

## ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER

Alpha Epsilon State, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Saturday, November 10, 2018

The Alpha Sigma chapter gathered in the meeting room of the Country Kettle Restaurant for its second business meeting of the new biennium at 9:00 a.m. CT on Saturday, November 10, 2018. President Sharon Richie, Vice-President Sylvia Dumas, Recording Secretary Jody Arndt, Corresponding Secretary Sheila Akers, and Treasurer Kathy Ward were present. Additional members in attendance included Nila Beauchamp, Susan Christian, Anne Eckert, Donna Kida, Cheryl Orkis, Margaret Radtke, Roberta Salyer, and Barbara Slusher.

President Sharon Richie called the meeting to order at 9:06. The thirteen members present responded to the question, "What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?" Following roll call Vice-President Sylvia Dumas introduced guest James Young. Mr. Young shared his role as vice-president of The Merit Foundation in Starke County. He, along with founder David Weinberg and others, are dedicated to using best practices to transform the county "From Worst to First."

The business portion of the meeting resumed with the approval of the September minutes. Sheila Akers made the motion to approve the document as corrected and Sylvia Dumas seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Ward reported an account balance of \$2,746.40. The report was filed for audit. Society dues were submitted for 34 active members and four reserve members.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance** - In Leslie Hampton's absence, Treasurer Kathy Ward announced that the finance committee will prepare a budget and present it for approval at the February meeting. Anne Eckert was asked to replace Leslie as finance chair this biennium. President Sharon Richie and Sheila Akers volunteered to assist the committee with the annual budget.

**Audit** - Nila Beauchamp and Venita Cunningham were appointed by President Sharon Richie to conduct a financial audit of the Alpha Sigma chapter by April 2019.

**International Projects** - Committee chair Lynette Altman was unable to attend the meeting. No report was given; however, President Richie encouraged the committee members to share their ideas for aiding Schools for Africa, the chapter's Support for Early Career Educators, and future CCOT expenses. Sheila Akers offered to include, if submitted, a paragraph in the December newsletter about the suggested freewill offering to be collected in February.

**Communication** - Sheila Akers reported that around 20 care packages were filled and presented to new teachers in surrounding corporations. Since that time, she emailed the recipients sharing more information about the Society and the Alpha Sigma chapter. Two teachers responded. Sheila plans to share the names of the recipients and their

email addresses with the chapter so that members may personally contact the ladies they know. Margaret Radtke suggested making care packages for the student teachers arriving next semester at NJ-SP. Members agreed.

**Rules** - Parliamentarian Sharon Henderson was unable to attend the meeting but arranged for President Richie to read aloud the proposed chapter bylaws. [Note: Electronic copies of the bylaws were sent to all members prior to the meeting.] After an earlier discussion of expenses paid by officers and their representatives at this fall's CCOT, Nila Beauchamp made a motion to insert the following bylaws under Section C: Financial Controls.

3. Registration expenses shall be paid to the chapter officers or their representatives for attendance at the required CCOT.

4. Mileage shall be paid to the two members driving to the required CCOT.

Kathy Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried. Cheryl Orkis questioned the wording of the last responsibility listed under Remembrances on page 6. After a brief discussion, members agreed that the wording of the third responsibility should be

iii. present a single white rose at the memorial service of a deceased member.

**Membership** - Committee chair Sherry Lippelt was absent. President Richie announced that induction into the Alpha Sigma chapter will be held in June. Members are encouraged to submit prospective member cards throughout the year. Vice-President Sylvia Dumas agreed to change the June venue to the Country Kettle Restaurant, if available.

### **Reports:**

**Coordinating Council 2** - Council Chair Sylvia Dumas reported that she and President Richie attended the CC meeting held on Saturday, October 20. The four chapters of Council 2 (Alpha Sigma, Gamma, Gamma Kappa, and Nu) are responsible for the 2021 Indiana Convention at Swan Lake in Plymouth. Coordinating Council duties include favors for attendees, breakout sessions, and entertainment. Planning for 2021 starts now.

### **Chapter Business:**

Margaret Radtke reminded members that the chapter will hold its next fundraiser at Mark Bailey's Discount Center on Saturday, December 1 between 8:00 and noon. Wrapped bake sale items may be brought to Bailey's Saturday morning or left at the school on Friday. Members are not to price their baked goods. President Richie is responsible for tables. Margaret and Shelley Stonecipher are to bring tablecloths and signs.

Sheila Akers informed those present that she and Lauren Akers were ready to deliver the books the chapter has collected to Kids' Closet, a local ministry. Cheryl Orkis suggested that Sheila and Lauren wait until the Kids' Closet volunteers complete their move from the church basement to the new location on the highway. Sheila agreed.

Cheryl Orkis, who is on the board of the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, announced that the foundation awarded each school in the area \$1500 to spend on field

trips and/or class materials. Barbara Slusher was encouraged to speak with teachers in the Oregon Davis schools about the money they may lose if it is not spent before the new year. No one from Knox Schools was in attendance. NJ-SP Schools spent their allotted money.

President Richie is striving to become a Golden Key Chapter this biennium. Members are encouraged to attend the state convention to be held in Lawrenceburg, April 26-28.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo Ellen Arndt".

Jo Ellen Arndt, recording secretary

Sharon Richie, president

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