

Delta Kappa Gamma
Alpha Sigma Chapter Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 16, 2021

The official business meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM CT by President Jody Arndt. The following ladies were present: Jody Arndt, Kathy Ward, Susie Matzat, Beth Cohagan, Sharon Richie, Susan Christian, Carol Tripenfeldas, Sharon Henderson, Colleen McCarthy, and Mary Ann Dudka-Milo.

The following members sent their regrets: Lauren Akers, Sheila Akers, Nila Beauchamp, Jana Hazelton, Donna Kida, Sherry Lippet, Cheryl Orkis, Donna Rowe, Candice, Lauren Tunis, and Kay Horn.

The **Opening Thought** was read by Susan Christian. It was a reading by Charity M. Richey-Bentley called "Choose to Live in Joy."

Beth Cohagan took **attendance** with the question "What is the most important thing you've learned from Delta Kappa Gamma?" The ten ladies present all answered with many things, but they all came back to the statement "You are never alone."

Jana Hazelton sent her **media review**. She recently read the book Live in Love Growing Together Through Life's Changes, written by Lauren Atkins with Mark Dagostino. Lauren is the wife of famous country star Thomas Rhett. The book is a down-to-Earth memoir of the ups and downs and their faith through it all. This book keeps it real, going back to her upbringing, how she and Thomas met, grew up together, grew apart, and then back together. She gives all the glory to God. It is a very light-hearted and humbling read.

The business meeting minutes from April 15th were presented by Jody and Beth. They were approved as published.

Kathy Ward presented the **treasurer's report**. The Schools of Africa Collection has \$54.08. The Support for Early Career Educators has \$56.23. The Grant-in-Aid (scholarship) Fund has \$1,600.55. The General Operating Fund has \$1,274.07. The Total Account Balance is \$3,321.93. In June, Kathy sent \$750 to UNICEF for the Schools and girls in Africa. There are 32 Active members paying dues and 5 Reserve members paying dues. Form 990-N was submitted on July 13, 2021. The annual report of the chapter treasurer has not happened yet as the Finance Committee has not met yet.

Officer Reports

1. Corresponding Secretary Sheila Akers sent in her report as she is quarantined.
 - a. Alpha Sigma Chapter received a resignation letter from Shelley Stonecipher. It is duly noted in today's minutes that we accept her resignation.
 - b. Sheila also shared with the chapter that we have received thank you notes from Anna Blocker, our 2020 Grant-in-Aid recipient, from Culver High School and attends Purdue University, as well as our 2021 recipient Carlee Blackburn from Rochester High School. Anna attended our June 2021 meeting and was presented with her

check. Carlee will be invited to our June 2022 meeting and be presented with her check.

2. Vice President Lauren Akers sent information about our next meeting. It will be on Saturday, November 6th at 9 AM CT at North Judson San Pierre High School. Our program will be about Guatemala. Refreshments will be provided by Kay Horn and Sharon Richie.
 - a. Our February meeting will also be at NJSP and the program will be art projects.
 - b. In April, we made a change from a Thursday to a Saturday meeting. It will be the new officer installation and member recommitment ceremony. It will be a 9 AM CT meeting at the Country Kettle in Knox.
 - c. Our June meeting will be presenting our Grant-in-Aid recipient with her check. It will be on a Saturday in Rochester at Jarretty's.

3. The Executive Board decided to set 2 meetings every year to Pass the Pig for Schools in Africa and 2 other meetings for Early Educators. Of course, any member can send a donation to Kathy anytime. There was a brief discussion about electronic ways to pay or members may write checks. This may be something to look into doing.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership -- Carol Tripenfeldas asked our new members to introduce themselves.

Scholarship -- 2021 winner was presented her check at the June meeting.

The 2021 Grant-in-Aid winner -- Jody and Kathy Ward went to Rochester to meet Kay Horn to present the 2021 winner her certificate. She will receive her check in June 2022.

Communication -- Website -- Sheila Akers is the new state webmaster. Jody asked the members to check out our website and look at all the resources that are available.

International Projects -- Schools for Africa -- Cheryl Orkis was not here and no report was submitted.

International Projects -- Early Educators -- Sheila was not here, but Jody asked the members to think about what ideas we could do. There are 53 new female educators at the schools in our area. With a small amount of money in the fund, we have not delivered any yet. One idea was a bottle of water with a flavor packet along with a brochure about DKG. It could also mention things that DKG could do to assist teachers. This would help get our name out there.

Special Committee Report -- Indiana State Convention Steering Committee Chair Sharon Richie. The convention was June 12 at the Primo Banquet Hall in Indianapolis. There were 80+ members who attended from around the state. There were 32 silent auction baskets sold. Our silent auction basket raised \$300+. All the baskets raised \$2,650 for the emergency fund. With all of the recent fires, floods, and hurricanes, this will assist some of our members. Sheila Akers received a 5-Star Award for the newsletters for Alpha Sigma. Sharon Henderson was awarded a certificate for 50 years of membership.

Unfinished business -- Project B.o.B. (Bunches of Books) will continue. Just bring your books to the next meeting. Lauren Aker or others will add a sticker in it. The Kids Closet will pass out books. Many books were passed out during pack-a-backpack.

New Business -- We will have a bake sale at Bailey's Discount Center on Saturday, December 4. Set up is at 8 AM and we will sell until all are sold. It is a freewill donation for the items. Jody is the contact person. We will use the funds as needed. We need members to donate some baked items.

Announcements -- Jody announced that our next meeting will be Saturday, November 6 at 9 AM CT at North Judson-San Pierre High School Library.. We will have the State Liaison Dina D'Andrea visit our chapter meeting in February. There is a Fine Arts Retreat on Saturday, November 13th in Noblesville. In what ways or how can Delta Kappa Gamma get our name out there? Helping teachers how?

Nila Beauchamp shared the **closing thought** with us. It is from The Edison and Ford Quote Book 2004. It says, "I have not failed, I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work. Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time. Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits. Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it is useless. If I were a school teacher, I would put lazy pupils to study bees and ants. They would soon learn to be diligent."

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM CT.

Before the business meeting, we conducted our **program** and ordered from the menu. Our program was the induction of new member Mary Ann Dudka-Milo and the reinstatement of Colleen McCarthy.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Cohagan
Recording Secretary