

ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA INDIANA

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Members of the Alpha Sigma chapter gathered in the library of the North Judson-San Pierre Elementary School for its business meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2019. President Sharon Richie, Vice-President Sylvia Dumas, Recording Secretary Jody Arndt, Corresponding Secretary Sheila Akers, Treasurer Kathy Ward, and Parliamentarian Sharon Henderson were present. Additional members in attendance included Angie Allender, Nila Beauchamp, Susan Christian, Donna Kida, Sherry Lippelt, Marilyn Lukac, Susie Norwich, Cheryl Orkis, Donna Rowe, Roberta Salyer, Ruth Schwenk, and Carol Tripenfeldas.

President Sharon Richie called the meeting to order. Attendance was recorded. The eighteen members present responded to the question, "What is your favorite news show or channel?" Following roll call, Susie Norwich read aloud inspirational quotes from Michael Jordan and Leo Buscaglia.

Sylvia Dumas shared the following media reviews submitted by Susie Matzat.

- First Book Marketplace [fbmarketplace.org] offers new books and other learning materials at deeply discounted prices -or free- to registered educators who serve children in need.
- "When They See Us" is a four-episode Netflix miniseries based on the lives and families of the five boys falsely accused, convicted, and sentenced for the brutal attack in Central Park in 1989.
- *Raising an Organized Child*, a book written by Dr. Damon Korb, offers specific age-appropriate activities to improve executive function. Dr. Korb covers neurotypical children as well as those with ADHD, ASD, or other conditions.

Sheila Akers made a motion to approve the September 7 minutes as presented; Cheryl Orkis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Ward reported a checking account balance of \$2,857.91. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

At the September meeting, members donated \$37.77 for the chapter's Early Career Educators project and \$77 for UNICEF: Schools for Africa.

Kathy noted that Alpha Sigma has 32 active and 5 reserve members.

Golden Key pins were distributed to members that had placed orders.

Committee Reports:

Educational Excellence - Vice President Sylvia Dumas announced that the next

chapter meeting will be held on Saturday, February 15 at 9:00 CST at the home of Lauren Akers. Members are encouraged to participate in the carry-in brunch.

Nominations - A slate of officers will be presented at the February meeting. Candidates are needed to fill the positions of president, vice-president, and recording secretary. Sharon Richie will accept a co-president position, but cannot fulfill the duties independently for another biennium. Sheila has agreed to continue as the chapter's corresponding secretary. The treasurer is appointed.

Communication - Sheila Akers was presented an award certificate to recognize her accomplishments as publisher of the chapter's newsletters. To receive the Five Star Newsletter Award, a chapter must publish newsletters that meet established guidelines for format and content at least five times each year.

International Projects - President Richie asked Kathy Ward to report in February the amount of money collected for UNICEF in 2019.

President Report - Sharon Henderson and Sharon Richie will be meeting Marla Glover, our new liaison, in Lafayette on November 8 to discuss the next state convention to be held in 2021 at Swan Lake in Plymouth.

Committee changes include the following appointments:

- JoAnn Gappa will team with Kathy Ward on the Finance Committee.
- Angie Allender will join Susan Christian, Jana Hazelton, and Susie Norwich on the Scholarship Committee.
- Susie Norwich will chair the Scholarship Committee.

President Richie reminded everyone that New Member Prospect Cards may be submitted any time. The chapter will vote in April and induct new members in September.

The state president would like to recognize Women of Distinction annually. Chapters may nominate members who have exhibited outstanding contributions to education, their chapters, and/or their communities. All honorees will be recognized at the state conference.

The new and gently used books collected for Project B.o.B. (Bunches of Books) will be donated to the Kids' Closet in North Judson. Members were reminded that this project will continue through the present biennium.

New Business - Cheryl Orkis asked that the chapter consider eliminating the Remembrance Committee in the next biennium. It is not a functional committee; electronic messages from Sheila appear to be sufficient.

Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 15-16.....Fall Arts Retreat in Indianapolis
- Dec. 14.....Bake Sale at Bailey's Discount Center
- April 25.....State Conference at Ball State
- June 13.....CCOT Workshop North in Lebanon
- June 18.....CCOT Workshop South in Seymour
- July 7-11.....International Convention in Philadelphia

Following the business portion of the meeting, Donna Rowe shared the closing thought.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jo Ellen Arndt, recording secretary



Sharon Richie, president

Today's Program - Charlie Adams: His Career in Broadcasting

Charlie Adams majored in elementary education in 1985 at the University of Mississippi. While in school, Charlie took part in an internship as a TV broadcaster. Three years later, South Bend reached out to him and his career as a TV sports and news anchor at WSBT began. In 2005, Charlie left television to devote time building his inspirational programs; his most popular being "Stoke the Fire Within!" Local radio station WKVI found that Charlie resided here after his marriage to Beth Atkinson Pettengill. Charlie Adams is currently the host of the WKVI Morning Show between 5-9 every weekday.