**The annual meeting of the Tampa Bay Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta was held on**

 **January 5th, 2019 at the home of Karen Urette.**

**Members present were:** Alana Bott, Kelli Burns, Linda Coles, Dottie Kellogg, Christie Kroeger, Nellann Meek, Bette Newberger, Kelsey Paris, Rhonwyn Ratchford, Brenda Riggins, Janet Ruppert, Wendy Swertfeger, Leia Tedaro, Billie Trocke, Shannon Urban, Karen Urette, and Lisa Weisbrod.

President Shannon called the meeting to order.

The minutes were approved as written.

**President’s Report:**

Shannon distributed the *Why Gamma Phi?* piece written by Cathy Taulbee. She wants to investigate why so many recent graduates do not choose to continue Gamma Phi involvement as alums - *Why not Gamma Phi?* She plans to send out a brief survey to get feedback on this. Possible questions to ask on the survey were discussed. Adding recent graduates automatically to the sorority private Facebook page was suggested. Senior Celebration ideas were discussed as an avenue to help with the transition to alum life. There have been problems with coordinating alum participation with Eta Eta’s Senior Celebration.

**Vice President’s report:**

Christie reported that we have 41 members. The winter sister spotlight will be Billie Trocke. The website has been updated for upcoming events.

**Treasurer’s report:**

Rhonwyn distributed the treasurer’s report. We have $200 for collegiate support that is yet to be spent. The chapter Foundation donation will be in honor of Christie Kroeger for her Shining Star award at convention.

**Collegiate Chapter news:**

Karen reported that Eta Eta does not know yet if they will be having spring recruitment. Alum help will not be needed. Nellann reported that Eta Beta’s recruitment will be held in the spring instead of the fall going forward. They are in need of a chapter advisor. Kelli reported on fall events and the Holiday Huddle. There have been problems with scheduling Alum and Me events with Eta Eta. Kelli reported that Girls on the Run is requesting volunteers to help with the Gasparilla Run. UF groundbreaking ceremony will be January 27th in Gainesville. An invitation was sent to all members by IH and requires a RSVP. Nancy Montgomery is coordinating a car pool for anyone interested in attending. Nancy is requesting suggestions for an Ornament Exchange change of venue. Mitchell’s Fish Market was suggested. New Moon New Connections event will be Yoga/Brunch on January 13th. Future event ideas were requested.

The calendar of Panhellenic events in Clearwater, Tampa, and St. Petersburg was presented.

Billie reported on Founder’s Day. The event was planned by the Eta Eta chapter and whether they will want alumnae help in the future will depend on newly elected officers.

Programming Chair Kelsey Paris discussed upcoming schedule. The schedule will be on the website, and evites will be sent for some individual events.

The next chapter meeting will be on April 13th, 2019 at 11:30 AM at the home of Billie Trocke.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Billie Trocke**

**Acting Secretary**