

## **AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**January 4, 2016**

*Submitted by Donna Jewell*

The Nashville Area Chapter held its January meeting for 2015-16 at the Double Tree Hotel on Monday, January 4, 2016.

President Penny Austin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Jeff Hughes gave the invocation.

Penny announced that the minutes from the December luncheon are on the website and would be considered approved if no one had any changes.

Penny introduced the individuals at the head table: Ethel Detch, today's speaker; Melinda Parton, former Chapter and Regional Vice President; Jeff Hughes, Scholarship and Awards Chair; Dan Willis, Website Co-Chair; and Donna Jewell, Secretary.

Penny recognized the members who had brought guests to the luncheon and each member introduced their accompanying guests. She also recognized new members.

Melinda Parton introduced Ethel Detch, Senior Research Consultant for the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, as today's speaker. She delivered a presentation on "Preventing Abusive Conduct in the Workplace."

Penny then called for announcements from the various committees.

### **Announcements**

#### **Membership**

Penny announced that the prize for recruiting the most members between July and December 2015 will be awarded at the next meeting.

#### **Education**

Anna Nickell, Education Co-Chair, announced that registration for this year's Winter Seminar is now open on-line. The two-day seminar will be held on January 13 – 14, 2016 in the Tennessee Room in the Snodgrass Building. The agenda is also on-line.

In addition, the next webinar will be held on January 27, 2016, and its topic will be Governmental Financial Management.

Finally, Anna reminded everyone that the Regional Professional Development Training will be held at the Opryland Convention Center on March 29 – 30, 2016.

**Community Service**

Penny announced that the chapter will be accepting donations for End Slavery, an organization that helps human trafficking survivors. Items to be collected and collection drop-off spots have been emailed to the membership.

We are also helping to serve meals at the Nashville Rescue Mission on January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in helping should contact Emily Gray to sign up.

**Door Prize**

Scarlet Sneed won the \$25 door prize.

There was no further business and Penny declared the meeting adjourned.