

**Chapter Meeting**  
**September 26, 2017**  
**10:00-11:30**

**In Attendance:** Ryan Braid, Toni Dixon, Samantha Bishop, Cassie Parson, DeaRonda Harrison, Brielle Shinall, Stephanie Dye, Jonathan Coe, Angelia Johnson, Veronica Keelon, Katrina Hunter, Lori Skillings, Deb Cook, Cynthia McGuinness, Alexis Buchanan, Kalie Lasiter, Meghann Adams; **WebEx:** Shelley Wales, Gwen Demery, Patricia DuBoise, Catherine Bridgers, Gwen Demery, Simone Escho, Caitlin Costello, Jana Stegall

**Guest Speaker:** Cassie Parson, Literacy Coach for Rome City Board of Education, discussed the grants Rome City Schools have received and how they have benefited the children. This includes the Striving Reader Comprehensive Literacy Grant in the amount of \$4.2 million. RCS just received the ASPIRE (After School Program for Instruction and Enrichment) that will provide afterschool resources/activities to four elementary schools in the community to low-income students.

**Approval of Minutes:** The August minutes were approved as written.

**President's Report:**

**GGPA Bylaws:** bylaws were reviewed, signed and sent to the national office.

**GPA Silent Auction Basket:** The basket for the national conference silent auction has been ordered and will be sent to San Diego. Remember the GPA national conference is November 8-11.

**GPA Membership Scholarships-due 9/30/17:** applications are still being taken for GPA scholarships, Jan Arney has received one of the scholarships and will attend the national conference.

**Call for Submissions for 2018 Journal or Strategy Papers and/or GPA Grant News:** Journal or Strategy submissions are requested to be 300 words.  
GPA Grant News submissions are requested to be at 100 words.

**Vote online for Board of Director candidate by 10/15/17:** Voting for Board of Director candidate and amendments to bylaws are taking place online, not at the conference. Please go to the GPA website or E-news to vote by October 15.

**Scammer Issue:** Please be aware of any emails sent asking for money. Someone emailed Kerri Gober requesting to have a check in the amount of \$1800 cut. This person had copied Meghann's information, but the actual email came from an AOL account. Please let Kerri or Meghann know if you receive any strange emails.

**Treasurer's Report:** No pending expenses or deposits. As of August 31, GGPA has \$10,931.42 and \$145.81 in chapter dues.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Program Committee:** A nonprofit panel will be speaking at the October meeting, no one named to speak at the November meeting, and we are still working on the holiday luncheon.
- **Membership Committee:** Nothing to report
- **Communications Committee:** No new member survey will be sent out; next E-newsletter will be sent out next Friday.
- **Every Chapter Challenge:** Chapter will donate to the ECC this time around and we'll work on individual donations next year.
- **Southern Regional Grants Conference:** April 18-19, there will be a pre-conference workshop on April 17 for those interested in attending. This will be held at the Morrow Center in Morrow, Georgia.

**Next Meeting: October 24, 2017 at 10:00 am**