

ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA INDIANA

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Members of the Alpha Sigma chapter gathered in the library of the North Judson-San Pierre High School for its fourth business meeting of the new biennium at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2019. 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 Lauren Akers, Nila Beauchamp, Anne Eckert, Donna Kida, Susie Matzat and Ruth Schwenk.

President Sharon Richie called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.. Attendance was recorded. The eleven members present responded to the question, "Where would you like to go on your next trip?"

Lauren Akers shared an opening thought about travel. The media reviews shared by Sylvia Dumas included *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom and *In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende.

Sheila Akers made a motion to approve the February minutes as amended; Anne Eckert seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Ward reported a checking account balance of \$3,546.50. [Note: \$2,000 of that amount will be awarded to the chapter's grant-in-aid recipients.] The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Finance - Treasurer Kathy Ward stated that an audit of the chapter's financial records was completed by Nila Beauchamp and Venita Cunningham.

Audit - Nila Beauchamp reported that she and Venita Cunningham examined the 2016-2018 financial records. All records for the biennium were accurate.

It was recommended that a second signature be on the bank account. President Sharon Richie's signature is now on file.

International Projects - In February, committee member Nila Beauchamp encouraged everyone to support Schools for Africa by placing bills or coins inside the plastic bags that she provided. The bags were to be returned to her at the April meeting.

Nila collected and tabulated the money placed inside the plastic bags. She reported that \$120 was given to aid Schools for Africa. [After the meeting, Lauren Akers added some coins to make full rolls. The total Kathy deposited for SFA was \$135.]

Communication - Chairperson Sheila Akers informed the group that several members notified her regarding prior commitments. Their contact was appreciated.

Sheila and Lauren Akers are preparing a photo board of chapter activities for the upcoming state convention.

Membership - Members are encouraged to submit prospective member cards. President Richie announced that five cards have been submitted thus far. She stated that voting will now occur in June. Orientation to the Society will be held in the summer prior to the September induction.

Scholarship - In Venita Cunningham's absence, Sheila Akers shared that seniors have until Monday, April 8 to submit their grant-in-aid applications. Venita has already received completed paperwork from four students. She will soon be contacting committee members to set a date and time to review the applications.

Legislation - Teacher pay is probably the No. 1 issue in Indiana. School districts across Indiana are having trouble filling open teaching positions as the number of people entering the field of education has dropped in recent years.

Accountability may be next in line regarding concerns. Susie Matzat described Indiana's newest graduation requirements. With the passage of Graduation Pathways, students must create pathways that prepare them for postsecondary educational and/or career opportunities.

Remembrances - none

Educational Excellence - Vice President Sylvia Dumas announced that the next chapter meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1st at 9:00 at the Toto Café. Miss Lena Tetzloff, our grant-in-aid recipient, will be our guest.

Announcements - President Sharon Richie will be attending the state convention in Lawrenceburg on April 26-28.

DKG apps are available for all phone types. (Search "DKG" or "Delta Kappa Gamma 365")

The *Hoosier Newsette* has a list of state officers and their contact information.

One way to get involved in advocacy is to attend Lobby Days in Indianapolis. Meet your legislators in person on Tuesdays this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Jo Ellen Arndt, recording secretary



Sharon Richie, president

Today's Program

Guest speaker Bridget Markin from WKVI/MAX was welcomed and invited to share information about the trips she has planned with the help of Kay Miller and Bonnie Salyer from Elite Travel of Plymouth. Groups travel via motorcoach, airline, and/or cruise ship to destinations that may be found on your bucket list. Upcoming trips to Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, and Alaska are still available. Check out <https://wkvi.com/wkvi-max-elite-travel-trip-information/> for more information.