## Sigma Theta Tau International 09/16/2015

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**President Report**: Regional meeting in Rochester. Speaker was good. Not as many workshops. More just listening to the speaker, eating, then left. No tips or tools gained.

Annual report was submitted on time so we are still in the running for the KEY AWARD. (Recognition for the chapter when they do everything on time for 2 years).

Vice President Report: See attached Treasure report.

No reports from Governance committee, Secretary or Leadership succession.

**Research Advisory:** General invite will be sent to the general membership to decide if they want to attend.

Thursday September 0830 conference call (641) 715-3580 CODE 353-337

**Membership Participation:** 60% of members do not renew after their first year. Discussion included maybe having a speaker at a restaurant. The dilemma is that we need to focus on leadership. In favor of giving a discount to members to retain them. We may have to spend a little bit of money to retain people. Survey to be created, then sent to the membership to determine how we can better fit their needs.

**Budget Discussion:** \$53,000 concern over money being joined with the other chapters if merger happens (see below).

**Merger Discussion:** To become one at large chapter with Syracuse, Le Moyne and Upstate. This includes a restructuring. In the past, there was concern about the efforts not be joined together. It was felt that one group did the work, but in order to continue with the application, the Dean had to write a letter and the previous Dean was opposed to it. The new Dean is in favor with the merger. Moving forward, Mr.

President will reach to Kara (Le Moyne President). Then, a conference call will be set up to investigate further talk about the merger. This will be open to everyone.

**Induction:** March 9th and 12th induction orientation. Friday, March 18th, will be the induction ceremony. Mr. President will check availability of the auditorium.

Currently looking for a speaker. Please reach out to Mr. President if you know anyone that would be willing to give the speech at the Induction Ceremony.

**Biennium Delegate:** Meredith is not able to go. Liz will be the second delegate and cost will be split with Keuka Epsilon Epsilon chapter. Mr. President checked with Sigma on this and they were ok with it.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jamla Bergman, MSN, RN, SANE, EMT-B 09/17/15