

ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA INDIANA

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Members of the Alpha Sigma chapter met via Zoom for its second business meeting of the biennium at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 14, 2020. President Jody Arndt, Vice-President Lauren Akers, Corresponding Secretary Sheila Akers, Treasurer Kathy Ward, and Parliamentarian Sharon Henderson were present. Additional members in attendance included Sylvia Dumas, Kay Horn, Donna Kida, Marilyn Lukac, Susie Matzat, Margaret Radtke, Sharon Richie, and Donna Rowe. Recording Secretary Beth Cohagan notified Jody and Sheila of her obligation as Bowling Sponsor and her meeting absence; Jody agreed to type the minutes.

President Jody Arndt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.. Attendance was recorded. The thirteen members present responded to the question, "What is the greatest challenge you've encountered in your career?"

The opening thought was provided by Kathy Ward who shared John Wesley's quote "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

Rather than share a media review, Sharon Henderson chose to invite members to attend the upcoming Leadership Presentations to be held via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. CST on the following Mondays:

- January 18 - Topic: Strategies for Chapter Leaders
- January 25 - Topic: Coaching to Communicate Success!
- February 1 - Topic: Light and Joy: Igniting Strength and Purpose
- February 8 - Topic: The Best Chapter Meeting Ever, Again, and Again
- February 15 - Topic: Time Management for Today's Leaders

One Professional Growth Point (PGP) is available for each session attended. Registration is available online at the State Indiana Organization site under Calendar/Events and then Janet O'Neal Seminar.

There being no corrections, the September 26th minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer Kathy Ward reported a checking account balance of \$4,006.18. Kathy added that almost \$2,000 of that balance will be awarded to future grant-in-aid recipients. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Standing Committee Reports:

International Projects - Committee Chair Cheryl Orkis notified Jody that she would be unable to attend the Zoom meeting. She also informed the president that her committee had nothing to report.

Treasurer Kathy Ward asked permission to send the money collected for Schools for Africa to UNICEF this month. President Arndt said that she would be happy to initial payment to UNICEF every November.

Rules - The protocol for changing local dues is listed in Section A of Article IV Finances of the Alpha Sigma Chapter Policies. Rules Chair Sharon Henderson led a discussion of timeline possibilities. It was decided that the evaluation of dues will be placed on the February meeting agenda and discussed. A proposal to change the amount of local dues listed under chapter policies may be offered and voted upon in April.

Special Committee Reports:

Indiana State Convention Steering Committee - Registrar Sharon Henderson informed members that registration forms will be available on the state and chapter websites as well as in *The Hoosier Newsette*. Sharon announced there would be a choice of meals and greatly discounted rooms available at Swan Lake Resort. Deadline dates for meals and rooms differ, so read the information carefully.

Steering Committee Chair Sharon Richie announced that we are the only chapter with significant numbers to volunteer at the convention. After the holidays, Sheila Akers will place an interactive volunteer sign-up sheet on the chapter website under the Members tab. She also offered to send emails to recruit convention volunteers in February.

Unfinished Business:

Past President Sharon Richie thanked Alpha Sigma members for donating to Project B.o.B (Bunches of Books) throughout the last two bienniums. Four boxes of books were delivered to Kid's Closet on Wednesday, October 14th. DKG adhesive gift tags are still available for members who have additional books they wish to donate. Please contact Lauren Akers for more information.

Communication Chair Sheila Akers announced that there is a talented group of young ladies on this committee who will design a Chapter Project Poster featuring B.o.B. for the state convention. President Arndt agreed to send in the poster form which is due February 1st.

New Business:

Due to the rapidly increasing number of positive CoVid cases in Starke County, Margaret Radtke made a motion to cancel the scheduled December 5th Bake Sale at Mark Bailey's Discount and proceed with a bakeless sale within the chapter.. Sharon Henderson seconded the motion; the motion carried. Jody will contact Heather at Bailey's about the decision to cancel.

Sharon Richie then made a motion that each donor of the bakeless sale determine the amount she wishes to donate and which fund she wishes to support [e.g., \$5 to Schools for Africa, \$10 to Support for Early Career Educators, \$0 for Grant-in-Aid, or \$15 for the General Operating Fund]. Marilyn Lukac seconded the motion; the motion carried. The finance committee will meet prior to the February meeting to report the current balance in each fund so that a form can be emailed to members requesting their bakeless sale donations.

Chapter projects and community service are closely related. This past biennium Project B.o.B helped another group's mission when new and gently used books were given to needy families. This month, Society members agreed to continue Past President Sharon Richie's Bunches of Books Project. Vice-President Lauren Akers agreed to store books until the next distribution. Members may contact Lauren if DKG book labels are needed.

The gift for the Indiana State Convention's International Visitor was described in the Alpha Sigma chapter newsletter. Following discussion, members decided that the DKG etched glass and the woven basket made using the Society's colors may be ordered from Coop de Chick and held for a future Society event if the convention is canceled.

President Jody Arndt shared several silent auction basket/box/bag ideas for the convention. Her ideas included a box filled with garden supplies and a book, an herb basket, a bird feeder with a bag of feed and a book, a CoVid basket with cleaning supplies and masks, and a gift card bouquet. Marilyn Lukac suggested a woven basket and etched glass insert by Chris Ingram, Kay Horn and Sharon Henderson both suggested items made by members such as a quilted wall hanging, stitched crafts, homemade food items, and more. Members are encouraged to bring additional ideas to the February meeting when a choice will be made.

Announcements - President Jody Arndt announced that several membership profiles need updating. Jody and Kathy have access to the chapter roster. They will compare the roster with the chapter's yearbook and notify members of needed changes.

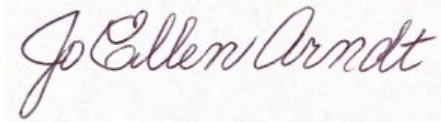
Dates to Remember

- Saturday, December 5 Bake Sale - CANCELED!!!
- January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15 - Leadership Presentations to be held via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.CST - Register Online
- Saturday, February 20 at 9:00 AM CST - Next Chapter Meeting
- Monday, March 1st - Women of Distinction Form Due
- Friday, April 23-Sunday, April 25 - Indiana State Convention
 - Discounted room reservation rate available until Saturday, March 27
 - Registration forms due by Saturday, April 10

Closing Thought - None (Roberta Salyer was absent.)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo Ellen Arndt". The signature is written in a dark ink on a light-colored background.

Jo Ellen Arndt, Chapter President

Today's Program - "Discussion of Changes in Our Classrooms Due to CoVid"

Vice-President Lauren Akers shared her experiences as an ELL instructor who works in several buildings in the Kankakee Valley School Corporation. Other comments were fielded from Margaret Radtke who is new to teaching art at North Judson-San Pierre Elementary School. Marilyn Lukac, a first grade teacher at NJ-SP, shared similar frustrations and ways to cope during the pandemic. God bless our teachers! Keep them safe and strong.