key elements: Q = Question the individual's desire for self-harm; P = Persuade the person to seek help; R= Refer person to appropriate resources.**

SB.253 was introduced with bipartisan support in Senate in June.

Mental Health appears to be a “hot topic” currently in Congress!!

RED, WHITE, AND YOU PICNIC RECAP

Nineteen members of Beta Theta met at the home of Cristal Sheaffer on Saturday September 9th to kick off the 2023-24 year. Great food, fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all in attendance. The “picnic” was held indoors as the heat and humidity were still in full force. The delicious pot luck was followed by our regular business meeting with a highlight being small group discussions on a membership survey distributed by Delta Kappa Gamma International. There were lots of things to talk about as DKG moves forward working towards what is best for our future and what it will look like.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BOOKS FOR KIDS

This year, we chose Harrisburg School District to receive the donations. Thank you to all for your generosity. November 2nd was the date chosen to assemble the baskets at the home of Cristal Sheaffer. We provided baskets to Foose-4 new teachers that include Art, a 5th grade classroom, Sp.Ed -academic autism, and Sp.Ed -intensive autism. Downey-2 new teachers, Sp.Ed 4-5 split and Sp.Ed 1,2,3. Harrisburg High- 8 new teachers. We delivered them to the schools the same day, before the end of the school day. Thank you to everyone who assembled baskets and delivered them.



Calling All Hostesses

*Bon Appetit!

Beta Theta is off to another delicious year...beginning in September with our indoor potluck picnic. Thank you to the Hostess Committee (Pat, Anna F, Sherry and Laurie W) and a special thank you to Cristal for her amazing decorating!

We have had a wonderful response by our Beta Theta sisters to hostess for the following meetings:

November 11: Tammy Feeser, Suzanne Long and Heidi Tobias

March 9: Stephany Davidson and Anna McDonald

May 11: Anna Franco, Jeannette Thomas and Donna Winch

This yummy apple cake...topped with whipped cream or ice cream... is perfect for Thanksgiving or Christmas!

Apple Dabble Cake



...from the kitchen of
Cindy Kerstetter

2 cups sugar	1 tsp salt
1 cup oil	1 tsp baking soda
3 eggs	2 tps ground cinnamon
2 tps vanilla extract	4-5 cups raw apples, peeled and chopped

3 cups flour

Mix ingredients by hand in the order given.

I premix the dry ingredients (flour, salt, baking soda and cinnamon) together in a separate bowl before adding them to the wet mixture

Pour into 9" x 13" pan

Bake at 350 for 40 to 50 minutes

Meanwhile in a sauce pan combine the following:

3/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup cream or milk and 1/4 lb butter

Boil for 4 minutes, pour over baked cake and return to oven for a few minutes...Enjoy!



Book Club News

2023-2024

Monday, November 20, 2023- 10:30 AM

The Charm Bracelet by Viola Shipman

Monday, December 18, 2023- 10:30 AM

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Monday, January 15, 2024- 10:30 AM

The Zen of Dancing in the Rain by Aurita Maldonado

Monday, February 19, 2024- 10:30 AM

The Star-Crossed Sisters of Tuscany by Lori Nelson Spielman

Monday, March 18, 2024- 10:30 AM

The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria C. Murray

Monday, April 15, 2024- 10:30 AM

The Cruellest Month by Louise Penny

Monday, May 20, 2024- 10:30 AM

Killers of a Certain Age by Deanna Raybourn

Monday, June 17, 2024- 10:30 AM

The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell

Monday, July 15, 2024- 10:30 AM

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

Our Book Club meets at 10:30 am at Panera Bread located at High Point Commons-Harrisburg -4659 High Point Blvd. 17111. Please join us, we always have a lively discussion!

Calendar of Events

Business Meetings

Saturday, November 11, 2023- 9:30 AM Parish House, corner of Rosanna St. and North Alley, Hummelstown

Saturday, March 9, 2024- 9:30 AM Parish House, Hummelstown, Pa.

Saturday, April 13, 2024- Four Chapters Meeting, Details TBA

Saturday, May 11, 2024- 9:30 AM Parish House, Hummelstown, Pa.

Cottage Meetings and Social Events

Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, December 12, 2023–

Our annual Holiday celebration will be held at Leed's Restaurant on Eisenhower Boulevard at **12:00 noon**. Time for fun and our annual gift exchange.

February 20 or 21, 2024- 1 PM-Sewing Little Dresses/Dignity Kits– home of Linda Geesaman

Four Chapter Meeting

April 13, 2024- 11 AM to 2 PM- Gilligan's- 5002 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. Come celebrate with Kappa, Alpha Kappa, and Beta Iota chapter members. Beta Theta is in charge of location and reservations this year.

State and International Dates

June 19-21, 2024- PA State Organization Convention- Pittsburgh Marriott North, Cranberry Township (Information in the *Keystoneian*)

July 9-13, 2024- International Convention, Gaylord National, DC Area, National Harbor, MD

FUTURE DATES

May 16-18, 2025, PA State Creative Arts Retreat - Waymart, PA

Raise Right (formerly Scrip) Cards



Raise Right Christmas Orders

Now is the time to start thinking about your Christmas shopping! If you're not sure what to buy, a gift card is always a good idea. As previously announced orders will be placed with RaiseRight for gift cards so that they can be used as Christmas presents. The order form is attached to this newsletter. Order forms are due by the Nov. 11 meeting. If planning to attend the meeting, you can turn them in to me at the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can mail your order to me - Geneva Reeder. Orders will be distributed at the Christmas luncheon. If you cannot attend the luncheon, I will mail the cards to you. If cards are being mailed, please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Standard postage will cover four cards. Orders with more than four cards will need additional postage. Happy shopping!!!

Boscov's Shopping Pass Fundraiser

Thank you so much, ladies! We had another very successful fundraiser! So far, we have raised \$450.00. If you have not turned in your money yet, please send it to Linda Geesaman or bring it to the November meeting. This fundraiser is an easy way to earn money for our chapter. We get to keep 100% of the money we receive. Hopefully, next year we can earn even more!



Family Order Form

Beta Theta PA

Due Date November 11

Mail Checks, Order Form, and a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to:
 Geneva Reeder
 5990 Hocker Drive
 Harrisburg, PA 17111

Name	Address
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$
adidas \$25.00	13%		\$
Amazon \$100.00	1.7%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.7%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$
AMC Theatres \$50.00	8%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$15.00	5%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$25.00	5%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$
Applebee's® \$50.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$25.00	8%		\$
Auntie Anne's \$25.00	6%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$100.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$100.00	10%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$25.00	10%		\$
Bonfish Grill \$25.00	10%		\$
Bonfish Grill \$50.00	10%		\$
Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$
Champs Sports \$25.00	8%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$
Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$50.00	11%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	10%		\$
Cinnabon \$25.00	6%		\$
Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$
Cold Stone Creamery \$5.00	11%		\$
Columbia Sportswear \$50.00	12%		\$
Crate & Barrel \$100.00	8%		\$
Crate & Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$100.00	6%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$
Dave & Buster's \$25.00	13%		\$
Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
Disney \$100.00	3%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$
Domino's \$25.00	8%		\$
Dunham's Sports \$25.00	8%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3.5%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3.5%		\$
Express \$25.00	10%		\$
Exxon \$250.00	1%		\$
Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$
Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$
Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$
GameStop \$25.00	5%		\$
Gap \$100.00	14%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
Giant \$100.00	4%		\$
Giant \$25.00	4%		\$
Giant \$50.00	4%		\$
Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
HomeGoods \$100.00	7%		\$
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
HoneyBaked Ham \$25.00	12%		\$
IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
iTunes & App Store \$15.00	5%		\$
iTunes & App Store \$25.00	5%		\$
J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$
JCPenney \$100.00	5%		\$
JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$
Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$
Kohl's \$25.00	7%		\$
L.L.Bean \$100.00	16%		\$
L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Lands' End \$100.00	15%		\$
Lands' End \$25.00	15%		\$
Little Caesars Pizza \$20.00	8%		\$
Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
Macy's \$100.00	10%		\$
Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$
Marshalls \$100.00	7%		\$
Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$
Michaels \$25.00	6%		\$
Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$
Moe's Southwest Grill \$25.00	6%		\$
Nike \$25.00	12%		\$
Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$
Old Navy \$100.00	14%		\$
Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
Olive Garden \$100.00	8%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: **Beta Theta PA**

Total Due All Columns: \$

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 Geneva Reeder
 5990 Hocker Drive
 Harrisburg, PA 17111

Due Date November 11

Name	Customer Address
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total
Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$50.00	10%		\$
Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$50.00	8%		\$
Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$
Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Regal \$10.00	8%		\$
Regal \$25.00	8%		\$
Rite Aid \$25.00	4%		\$
Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Sam's Club \$250.00	2.5%		\$
Sam's Club \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Sephora \$25.00	5%		\$
Sheetz \$100.00	3%		\$
Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$
Shell \$100.00	1.5%		\$
Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Shell \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Shoe Carnival \$25.00	5%		\$
ShopRite \$100.00	4%		\$
ShopRite \$25.00	4%		\$
Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
Sonic \$10.00	8%		\$
Sonic \$25.00	8%		\$
Speedway \$100.00	4%		\$
Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Speedway \$50.00	4%		\$
Staples \$100.00	5%		\$
Staples \$25.00	5%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$
Starbucks \$50.00	4.5%		\$
Subway Restaurants \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Subway Restaurants \$50.00	4.5%		\$
sweetFrog \$10.00	10%		\$
T.J.Maxx/ Marshalls/ HomeGoods/ Sierra \$100.00	7%		\$
T.J.Maxx/ Marshalls/ HomeGoods/ Sierra \$25.00	7%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Taco Bell \$25.00	5%		\$
Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$
Tanger Outlets \$25.00	8%		\$
Target \$10.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$100.00	8%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$
The Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
ULTA \$25.00	7%		\$
Under Armour \$25.00	11%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$250.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$250.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Weis Markets \$100.00	5%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
Weis Markets \$25.00	5%		\$
Williams Sonoma \$25.00	6%		\$

Due Date: November 11

**Enrollment Code:
7C9EL82C732L5**

Did you remember:
 *Checks payable to Beta Theta
 *Self-addressed stamped envelope if not attending the Christmas lunch
 *This order form

**Email questions to
greeder5990@comcast.net**

Make Checks Payable To: **Beta Theta PA**

Total Due All Columns: \$

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
The Beta Theta Chapter Meeting and Picnic
Cristal Sheaffer's Home
Saturday, September 9, 2023

Nineteen members attended the noon picnic and regular business meeting. The wearing of red, white, and blue amid the patriotic decorations celebrated Labor Day, signifying the end of summer and the start of a new school year. Likewise, Delta Kappa Gamma begins the second year of the biennium.

Following the delicious picnic lunch, President Cristal Sheaffer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Membership Survey

Norma Mateer led attendees by forming small groups to discuss and respond to questions on the survey that Susan Davis distributed to members in the March 2023 Beta Theta newsletter. Norma then led the discussion sharing the ideas. She and Susan will collate answers for our chapter to then decide which to implement to hopefully increase our membership.

Note of Thanks

Pat Ethridge read her card of gratitude for the flowers and cards of support and encouragement she received during her recovery from her accident.

Reports

The minutes from the May 13, 2023 meeting were approved, after a motion by Stephany Davidson and a second by Nancy Thompson.

Linda Geesaman presented the Treasurers Report. There is a balance of \$4332.61 as of August 31, 2023.

Linda also stated that our membership is now 33, after losing 5 members: Heather Lister, Connie Stackhouse, Lauren Miller, Kate Humphrey, and Allison Mackley. She reminded members that should these people decide to pay their dues at any time, there will be no reinstatement fee.

Linda Geesaman, Suzanne Long, and Cristal Sheaffer met August 2, 2023 to complete a review (audit) of the financial records. All accounts and records are correct.

Committee Reports

Hostess Committee—Sherry Welty announced that the committee is comprised of Pat Ethridge, Laurie Williamson, Anna Franco, and herself. She had a sign-up sheet for the upcoming year (November 2023 through May 2024) and noted that there are more hostesses needed for some of the upcoming meetings.

Sherry announced a change in the location for the Christmas luncheon. Instead of at Gilligan's Restaurant, as in the past, this year's venue will be Leed's Restaurant, at 750 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg.

Book Club—Gaye Hicks shared upcoming dates for Book Club meetings. She said that if no hostess has volunteered for the November 20th (at 10:30 a.m.) meeting, then it will be held at Panera Bread at High Pointe Commons.

Ways and Means

Boscov's Shopping Passes—Gaye Hicks reminded members the one-day only to use the shopping passes purchased is October 18. All money collected for shopping passes is 100% profit for Beta Theta.

Raise Right— Geneva Reeder—The chapter will now only be ordering once a year instead of quarterly, as was done previously. The November newsletter will include the order form. Either mail your order to Geneva or give it to her at the November 11th meeting. You will receive your order at the Christmas luncheon. Remember, you may order on your own online (raiserright.com) anytime you wish. Contact Geneva or Cristal for the code to use when ordering on your own.

Lynch Creek Farms—Marcy Sharpe will set up our account soon. They have fall decorations available to order. Marcy will give more detailed ordering information at the November 11th meeting.

Mission and Purpose/ Community Outreach

School Supplies for New Teachers—Gaye Hicks—Gaye and Cristal will soon decide on an October date to deliver these to Harrisburg School District with a focus on Foose and perhaps one more school.

Books for Kids—Bonnie Hindman was unable to attend. No report.

Little Dresses—Linda Geesaman and Laurie Williamson—Two dates have been scheduled to work on these: October 24, 2023 and February 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Linda's home. Bring a sewing machine (if you have one) and a good pair of scissors.

Dignity Kits—Cristal introduced the idea of sewing a reusable pad system at a cottage meeting. This is part of the hygiene and sanitary Dignity Kits that are distributed by the Mennonite Central Committee to vulnerable women and girls in countries such as Guatemala, Haiti, Malawi, South Sudan, and Zambia. Cristal learned about this opportunity for chapters to serve at the State Convention in June. The Board approved this in July and Linda Geesaman again volunteered her home as the location to sew these. These cottage meetings are scheduled for the same dates as the Little Dresses (October 24 and February 20). There are tasks to making these that don't involve sewing, so please come!

Unfinished Business

Chapter Rules Revision—At July's Executive Board meeting, Linda Geesaman questioned the Chapter Rule requiring two signatures on all checks, as this has not been practiced. Norma reviewed the Chapter Rules and suggested members consider changing this rule. After discussion, Cynthia Sell made a motion to amend the Chapter Rules to require only one signature on checks from the Beta Theta checking account, either the treasurer's signature (currently, Linda Geesaman) or the president's signature (currently, Cristal Sheaffer). Marcy Sharpe made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously by the members.

New Business

Meeting Speakers—Gaye Hicks and Laurie Kirkscey announced speakers for upcoming meetings:

- November 11, 2023—Tiffany Burrows, spokesperson for Brethren Housing Association Linda Geesaman is a volunteer for BHA who prepares homes for homeless mothers. Beta Theta will ask members to bring donations of toiletries to the November meeting.
- March 9, 2024—Marianne Moore, retired teacher and school board member, who will speak about current challenges in education.
- May 11, 2024—Shelba Purtle, musician who plays the "Hang" instrument

Four Chapter Meeting—Cristal announced that the date will be April 13, 2024. This meeting occurs every 2 years. Beta Theta is responsible for selecting a location, preparing invitations, and taking reservations for this year's meeting. More information will be available at the November meeting.

Re-Gift Raffle winners were announced.

With a motion by Norma, and a second by Gaye, the meeting was adjourned by President Cristal at 3:03 p.m.

Addresses for Websites:

Beta Theta: <https://betathetapa.weebly.com/>

PA State: <https://dkgpa.weebly.com/>

International: <https://www.dkg.org/>

A DKG Beta Theta Facebook group has been created.

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