

Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Sigma Minutes Saturday, April 15, 2023 9:00 AM CST

Vice President Sue Matzat called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM CST. Members responded to roll call with "What is your favorite book?" Members answering roll were Sue Matzat, Sharon Richie, Jody Arndt, Kathy Ward, Nila Beauchamp, Angie Allender, Lauren Akers, Mary Ann Dudka- Milo, Heather Quinn, Roberta Salyer, Sylvia Dumas, Sharon Henderson, Sheila Akers. Donna Kida arrived later.

Heather Quinn presented the Opening Thought "Why God made Teachers." Angie Allender brought the book *Holy Moments A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life by Matthew Kelly* for media review.

Sharon Richie made a motion and Lauren Akers seconded to accept the minutes from February 18, 2023 as published. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report from Lauren Akers.

- Dues are due by June 20, 2023 \$73
- Support for Early Educators \$656.23
- Schools for Africa \$634.08
- Grant-in-Aid \$1000.55
- General Operating Fund \$2708.73
- Total Account Balance \$4999.59
- Form 900-N and annual report of chapter treasurer was submitted.

Standing Committee Reports

- Angie Allender, Membership Chair, presented Sarah Richards, sponsored by Jana Hazelton, as a new member prospect. Members can add prospective members electronically until May 1, 2023. Members then will vote electronically. Prospective members will be inducted at the September meeting.
- Grant-in-Aid Committee Donna Rowe, chair, Mary Ann Dudka-Milo, Jana Hazelton, Susie Norwich and Lauren Tunis met to clarify the Grant-in-Aid application and who can apply. Grant-in-Aid applications will be distributed to the high school counselors of Starke County's three public high schools. Senior girls aspiring to be a teacher of those schools may apply. Also, *if an active society member feels they have a good candidate in their respective school an application will be distributed to that member to give to the student.* Membership voted to accept modification.

- This year's Grant-in-Aid recipient is Elizabeth Ciapponi, a student at North Judson- San Pierre High School.
- Jody Arndt made a motion to move \$1000 from general fund to Grant-in-Aid fund , Sheila seconded and the motion carried.
- Communication Sheila Akers announced Alpha Sigma poster will be ready for the state convention.
- International Projects Sharon Richie made a motion to send \$634 to Schools for Africa as our chapter's donation for 2023. Sharon Henderson seconded and the motion carried. Around 15 bags were distributed at a cost of \$32.16 for the Support for Early Career Educators Project. Sharon Richie didn't receive any feedback from the presented bags.

Business

- B.o.B Lauren Akers has books to be distributed.
- The Northwest Council met for a brunch at Meadow Springs. Donna, Jody and Sharon Henderson were part of the 54 attendees. Donations were made to the Lafayette Food Bank.
- The Northwest Council will meet again in June.

Announcements

The State Convention is April 28-30 in Evansville. Donna Kida, Sharon Henderson and Sharon Richie will be attending.

On June 3, 2023, Alpha Sigma will hold its Fun, Food and Fellowship meeting at Country Kettle, Knox, at 9:00 AM. Grant-in-Aid recipient Mia Mitmoen will be presented a check.

The International Conference has three dates and venues: Detroit July 11-16: Phoenix July 18-22 and Finland July 26-29.

Closing Thought

“ Books not made to be believed but to be subjected to inquiry” read by Sheila from author Umberto Eco.

Program

We Are Not from Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez was our first ever book club selection. A very emotional discussion was led by Susie Matzat, Sheila Akers and Lauren Akers. The book opened members' eyes to the plight of immigrants.