

Chapter Meeting Ideas To Strengthen Membership

At the Pi State Fall Legislative Meeting in 2016, the *Membership & Expansion Committee*, chaired by Melanie McDonald, brainstormed a list of ideas that Chapters are using to make their meetings more relevant, fun, inviting and educational. The ideas that came out of that discussion are listed below. Your Chapter might want to borrow one or more of these ideas. The list itself is material to start a great Chapter discussion.

- “*Brown Bag*” meetings instead of a purchased meal or pot luck
- No speaker for program, members breakout into different groups/different topics then share
- News members want to share and attach these “*snip its*” to the minutes
- Have members showcase their talents at a meeting - quilting, technology, etc.
- *Joys and Concerns* – send cards
- Red rose to all active teachers on first day of the first full week of school with a hand-crafted card
- “*Cottage Meetings*” held at a member’s house with light refreshments to brainstorm ideas for planning next year’s meetings
- *Women’s Tea for Scholarship* (\$ donations or honoring those given a scholarship)
- Offer a new member a short term task so they can get to know more members faster
- Icebreakers for getting to know you better
- Vary days and places
- Have information about the next meeting available at the present meeting
- Retiree Dinner – They make dinner and bring to share with the active teachers.
- Pizza and salad meeting
- Paint and sip meeting
- List meeting dates on Recruitment Letter so potential members can attend