

Delta Kappa Gamma
Alpha Sigma Chapter Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 15, 2021 5:00PM Central
Hybrid Meeting: NJ-SP Elementary School Library and ZOOM

Call to Order: President Jody Arndt called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM CT/6:02 PM ET.

Opening Thought: Margaret Radtke shared a quote from *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin.

Roll Call: Recording Secretary Beth Cohagan

“If you were able to travel to Africa, what would you like to see?” The most popular answers were a safari, elephants, and Victoria Falls.

The following members were in attendance: Jody Arndt, Beth Cohagan, Sheila Akers, Sharon Richie, Margaret Radtke, Candice Schilz, Cheryl Orkis, Nila Beauchamp, Marilyn Lukac, Kathy Ward, Carol Tripenfeldas, Lauren Tunis, Sherry Lippelt, Roberta Salyer, Susie Norwich, Lauren Akers, Donna Rowe, Sylvia Dumas, Sharon Henderson, and Judy Weitgenant.

Media Review: Shelley Stonecipher was not in attendance, so Lauren Akers shared a review of *The Thursday Murder Club*, a book written by Richard Osman..

Approval of Business Meeting Minutes (Nov. 14th): There being no corrections, President Jody Arndt approved the minutes of the November 14th business meeting as published.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Kathy Ward

- General Operating Fund \$1,783.05
- Grant-in-Aid \$2,600.55
- Schools for Africa Collection \$776.08.
- Support for Early Career Educators -\$158.98
- Total Account Balance \$5,000.70

Lauren Akers moved to reconcile the negative balance in the Support for Early Career Educators fund. Marilyn Lukac seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Officers:

The Executive Board met on March 13 to discuss future meetings and the budget.

All officers agreed that hybrid meetings could be held pending local mandates and Covid protocol. The June 19th and September 16th meetings will be held at the Country Kettle Restaurant in Knox. The November 6th meeting will be held at the North Judson-San Pierre High School Library. The last order of business was the proposed budget as prepared by the Finance Committee. The chapter officers reviewed the document and made very few changes.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Scholarship Chair Susie Norwich received scholarship applications from several schools; the committee will select the recipient in May.
- Finance Committee Chair Donna Rowe had copies of the proposed budget distributed for members to review. She stated that the Finance Committee does not recommend an increase in chapter dues at this time.
- Membership Chair Carol Tripenfeldas announced that she has received the names of three prospective members.

Special Committee Report:

Indiana State Convention Steering Committee Chair Sharon Richie read aloud the Silent Auction basket descriptions she had received. The steering committee will need help filling Mason jars on Friday night. All attendees must be out of the Convention Center by 4 PM ET on Saturday.

Unfinished Business:

- Status of Dues -- The Finance Committee recommends leaving the chapter dues as they are at this time. Locally, the dues are \$10 for active and \$7 for reserve/collegiate. For an active member, dues are \$73 for international, state, and local combined.
- Silent Auction -- Alpha Sigma will create a gift card bouquet for the auction. Jody will work with Sharon R. and Marilyn L. on how to present it at the convention.

New Business:

- Approval of 2020-2021 Chapter Budget -- Finance Chair Donna Rowe made a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented. It was seconded by Sharon Richie. The motion carried unanimously.
- Proposed Amendments to State Bylaws and Standing Rules will be sent to members by Sheila. All attendees at the convention will vote on these.
- Reading of Nancy French's Resignation -- This note card was sent to Jody in January. It was read to the chapter today, April 15, 2021. Sharon H. moved to accept Nancy's resignation with regrets. Cheryl Orkis seconded. The motion carried.
- Ballot Vote on Prospective Members -- Carol T. read the list of the candidates. They are Heather Quinn, Mary Ann Duncan, and Colleen McCarthy. All were

approved for membership. Corresponding Secretary Sheila Akers and Membership Chair Carol T. will send welcome notes to the new members.

Announcements:

- Women of Distinction Form is due May 1.
- Cornet Award Applications are due May 1.
- DKG International Challenge Kathy Ward updated our profile information. Alpha Sigma was one of the first 20 in the nation to do this. We will have a Zoom meeting with a representative from the national office.
- Next meeting will be Saturday, June 19th at the Country Kettle in Knox at 9 AM CT/10 AM ET. Dues are due at that time. We will honor our Grant-in-Aid recipient Anna Blocker from Culver.
- Indiana State Convention will be June 12 in Indianapolis.

Closing Thought: Susan Norwich -- "Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation. It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another." — ***Nelson Mandela***

Adjournment: President Jody Arndt at 6 PM CT/7 PM ET

Program: Vice President Lauren Akers introduced Cheryl Bockstahler who shared her experiences about teaching in Africa.