

ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA INDIANA

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Saturday, June 18, 2020

Thirteen members of the Alpha Sigma chapter participated in a virtual business meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020. 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 Lauren Akers, Angie Allender, Beth Cohagan, Kay Horn, Donna Kida, Marilyn Lukac, Donna Rowe and Carol Tripenfeldas.

President Sharon Richie called the meeting to order and attendance was recorded.

Following roll call, Marilyn Lukac read aloud an opening thought about positive thinking. Positive attitudes bring in more strength, initiative, and energy. Positive thoughts lead to positive action.

Approval of Minutes:

Marilyn Lukac made a motion to approve the February 15th business meeting minutes as presented; Sylvia Dumas seconded the motion. The motion carried. Sharon Henderson then made a motion to approve the May 14th executive meeting minutes; Kathy Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Kathy Ward reported that there is a checking account balance of \$3,970.26. She informed the group that this balance includes dues that have yet to be submitted to the state.

Three members (Susie Norwich, Roberta Salyer, and Katrina Harper) have yet to pay their dues. It was also disclosed that Kathy Brown sent an email on May 11th informing the chapter that she would not be renewing her membership due to the many months spent away from home.

Kathy W. reported that Francie Beville and Anne Eckert have each moved from the area and have requested reserve membership status. Barbara Slusher also requested reserve status due to the many months spent away from home. Jody Arndt made a motion to place Francie, Anne, and Barbara on reserve membership status; Marilyn Lukac seconded the motion. The motion carried. The chapter now has 31 active members and six reserve members.

Kathy announced that \$165 was sent to UNICEF: Schools for Africa in November. Confirmation of this donation was received December 3, 2019.

Donations given toward the chapter's Support for Early Career Educators project the past year came within a few dollars of covering Sheila's expenses for the 30 gift bags

presented last fall. Reimbursement for Sheila's expenses [\$290.10] was approved by an electronic vote in May.

Kathy recently moved the chapter account from First National Bank of Monterey to First Farmers Bank and Trust. This banking institution has branches in North Judson and Knox.

The treasurer's report was filed for audit. The finance committee will present the results of the audit in November 2020.

Business Reports:

President Richie called for a motion to confirm the following approved electronic votes:

- Chapter Standing Rules - eliminated the Remembrance Committee by transferring the duties of the committee to the Corresponding Secretary
- State Bylaws and Standing Rules - approved items to have been voted on at the canceled State Conference
- Seven New Member Candidates - accepted all
- 2020 Grant-in-Aid Recipient Anna Blocker - approved the committee's selection
- Early Career Educator Gift Bag Reimbursement- approved full payment

Sheila Akers made a motion to confirm the votes received electronically to approve the chapter business listed; Sylvia Dumas seconded the motion. The motion to confirm the electronic voting carried.

Committee Sign-up was available via email prior to the June meeting. The four active members who failed to select committees of choice were placed on committees. All committees are to meet to discuss their duties and goals for the next biennium before the September meeting. Sheila volunteered to email the committee list to all members.

Members were asked to brainstorm ways to collect monetary donations for International Projects and Support for Early Career Educators while the chapter meets virtually.

President Richie was able to present Madeline Hewlett, recipient of the 2019 Grant-in-Aid, with a check for \$1,000 on May 21. [Madeline, a graduate of Knox Community High School, is currently attending Valparaiso University.]

The new and gently used books collected for Project B.o.B. (Bunches of Books) are still being stored at the home of Lauren Akers. The books are to be donated to the Kids' Closet in North Judson. No one in attendance had information regarding a delivery date.

Dates to Remember:

- June-July - Committee Chairmen and Officer Training (CCOT) via Zoom
- December 5 - Bake Sale at Bailey's Discount Center (volunteers needed)

Comments from President Richie:

Council II will be meeting toward the end of July to discuss the 2021 State Convention

to be held at Swan Lake. Alpha Sigma will be responsible for much of the planning because the LaPorte and Michigan City chapters have few members and the South Bend chapter has dissolved entirely. Sharon hopes that some of the planning for the canceled state conference in April could be used for the upcoming convention.

President Richie recognized and congratulated Donna Rowe and Sylvia Dumas on their recent retirements from teaching in the North Judson-San Pierre School Corporation.

At the close of the business meeting, Sharon Richie shared a personal reflection of her role as president of the Alpha Sigma Chapter.

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ellen Arndt, recording secretary

Sharon Richie, president

Today's Program - Installation of New Officers for the 2020-2022 Biennium

- President - Jo Ellen Arndt
- Vice President - Lauren Akers
- Recording Secretary - Elizabeth Cohagan
- Corresponding Secretary - Sheila Akers
- Treasurer - Kathy Ward
- Parliamentarian - Sharon Henderson