

Delta Kappa Gamma  
Alpha Sigma Chapter  
November 12, 2022

Members Present: Sheila Akers, Jody Arndt, Mary Ann Dudka-Milo, Sylvia Dumas, Sharon Henderson, Donna Kida, Susie Matzat, Colleen McCarthy, Sharon Richie, Ruth Schwenk, Kathy Ward

President Donna Kida called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with eleven members present. Ruth Schwenk shared the opening thought from Roy T. Bennett: *Let the improvement of yourself keep you so busy that you have no time to criticize others.*

Roll call was completed as each member shared ways she volunteers in the community and any association with scholarships.

The Northwest Council Meeting will be next Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at Rensselaer. Alpha Sigma members attending will be Donna Kida, Jody Arndt, and Sharon Henderson. The book *I'll Be There (But I'll Be Wearing Sweatpants)* was highlighted; this book shares stories of cultivating deep relationships.

The minutes were approved as published with no additions or corrections after Jody Arndt moved to do so and Susie Matzat seconded.

The treasurer's report was shared by Sheila Akers in the absence of Lauren Akers, treasurer. This also reconciled with the checking account statement.

Schools for Africa	\$268.08
Early Educators	\$613.23
Grant-in-Aid	\$1,000.55
<u>General Operating</u>	<u>\$1695.97</u>
Total:	\$3577.83

Sharon Henderson moved to pay \$.25 per active member to the Northwest Council. Sheila Akers seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Susie Matzat requested reimbursement for the September conference fees and mileage in the amount of \$164.24. Sylvia Dumas moved to approve; Sharon Richie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Corresponding secretary Sheila Akers shared information from Hannah Allender, Carol Tripinfeldas, and Candice Schilz who are resigning from membership. No dues have been received from Katrina Harper, so she is deemed no longer a member due to non-payment of dues.

Susie Matzat reported on the State Executive Meeting. Alpha Sigma is well represented at the state level and received two awards.

A poster is requested for the Evansville State Convention. Sheila and Jody will work to do so.

Committee reports included a discussion about the scholarship application, which will be distributed in December. The application states that it is available to students in Starke in Fulton County only. The scholarship committee may choose to remove the county designation.

Jody Arndt was thanked for her assistance with the communications. Sheila appreciates her ideas and proofreading abilities.

Sharon Richie reported that funds were sent for School for Africa earlier in the year. Nothing new has transpired since then and she passed the bag for Schools for Africa donations. She has identified nine first-year teachers at Argos, Knox, and Oregon-Davis for whom she will create a welcome gift bag.

Sharon Henderson reported on the Rules Committee. The \$10 Induction Fee was removed. It was noted that Chapter, State, and International Rules must dovetail. This can be challenging at the chapter level as state rules are revised in the odd years and the international rules are revised in the even years. Sharon will revise our chapter rules in March to coincide with any changes.

The Bunches of Books Project needs more children's books. Donations are appreciated. These can be new books or high quality used books.

The Bake Sale is December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bailey's Discount Center. Those wishing to help should be there at 8:00 AM. Kathy Ward has some tables; others may be needed. The Delta Kappa Gamma sign needs to be located and taken that day. Sheila will send out information via email to all members. Bake goods can be dropped off at Bailey's or to Sheila.

Sharon Henderson attended the Revitalization Meeting in Columbus and shared highlights of this. There were about 35 members in attendance. Members are reminded to give others the opportunity to say "yes" to involvement in a chapter and not to assume that they may have other responsibilities.

The closing thought was provided by Sherry Lippelt. Members were encouraged to have a grateful heart and thank those who are a part of our life.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 prior to our program, where Sheila Akers shared her experiences in the Starke County Scholarship Foundation. This is a purely volunteer organization for area scholarships. This led to a discussion of other available scholarships as well as ways members can volunteer to be a part of the scholarship process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Matzat, Acting Secretary, VP