

**Delta Kappa Gamma**  
**Alpha Sigma Chapter Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, February 20, 2021 9:00AM CT**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**Call to Order:** President Jody Arndt called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM CT/10:01 AM ET.

Members present were Jody Arndt, Beth Cohagan, Carol Tripenfeldas, Sharon Richie, Sharon Henderson, Donna Kida, Sylvia Dumas, Margaret Radtke, Lauren Akers, Sheila Akers, Kay Horn, Kathy Ward, Nila Beauchamp, Marilyn Lukac, Lauren Tunis, and our guest speaker Rochelle Martinez.

**Program:** “Starke County Young Artist Conference with Marilyn Lukac and Rochelle Martinez and the Psi Iota Xi sorority.”

The Young Artist Conference will be held on April 24th this year after it was canceled last year due to Covid. One of the guest artists will be our own Sylvia Dumas doing her art printing.

**Opening Thought:** Sylvia Dumas opened with a quote by Maya Angelou: “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

**Roll Call:** With 15 members present, Recording Secretary Beth Cohagan asked, “What artwork would you like to see in person?”

**Media Review:** Donna Kida did a media review about the movie *Fatima*. She also talked about Tom Hanks’ new movie *News of the World*. Donna shared a series of three books by David Peltzer. *A Child Called It* was about his early school years and how a teacher saved him. *The Lost Boy* was the second book about his teen years. The third book is *A Man Named Dave* about him as an adult.

**Approval of Business Meeting Minutes (Nov. 14th):** The minutes will stand as published.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Kathy Ward reported the following fund totals:

- General operating budget: \$50
- Grant-in-Aid account: \$545
- Schools-in-Africa: \$327
- Support for Early Educators account: \$175.

The total checking account balance is \$4,240.22.

**Reports of Officers:**

Leadership Development Sessions -

President Jody Arndt was the only one from the chapter in attendance. She shared many thoughts and ideas with us all. We need to connect with those members who are not Zooming with us. We need to come up with a phone tree to connect with those who are not meeting with us. We can always invite our prospective members to the Zoom meetings. DKG Indiana has a Facebook page. It may be a good idea to have a social time prior to meetings. One chapter has invited other chapters to attend their annual themed meetings with food, music, crafts, and programs connected to the Society's purposes.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

- Rules Chair Sharon Henderson  
Councils in the state were last changed when we had 4,000 members. Now we have around 2,000. There is a proposal to have 5 councils; it will be brought to a vote in June. The entire proposal will be published in the March edition of the Hoosier Newsette.
- Scholarship Chair Susie Norwich  
Sharon Richie reported that Susie is waiting for the updated application. Susie will then go to each school to give counselors the applications.
- Membership Chair Carol Tripenfeldas  
We will vote in April and induct new members in September. Jody reported that Roberta Salyer submitted a card for Heather Quinn, a 1st grade teacher at OD.

**Special Committee Reports** Indiana State Convention Steering Committee Chair Sharon Richie

- New Convention Date - Saturday, June 12, 2021 (9:00 AM -4:00 PM)
- New Location - Primo Banquet and Conference Center in Indianapolis, near Keystone @ 2615 National Avenue
- Meal - \$35 includes an entree, beverage, and dessert
- Lodging - 20 rooms are reserved for \$109 a night at Comfort Inn nearby; they have breakfast if you stay there
- Table decorations are still the swan theme. Lauren Akers will cut out the paper swans.
- Send Convention Registration Forms to Sharon Henderson
- The March newsletter will have more information. Shelia has posted information on our website as well.
- Volunteers are still needed. Check future emails.

Friday, June 11* Volunteers	Saturday, June 12 Volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Set up silent auction - 2</li> <li>● Pack goody bags - 2</li> </ul> <p>*the Steering Committee's job</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Work registration tables between 8:00-10:00 - 2 volunteers</li> <li>● Set up table decorations - 2-4</li> <li>● Work the silent auction - 2-4</li> </ul>

**Unfinished Business:**

- Increased Dues Discussion and Vote - Sharon Henderson  
Active dues are \$10 right now; reserve \$7 right now. If we change anything it must be decided in the next meeting. Sharon said dues should pay the expenses for the president to go to state meetings, mileage, and hotel room, if necessary. There is no budget for this biennium. The finance committee must meet.
- Silent Auction Basket/Box/Bag Ideas -  
Margaret is willing to make a basket. Sheila is going to donate books mentioned during her 5-Minute Take Away shared at the State Convention. Marilyn had the idea of a gift card bouquet with \$10 gift cards. Marilyn could create a clay pot to use for this. Gift cards must be able to be used anywhere in Indiana.

**New Business:**

- Jody's suggestion to have a drive-through collection after school hours died to lack of a motion.

**Announcements:**

- The Women of Distinction Form is available on our website under forms.
- Next Meeting - Thursday, April 15th @ 5:00 PM CT @ Grand Central Perk - Watch your email because the location may change.
- State Convention - Saturday, June 12, 2021 @ Primo Banquet and Conference - Send your forms to Sharon Henderson.
- Thanks to Kathy for updating all the information on the International website. There was a problem with updating phones. Kathy will contact International.
- State committees are recruiting members. Sheila is already on board to help. Many of the meetings are held via Zoom.
- It's not too early to plan to attend the International conference in San Antonio, Texas.
- Cornet Award applications are due May 1. It does not pay for national certification, but many other things are covered. Information can be found on the International website and on our website at [alphasigmaindkg.org](http://alphasigmaindkg.org).

**Closing Thought:** Carol Tripenfeldas spoke about her students memorizing sayings -- the best feeling is happiness; see something beautiful in someone, say something; laugh when you can; kindness makes you a beautiful person -- These are favorites her students enjoy.

**Adjournment:** President Jody Arndt 11:45 AM ET/10:45 AM CT