

ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER

Alpha Epsilon State, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Thursday, September 20, 2018

The Alpha Sigma chapter gathered in the North Judson-San Pierre Elementary School Media Center for its first business meeting of the new biennium at 4:00 p.m. CT on Thursday, September 20, 2018. 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 Susan Christian, Nancy French, Sherry Lippelt, Margaret Radtke, Donna Rowe, Ruth Schwenk, Shelley Stonecipher, Carol Tripenfeldas, and Judie Weitgenant.

President Sharon Richie called the meeting to order at 4:03. The fifteen members present responded to the question, "What is your favorite dessert?" Following roll call President Richie introduced guest Arielle Jacobsma. Arielle shared her cookie decorating talents and then left plenty of sugar cookies and frosting for members to explore their creativity. Refreshments by Sylvia Dumas and Shelley Stonecipher were enjoyed at this time, as well.

The business portion of the meeting resumed with the approval of April, May, and June minutes. Sheila Akers made the motion to approve the three documents as presented and Ruth Schwenk seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Ward reported an account balance of \$3,122.90. The report was filed for audit. Membership cards were distributed to individuals who paid their dues. Kathy reminded everyone not to lose their cards; replacement cards may have a fee attached.

Reports:

C.C.O.T. - Jody reported that Committee Chairman and Officer Training (C.C.O.T.) is held during the summer of even-numbered years prior to the new biennium. The training sessions are designed to provide support, encouragement, and knowledge of responsibilities. Thirty-seven of the 50 chapters in Indiana were represented between two sites. Six members of our chapter were able to attend the leadership workshop held at the New Hope Church in Kokomo on June 21. President Sharon Richie, Vice-President Sylvia Dumas, Recording Secretary Jody Arndt, and Corresponding Secretary Sheila Akers attended, as well as, members Nila Beauchamp and Anne Eckert.

International Convention - Sharon Henderson reported that 122 proposals to amend the Constitution and the International Standing Rules were debated by the 1900+ attendees in Austin, Texas this July.

- Our official name will remain The Delta Kappa Gamma International Society.
- Prospective members will now be inducted into the Society rather than initiated.
- Collegiate members may be inducted into the Society. Three years of teaching is no longer a prerequisite for membership.

- Dues will be collected by June 30 rather than October 30.

As a result of the convention action, many of the proposals will affect both chapter and state bylaws and rules. Sharon will keep the chapter updated.

Fundraiser: Town Wide Yard Sale - Treasurer Ward informed the chapter that \$322.40 was deposited as profit from the sale. In Donna Kida's absence, Sharon reported that Lauren Akers, Sheila Akers, Francie Beville, and Donna Kida helped her with the sale held in August.

Executive Board Meeting - President Richie repeated the news that prospective members should be inducted rather than initiated into the Society. In addition to submitting names of new candidates, members are encouraged to speak with ladies who may consider being reinstated into Alpha Sigma. Membership Chair Sherry Lippelt has forms or members may retrieve forms from the chapter website. All members are invited to attend one or more of the Society's upcoming events.

- "Slam Dunk" Leadership Development in Logansport - November 10, 2018
- State Convention in Lawrenceburg - April 26-28, 2019
- Fall Arts Retreat in Indianapolis - November 15, 2019
- Northeast Regional Conference in Mashantucket, CT - July 30-Aug. 1, 2019

Society members are encouraged to apply for scholarships and mini-grants.

Committee Reports:

Educational Excellence - Sylvia Dumas noted that the next business meeting will be held at the Country Kettle in Knox on Saturday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. C.T.. This committee will meet prior to the next meeting to revise the chapter yearbook to document plans for International Projects.

Communication - Sheila Akers showed attendees one of the 20+ care packages that were filled with thoughtful items and presented to new teachers in surrounding school corporations. Members of the communication committee also have plans to email the new teachers information about the Society and the Alpha Sigma chapter.

Chapter Business:

President Richie asked committee chairmen to meet with their committees prior to November 10th and encourage them to attend the next business meeting. Members of the finance committee were reminded to complete a budget for review.

Sheila Akers, editor of *Alpha Sigma News*, was presented the Honorable Mention certificate awarded by the State for her four outstanding newsletters. Sheila Akers noted that at least five issues must be submitted to earn 5-Star status.

President Richie is striving to become a Golden Key Chapter this biennium. An International Educational Excellence Project (Schools for Africa and/or Support for Early Career Educators) must be used in chapter program planning and evidenced in the chapter yearbook. The presentation of care packages to new teachers is one way our chapter supports early career educators.

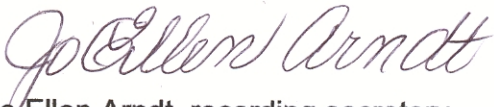
Sheila Akers shared information received from Clara Warnke and Dorthy Nellans. Both

ladies have difficulty attending meetings but desire to continue membership. Sheila Akers made a motion to place Clara and Dorthy on Reserve Member Status. Sylvia Dumas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ideas for fundraisers were discussed. Margaret Radtke made a motion to hold a bake sale and ring the bell for charity at Mark Bailey's Discount Center on Saturday, December 1. Sheila Akers seconded the motion. The motion carried. Margaret suggested members work the "priceless" bake sale until goods are depleted; bell ringers could be scheduled between 8:00 and noon. Sharon Richie will contact Bailey's office.

The meeting was adjourned at _____.

Respectfully submitted,



Jo Ellen Arndt, recording secretary


Sharon Richie, president