

ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA INDIANA

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Members of the Alpha Sigma chapter gathered in the multi-purpose room of the St. Peter Lutheran Church in North Judson for its third business meeting of the new biennium at 4:00 p.m. CT on Thursday, February 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 Nila Beauchamp, Venita Cunningham, Anne Eckert, Nancy French, Sherry Lippelt, Marilyn Lukac, Susie Norwich, Cheryl Orkis, Margaret Radtke, Donna Rowe, Roberta Salyer, and Carol Tripenfeldas.

President Sharon Richie called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.. Attendance was recorded. The eighteen members present responded to the question, "What do you like to eat with a hot/cold drink?"

Venita Cunningham's opening thoughts were quotes from Charles Darwin and Stephen Hawking. Media reviews shared by Sheila Akers included summaries of several books written by Isabel Allende.

The business portion of the meeting resumed with the approval of the November minutes. There were no additions or corrections.

Treasurer Kathy Ward reported a checking account balance of \$3,516.50. Kathy informed the group that \$2,000 of that amount will be awarded to the chapter's grant-in-aid recipients. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Finance - Treasurer Kathy Ward distributed the proposed "Budget for [the Alpha Sigma Chapter of] Delta Kappa Gamma 2019" to those in attendance. After a brief discussion, members agreed to increase the suggested expenditures to \$4,001.50. Cheryl Orkis made a motion to accept the revised budget proposal; Sheila Akers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Audit - A "Guide for the Chapter Review/Audit" was found online by Treasurer Kathy Ward. This guide/checklist will be used by Nila Beauchamp and Venita Cunningham as they examine the chapter's financial records prior to the April meeting.

Communication - Chairperson Sheila Akers reminded members that advance notice of prior commitments on days of meetings are greatly appreciated.

Alpha Sigma will expand its Support for Early Career Educators project by delivering

care packages to three student teachers working at NJ-SP this semester.

Sheila and Lauren Akers will prepare a poster for the upcoming state convention.

Membership - Members are encouraged to submit prospective member cards throughout the year. Chairperson Sherry Lippelt announced that five cards have been submitted thus far.

Parliamentarian Sharon Henderson noted that according to the chapter's established bylaws, new members will save money if the induction date is changed from June to September. Members agreed. Voting will occur in April and invitations will be sent. An orientation to the Society will be held at President Sharon Richie's home prior to the induction set in September.

Rules - The proposed chapter bylaws were sent electronically to members prior to the meeting. Parliamentarian Sharon Henderson noted that the suggested corrections/additions from the first reading had been inserted. After the second reading, those in attendance unanimously agreed to accept the updated bylaws.

Scholarship - Chairperson Venita Cunningham reported that she was able to send the grant-in-aid applications to the high school counselors within our chapter's realm. Seniors have until April to return the forms. Venita already received completed paperwork from a Knox student.

Remembrances - none

Educational Excellence - Vice President Sylvia Dumas announced that the next chapter meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6th at 9:00 in the NJ-SP Elementary School Media Center. Bridget Markin, WKVI's group travel coordinator, will be the guest speaker.

International Projects - Committee member Nila Beauchamp read an article in which a nine-year-old girl shared her thankfulness for the tents provided by UNICEF after Cyclone Ivan destroyed her school in Madagascar. Nila encouraged members to support Schools for Africa by placing bills or coins in the plastic bags she provided. Donations will be collected at upcoming chapter meetings.

Reports:

Fundraiser - Margaret Radtke reported that the bake sale at Mark Bailey's Discount Center reaped \$809 in sales. An additional \$150 donation was collected. Margaret suggested changing the date and hours of the sale next year. President Sharon Richie will try to schedule the bake sale on the second Saturday of December between 9:00 and 3:00 in 2019.

Janet O'Neal Seminar - Sharon Henderson commented that approximately 35 people attended the seminar for personal growth held in Logansport, Indiana.

Announcements:

President Sharon Richie encouraged members to join her in Lawrenceburg on April 26-28.

Cheryl Orkis, who is on the board of the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, informed members that the foundation has \$1500 for each area school to spend on field trips and/or class materials. [The one page Starke County Community Education Grant application is available online at www.nicf.org.] Sharon Henderson added that Active Teacher Grants are available from the Indiana Retired Teachers Foundation (IRTF), too. [This grant application may be downloaded from the www.retiredteachers.org site.]

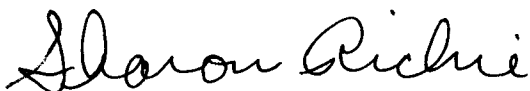
Sharon said that IRTF also awards scholarships to juniors and/or seniors attending Indiana colleges or universities who are in programs leading to degrees in education. Members commented that it would be helpful to mention this scholarship to the chapter's grant-in-aid recipients.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Jo Ellen Arndt, recording secretary



Sharon Richie, president

Today's Program

Guest speaker Mitch Fingerhut was welcomed and invited to share his journey through the tea and coffee cold brew manufacturing and co-packing business. Mr. Fingerhut's endeavor began in 2015 when he experimented with nitro coffee at the Common Coffeehouse located on Lane Street in North Judson. He is now able to work full time at that same location brewing and bottling beverages for Bottleneck Solutions founded in 2017 in Santa Cruz, California.