The Beta Epsilon Chapter met at First Presbyterian Church, Cherryville, NC, on September 13, 2022, at 6:00 pm for dinner and business meeting with the theme of "Celebrating the Past with the Present." Sixteen members were in attendance. Special guests included four prior members and our Region 10 Director, Rhonda Hager. Invocation was given by Becky Sigmon and words of blessing given by Chapter Chaplin Louise Lomick.

President Beth Glover presided over the business meeting following dinner and a "speed friending" activity,

The following committee reports were given:

<u>Communications:</u> Webmaster compliance form is due by Oct. 31 to Melanie Sherrill, giving permission to use member's name and picture on social media. Also, contact forms are due to President Glover asap for use in updating information.

**Scholarship:** \$1000, scholarship given this Spring will be complete when form from recepient's college is completed so money can be dispersed by chapter Treasurer. Director Hager will assist us in getting this form.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> General Fund is \$5313.60, of which 2,205.06 is designated for scholarships.

Membership: New member nominations will be received at the February meeting with induction in May, 2022. Two items that need followup are 1) process for reinstating old members and 2) ordering badges for members who need them. President's pins need to be ordered for President Glover and past President Melanie Sherrill. Also, continuation of sister-to-sister activity from last year needs to be discussed. Of particular interest to our chapter is clarification of state rules to determine areas from which we can seek members especially since the Rho Chapter in Gastonia has been desolved. First Vice President Dawn Emery lead a discussion regarding compliance with state Revised Rules as of June, 2022.

**Fundraising Activity:** Ashley Dixon will explore fundraising options and report at November meeting. Suggestions include Whoville booth with the city at which we sell baked goods and hot chocolate and/or Crockpot cookoff. We have had good success with both of these in the past. Ashley will need help of a committee of active members to help with this endeavor.

**NCED Foundation:** Our chapter voted to give \$100. to this state foundation which is instrumental in giving scholarships to teachers in the state for local needs. The motion was given by Dawn Whitworth and seconded by Melanie Sherrill. Also, "fill the jar" with coins was introduced as a possible way to raise funds between meetings for this fund.

<u>Least of These, Carolinas</u> will continue to be a designated project for the chapter this year. LOTC aids foster parents with clothing, toys, funds and activities for foster children in our area. We will sponsor four children at Christmas and plan to be involved in back to school project next Fall.

State Fall Executive Board Meeting is September 24 in Greensboro.

Beth, Cindy, and Dawn Emory took advantage of one social activity at Lincoln Public Library this summer, of which there are many good ones. We plan to keep this in mind throughout the year to promote our sisterhood, The chapter has also asked Becky to contact Martha Stroupe's daughter, Denise this Fall to plan another visit to see Martha since many were unable to go this Summer due to teacher workdays.