

Phi Delta Kappa  
North Coast Chapter of Ohio  
January 21, 2012  
Board meeting minutes

Attendance: Margaret Betz, Jerry Devis, Chris Kilbane, Peggy Mendelson, Ken Mendelson, Judy Neal, Dr. Richard Oldrieve, Barbara Szabo

President Margaret Betz called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. at her residence.

SECRETARY: Minutes of the November 12, 2011 Board meeting were read by the Board and approved as written.

Correspondence: Secretary read letter from PDK International informing us that our grant application for the September membership program, “Can’t We All Just Get Along?!” featuring the improv group, “Something Dada,” was denied.

Jerry Devis read a thank you note from Barbara Wilberg. Her organization, “Joyful Noise,” was the recipient of our service project for 2011. She thanked us for the donation of musical instruments and music materials that will be used by students that receive free music lessons from her and her staff.

TREASURER: Peggy Mendelson reported that the current balance is:  
\$3,352.47

Barb Szabo moved to raise the price for dinner to \$20.00. Dr. Richard Oldrieve seconded the motion. Board approved.

MEMBERSHIP: Barb Szabo suggested writing a letter to the membership informing them of the current status of the chapter. Judy Neal suggested including a short interest survey to help us with next year’s planning.

Robin Dever contacted Cuyahoga Valley Chapter president Paula Kucinich about possibly sharing programs next year and ideas for increasing membership. Robin will set a date with Paula and then invite other Board members to attend. Also, the idea of attending a meeting of the Cuyahoga Valley Chapter was brought up.

Jerry Devis suggested that notes be written to three members that no longer are on our roster, encouraging them to continue their membership.

**SERVICE:** Chris Kilbane

Barb Szabo presented Chris with information from Julie Bishop of the Baldwin-Wallace Outreach Program regarding a new student organization called, "First Book." This organization is collecting new books to distribute to needy children. We may be able to collaborate with them as part of the North Coast Chapter Service project. Chris will contact the president of the organization.

We will be collecting new and gently used books to donate to various organizations. The West Side Catholic Center has a women's and children's shelter and will accept 50 books from us. The WSCC also has a wish list that we may consider collecting for, for next year's service project.

Jerry Devis suggested that next year we might consider donating funds to assist financially needy students with entry fees into the Scholastic Art Program at the Cleveland Institute of Art.

**FUNDRAISING:** President Margaret Betz introduced a game call "Catch Phrase," to the Board. It is a game that can be used as part of a game night activity for scholarship fundraising. Further discussion on location

and date of game night and other fundraising ideas will continue at the next Board meeting.

**PROGRAMS:** Judy Neal

The Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> program, "Forum on Diversity," will be changed to an Open Board Meeting. It will be a strategy meeting on the sustainability of Northeast Ohio Phi Delta Kappa chapters. Chris Kilbane will be developing the meeting. President Margaret Betz will contact the regional liaison, Sherie Williams and ask her to participate using a Skype connection. Other Chapter presidents will be invited.

Judy Neal informed us of the Tru North Cultural Arts Center in Lorain County. They are presenting a play entitled, "The Piano," on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. The Board is planning to attend. Chris Kilbane will inform the membership of this function.

Judy Neal also informed us that the Great Lakes Theatre has an Outreach Program.

Jerry Devis suggested that a luncheon with an entertaining speaker be organized for retired members.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Brian Mascow has sent out scholarship applications. They are due February 1, 2012.

Barbara Szabo moved to adjourn the meeting.

Judy Neal seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Next Board meeting at Baldwin-Wallace College, Feb. 21, 2012 at 6:15 p.m.