

**Delta Kappa Gamma
Alpha Sigma Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 18, 2023 9:00AM CST
NJ-SP HS Media Center**

President Donna Kida called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM CT. There were 15 members and one guest present.

The Opening Thought was brought to us by Roberta Salyer. "I just love when students stop by to say hi. It means the world to me that out of all places in the school, students chose to come to my room. It makes me feel great that students see my room as a safe place" said by teacher Amy Wood.

Recording Secretary Beth Cohagan asked the members: What do you know about the FFA? Members answering the roll call were Donna Kida, Mary Ann Dudka-Milo, Sharon Richie, Donna Rowe, Sharon Henderson, Sheila Akers, Lauren Akers, Margaret Radtke, Cheryl Orkis, Susie Matzat, Nila Beauchamp, Ruth Schwenk, Roberta Salyer, Angie Allender, and Beth Cohagan. Our guest was Argos FFA alum Evan Cohagan.

Kathy Ward sent her media review to Sheila Akers. It is a historical fiction book titled *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn.

Nila Beauchamp and Sharon Richie provided breakfast refreshments prior to the meeting.

The November 12, 2022, Business Meeting Minutes were taken by Vice President Susie Matzat due to Beth Cohagan's absence. Beth shared the minutes. Sharon Richie made a motion to approve the minutes; Donna Rowe seconded. The motion was approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Lauren Akers

- Schools for Africa Collection \$568.08
- Support for Early Career Educators \$678.23
- Grant-in-Aid \$1,000.55
- Report on Bake Sale – we made \$1219 and that was added to the operating fund. Would like to move it to where it is needed.
- General Operating Fund \$2,914.97
- Total Account Balance \$5,161.83
- Dues Submitted: 28 Active Members; 4 Reserve Members
- Form 990-N Submitted -- yes
- Annual Report of Chapter Treasurer Submitted – yes
- Sheila moved to accept the treasurer's report. Susie seconded. Motion carried.

Reports of Officers:

- Corresponding Secretary Sheila Akers shared a thank you from Kay Horn's family on her passing. Sheila also shared an email from Jo Ann Gappa who is resigning from the Alpha Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Membership – Angie Allender has agreed to step into this opening.

- Scholarship - Donna Rowe – applications were sent and has received one application back today. It is due today. The committee will need to discuss making some changes to the application in the future, especially what high schools are eligible for the application. As of right now, it says Fulton and Starke counties. They may need to change the title to Grant-in-Aid instead of a scholarship.
- Communication - Sheila Akers – The state DKG website is password protected. The password is DKGINFeb2023.
- International Projects - Schools for Africa - Sharon Richie – We will need to send the money at the April meeting.
- International Projects - Support for Early Career Educators - Sharon Richie – Sharon created gift bags for the new first year educators focusing on “Mint” with many mint items in them. The committee approved the gifts that were passed out to Argos, Oregon-Davis, and North Judson-San Pierre. Sharon Richie asked to be reimbursed \$22 for the gift bags. Lauren Akers made a motion to reimburse Sharon; Nila seconded it. Motion carried.
- Rules - Sharon Henderson just asked that the wording on the scholarships needs to be revised. There is no longer a \$10 induction fee for new members.

There were no special committee reports given.

Unfinished Business:

- Project B.o.B. – There are 7 crates of boxes at Lauren’s house that need to be delivered to the Kids’ Closet. They also need more children’s books.
- Poster for the State Convention in April 2023 – Sheila and Jody will do this. Donna K. needs to tell them what to do.

New Business:

- Northwest Council Brunch, Saturday, March 11, 2023 -- Donna K. is in charge of getting greeters for this. It is at the intersection of State Roads 114 and 421. If you would like to go, you need to reserve your spot and send \$17 to Lauren Akers by February 22nd. Lauren will write one check from the chapter. You can also take canned goods as the speaker will be someone from the Food Finders Food Bank in Lafayette.
- Other

Announcements: President Donna Kida

- Northwest Council Brunch - 9:00 AM Saturday, March 11, 2023, Meadow Springs
- Next meeting - 9:00 AM Saturday, April 8, 2023, Country Kettle, Knox
- State Convention - April 28-30, 2023 - Evansville
- International Conference - July 11-16, 2023 - Detroit

Closing Thought: Lauren Akers “Although no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”

Remembering Ruth Horn: President Donna Kida read a remembrance piece about our member Ruth Kay Horn. She asked the members to share other memories of Kay as well.

Adjourned by President Donna Kida at 10:20 AM CT.

Program -- Beth Cohagan shared a slide show about the history of FFA. Her son, Evan, was our guest, and he shared his memories and successes while a member.