

Delta Kappa Gamma
Alpha Sigma Chapter Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 19, 2022

The Alpha Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its chapter meeting on Saturday, March 19th at 9 AM CT/10 AM ET at the North Judson-San Pierre Jr./Sr. High School Library.

The following members were present at the meeting: Kay Horn, Lauren Tunis, Jo Ann Gappa, Sherri Lippelt, Donna Rowe, Margaret Radtke, Sharon Richie, Nila Beauchamp, Sylvia Dumas, Susie Norwich, Heather Quinn, Mary Ann Duka-Milo, Cheryl Orkis, Donna Kida, as well as officers President Jody Arndt, Vice President Lauren Akers, Corresponding Secretary Sheila Akers, Recording Secretary Beth Cohagan, Treasurer Kathy Ward, and Parliamentarian Sharon Henderson.

President Jody Arndt **called the meeting to order** at 9:04 AM CT.

Susie Norwich introduced our newest member, Heather Quinn. Heather was unable to attend the previously scheduled induction meeting, but she was invited to our meeting to get to know those in attendance. She will be inducted in the near future.

Recording Secretary Beth Cohagan had the **opening thought**. It was a line from the novel *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. "Every human being on the face of the earth has a steel plate in his head, but if you lie down now and then and get still as you can, it will slide open like elevator doors, letting in all the secret thoughts that have been standing around so patiently, pushing the button for a ride to the top. The real troubles in life happen when those hidden doors stay closed for too long."

Recording Secretary Beth Cohagan **called the roll** of 20 members, asking them "What craft or hobby do you like to do?"

Marilyn Lukac was unable to attend the meeting today, so today's **Media Review** was brought to the meeting by Jody Arndt. Jody introduced the historical fiction novel *Four Winds* by author Kristin Hannah. It was published in 2021. It takes place during the Dust Bowl and the Depression. Elsa, a single mother in search of a better life, moves out West with her two children. Jody also reviewed *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. It was published in 2020 and was on the Oprah Book Club List. The main character Lydia is forced to flee Mexico with her son and travel to the U.S. undetected.

Sheila Akers sent the minutes from the November 6, 2021, business meeting. There were no corrections or additions to the published minutes. They will stand approved as published.

Treasurer Kathy Ward presenting the **treasurer's report** as follows:

- Schools for Africa Collection \$142.08
- Support for Early Career Educators \$113.23
- Grant-in-Aid \$1,600.55
- General Operating Fund \$2,813.72
- Total Account Balance \$4,669.58

Reports of Officers:

- **Executive Meeting Summary** - Secretary Beth Cohagan

The Executive Committee met via Zoom on Sunday, January 23, 2022. We discussed the slate for nominations for the new biennium, who would contact the nominated members, and who would present the slate at the February meeting. We discussed the meeting agenda for the February meeting. We discussed the treasury. We also discussed any other business for the chapter as well as the dates and places for future meetings.

- **Council 1/Northwest Council Brunch** - Sharon Henderson

Jody, Donna K., Sharon H., and Sharon R. attended the annual Coordinating Council 1/Northwest Council Brunch. It is a way to get to meet other DKG members, not just those in your own chapter. The brunch had a presentation by Leslie Goddard who is a professional actress. She did a presentation on Eleanor Roosevelt.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Finance:** Chapter Fundraiser - Treasurer Kathy Ward and Finance Chair Donna Rowe Treasurer

Donna R. and Kathy reported that the chapter raised \$1,220.41 at the bake sale at Bailey's. Donna R. moved to take \$958 earned from the bake sale (in the general fund) and divide accordingly: \$400 for Grant-in-Aid, \$500 for Early Career Educators, and \$58 for Schools in Africa. Sylvia Dumas and Lauren Akers seconded. Motion carried.

- **Nominations** - Committee Member Sharon Richie

Sharon R. announced the proposed slate of officers for the next biennium: President Donna Kida, Vice President Susie Matzat, Recording Secretary Beth Cohagan, and Corresponding Secretary Sheila Akers. The treasurer and parliamentarian will be appointed. Donna Kida moved to accept the slate of officers. Susie Norwich seconded. Motion carried.

- **Rules** - Chair Sharon Henderson

The State has been broken down into five councils now instead of 12: Northwest, Northeast, Central, Southwest, and Southeast. Alpha Sigma is now in the Northwest Council. Sharon H. will send any new rules to Sheila. There are 120 proposals to vote on at the international conference in New Orleans this July.

- **Educational Excellence:** Next Meeting Info - Chair Lauren Akers

The next chapter meeting will be Saturday, May 14 at the Country Kettle in Knox at 9 AM CT.

- **Scholarship:** Grant-in-Aid Applications - Chair Susan Norwich

At this time, two applications have been received. The committee will reach out to the other schools to see if there are any other applicants. April 1st is the strict deadline.

- **Support for Early Career Educators** added Donna Rowe to this committee.

- **Community Awareness:** Past President Sharon Richie

Salvation Army Bell Ringing is one way our chapter's name gets out into the community as is the bake sale at Bailey's.

- **Chapter Project: B.o.B. (Bunches of Books)** - Vice President Lauren Akers

Members were reminded to continue bringing books to meetings. Lauren A. has stickers to put into the books. We can use any level of book from baby to adult.

- **Other** Kay Horn returned former member Maureen Pfeiffer's pin to the chapter.

Additional Chapter Business:

- Sharon Richie was recognized for her 25 years of membership.
- Nila B. was recognized for her 40 years of membership.

Announcements: President Jody Arndt

- **State Conference** - April 23 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville - Early Bird Registrations are due April 1 and you will save \$5.
- **CCOT for Presidents and Treasurers** - June 8 at the MCL on 86th Street in Indianapolis – This is for Donna Kida and the new treasurer. They are also working on a Zoom meeting as well.
- **CCOT for Officers and Chairs** via ZOOM - later in June
- **International Convention** - July 12-16 in New Orleans, Louisiana
- **State Executive Board Meeting** - September 24 – this is for the new chapter president.

● **Janet O'Neal Seminar** - November 5 in Columbia City, Indiana.
This is a one-day workshop for which you can earn professional development points. The speaker is Dr. Lorie DeSautels who will be speaking on connecting the brain for learning. She is a professor at Butler. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch. Registration opens up on May 1st.

Closing Thought: Donna Rowe shared excerpts from a poem called "Speak the Language of Your Heart" by Patricia Fleming.

The meeting was **adjourned** by President Jody Arndt at 10:15 AM CT/11:15 ET AM.

Refreshments were Fingerhut donuts provided by JoAnn Gappa and Kathy Ward.

Program: Art Projects by Sylvia Dumas – Sylvia lead members in a lesson on how to paint their own tree of life inspired by Austrian Gustav Klimt.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Cohagan

Recording Secretary