

## Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Sigma Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2024

The Alpha Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its February meeting at North Judson-San Pierre High School Media Center. President Donna Kida called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM CT. Members answering the roll call with their favorite type of art were Donna Kida, Beth Cohagan, Sheila Akers, Lauren Akers, Sharon Henderson, Cherly Orkis, Nila Beauchamp, Sharon Richie, Angie Allender, Donna Rowe, Mary Ann Dudka-Milo, and Sylvia Dumas.

The Opening Thought was given by Donna Rowe about 5 things to be successful in life.

The Media Review was given by Lauren Akers. It is a collaborative novel, edited by Margaret Atwood and Douglas Preston called *14 Days*. It is about an apartment building in New York City during the days of the pandemic. It has 36 American and Canadian authors working together in this novel.

The Business Meeting Minutes from November 11 were sent out via email. Lauren moved to approve the minutes. Donna Rowe seconded. Motion carried.

Lauren Akers gave the treasurer's report: Schools for Africa has \$72.08; Support for Early Career Educators has \$693.07; Grant-in-Aid has \$2,220.55 plus what was collected today; the General Operating Fund has \$1,603.23; the Total Account Balance is \$4,588.93. Our Bakeless Bake Sale raised \$1,345. Sylvia made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Sheila seconded it. Motion carried.

### Standing Committee Reports:

Membership - Angie Allender said no one has contacted her.

Nominations -- Nila Beauchamp said she has contacted the members and has created this slate of officers for the next biennium: President Sharon Henderson, Vice President Susie Norwich, Recording and Corresponding Secretary Beth Cohagan, and Parliamentarian Nila Beauchamp. Lauren Akers is already the treasurer. Sharon Richie will do the newsletter. Nila made a motion to approve the slate. Donna Rowe seconded it. Motion carried.

Scholarship - Donna Rowe has sent applications to North Judson, Knox, O-D and Argos. They are due February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Communication - Sheila Akers shared information about the newsletter and how Jody Arndt always assisted with editing it. She also sent the Grant-in-Aid winner a message about coming to the June meeting to accept it.

International Projects - Schools for Africa - Sharon Richie – we are collecting today for this. Support for Early Career Educators - Sharon Richie brought the gifts for the schools to be delivered to their new, first year teachers. She also submitted receipts to be reimbursed for the gifts. Sheila moved to reimburse Sharon \$200 for the gifts. Nila seconded. Motion carried.

Rules - Sharon Henderson has no new information about rules. The March/April international newsletter will have information for changes to the constitution at the convention this summer. Schools for Africa will be changed to UNICEF Girls so we will need to change this later.

## Unfinished Business

Project B.o.B -- Lauren has lots of books and will still take books. We need to know where to send some books.

## Other Announcements by President Donna Kida

- Northwest Council Luncheon - March 2, 2024, at 11:00AM CT, Meadow Springs at the intersection of SR 421 and 14. Attending are Kathy Ward, Donna Kida, Nila, and Sharon Henderson.

- Joint meeting with Gamma Kappa, LaPorte - Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Portofino's.

Donna K. will reach out to the Gamma Kappa president for the time and the cost to attend.

- Next meeting - Saturday, April 20, 2024, Country Kettle, Knox. This will be our new officers installation meeting.

- State Conference - Saturday, April 27, 2024, in Columbus, Sharon H. will be attending.

The Closing Thought brought by Mary Ann Dudka-Milo -- Despite the forecast, live like it was spring.

Adjournment by President Donna Kida at 9:52 AM CT.

Today's Program is an Art Project by Sylvia Dumas in the style of Georgia O'Keefe.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Cohagan

Recording Secretary