

Delta Kappa Gamma
Alpha Sigma Chapter Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 6, 2021

Members of the Alpha Sigma chapter gathered in the library of the North Judson-San Pierre Jr./Sr. High School for its business meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2021. President Jody Arndt, Vice-President Lauren Akers, Corresponding Secretary Sheila Akers, and Parliamentarian Sharon Henderson were present. Additional members in attendance included Nila Beauchamp, Mary Ann Dudka-Milo, Sylvia Dumas, Susie Matzat, Colleen McCarthy, Margaret Radtke, Sharon Richie, Donna Rowe, Candice Schilz, Ruth Schwenk.

[The following members sent their regrets: Recording Secretary Beth Cohagan, Treasurer Kathy Ward, Kay Horn, Donna Kida, Sherry Lippet, Susie Norwich, Cheryl Orkis, Carol Tripenfeldas, and Lauren Tunis.]

President Jody Arndt called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. and invited Susie Matzat to share her **Opening Thought**. Susie shared Five Self Care Quotes. Self care is fundamentally important to you performing your best - not just in your job, but also in your home.

Attendance was recorded. The fourteen members present responded to the question, "What would you like to know about Guatemala?"

Following roll call, a recess was held so that guest speaker Cheryl Bockstahler could present her program on Guatemala. Cheryl has visited the country three times. Her daughter Amie is a nurse who has served a community in Guatemala for over six years.

The meeting resumed at 10:26 a.m. with Lauren Akers sharing her **Media Review**. Lauren is looking forward to the second season of Baptiste on Masterpiece. Retired detective Julien Baptiste is searching for a British Ambassador's family who went missing on a skiing holiday in the Hungarian mountains. The return of Baptiste airs on Sundays at 9:00 p.m. CT on PBS.

The September 16th Business Meeting **Minutes** were sent to members electronically prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as published.

Kathy Ward submitted the **Treasurer's Report** to President Jody Arndt to read aloud. Balances in each fund were reported - General Operating Fund: \$1,603.32, Grant-in-Aid: \$1,600.55, Schools for Africa Collection: \$54.08, Support for Early Career Educators has \$56.23. The Total Account Balance is \$3,314.18. There were no comments or questions for the chapter treasurer. Her report was filed for review.

Officer Reports

- The next business meeting will be held on Saturday, February 19 at 9 AM CT in the North Judson-San Pierre Jr./Sr. High School. An opening thought will be read by Beth Cohagan. Marilyn Lukac will present a media review. Donna Rowe will share a closing thought. Refreshments will be provided by JoAnn Gappa and Kathy Ward. The program is entitled Art Projects. Members will respond to the question- What craft or hobby do you like to do?
- The chapter's priceless bake sale will begin at 8:00 a.m. CT on Saturday, December 4 at Mark Bailey's Discount Center.

Standing Committee Reports

- **International Projects -- Schools for Africa** -- Chair Cheryl Orkis was unable to attend the meeting. A basket for free will donations was passed among members. [\$88 was collected.]
- **International Projects -- Support for Early Career Educators** -- Jody asked members of the International Projects Committee and other volunteers to think about and share their ideas for this project. There are over 50 new female educators teaching in our area schools. Cheryl Orkis, Sylvia Dumas, and Roberta Salyer are members of this committee. Sharon Richie volunteered to help. Jody will contact Cheryl.
- **Rules** -- Committee Chair and Parliamentarian Sharon Henderson announced that her committee is responsible for amending the Standing Rules as needed. Sharon will have the revised rules ready to present in February.
 - As of July 1, Alpha Sigma will no longer be considered part of Council II; it will then be part of the Northwest Coordinating Council.
 - Each chapter is required to send their Standing Rules to the State at the end of the biennium.
- **Scholarship** -- Chair Susie Norwich submitted her report to Sharon Richie. Susie plans to distribute the Alpha Sigma Grant-in-Aid applications to the area high school counselors before Christmas this year.
- **Communication** -- Chair Sheila Akers is the new state webmaster. She asked members to visit the Indiana State Organization website and look at all the resources that are available. Usernames and passwords are not needed for the state site. Logins are needed, however, to enter the Alpha Sigma Chapter and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International webpages.

Unfinished Business

- **Project B.o.B. (Bunches of Books)** -- Jody thanked the members who brought books to this meeting and reminded everyone to bring new or gently-used books next time. Lauren Akers agreed to store the books again this year.
- **Bake Sale** -- A volunteer sheet with one-hour shifts was sent around the room. Shifts begin at 9:00 and end at 2:00. Carol Tripenfeldas has the banner that was used two years ago. Jody will bring two tables, plastic tablecloths, a cash box, and our volunteer buttons. Members are asked to bring boxes and extra plastic bags along with their baked goods that day. Sheila announced that she would be willing to transport goodies if members wanted to drop them off at her home prior to Saturday.
- **Community Awareness** -- Activity suggestions included ringing the Salvation Army Bell at Mark Bailey's Discount Center, volunteering at Santa's Clauset in Knox, helping Linda at Kids' Closet in North Judson, bagging groceries, and bussing tables in restaurants. Sharon Richie will contact Joe Lopez to check dates for us to ring the Salvation Army Bell.

New Business

- **Contact Tree** -- Communication Chair Sheila Akers and President Jody Arndt will create a Contact Tree to use in addition to emails. Phone contacts can be used to remind members of meetings and upcoming events.
- **Proposed Budget** -- Finance Chair Donna Rowe distributed copies of last year's budget containing the actual receipts and actual expenditures. She explained that those numbers were used to help create this year's budget. Donna provided copies of the Alpha Sigma Chapter Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 as well. After review, Sharon Richie made a motion to accept the proposed budget for the remainder of this biennium as presented by the finance committee. Margaret Radtke seconded the motion. The motion to accept the proposed budget passed unanimously.

Announcements

- State Liaison Dina D'Andrea will visit our chapter on Saturday, February 19. Jody announced that she will be out of state that day, so Vice President Lauren Akers will be leading the meeting. Jody will prepare and share her agenda and visitation report with Lauren and Dina.
- Jody thanked Sharon Richie for preparing the morning refreshments. She also thanked Cheryl Bockstahler for her excellent Guatemala presentation.

Cheryl Orkis asked Nila Beauchamp to read her **Closing Thought** about happiness...
 "Our happiness is greatest when we contribute most to the happiness of others." This

quote was found in a booklet of wise sayings entitled *Seeds of Friendship* and illustrated by Debbie Mumm.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Arndt
Recording Secretary *Pro Tem*