

# **ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA INDIANA**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Members of the Alpha Sigma chapter gathered in the meeting room of the Country Kettle Café for its first business meeting in the second year of the biennium at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 7, 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 Angie Allender, Lauren Akers, Nila Beauchamp, Jo Ann Gappa, Kay Horn, Donna Kida, Sherry Lippelt, Susie Matzat, Susie Norwich, Cheryl Orkis, Roberta Salyer, and Carol Tripenfeldas.

President Sharon Richie called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.. Attendance was recorded. The seventeen members present responded to the statement, "Name a teacher that inspired you." Following roll call, Kay Horn read aloud an opening thought for the day.

Sheila Akers shared a media review of the "laugh-out-loud, but insightful" book entitled *Adequate Yearly Progress* by Roxanna Elden.

Nila Beauchamp made a motion to approve the April 6 chapter minutes as distributed; Susie Matzat seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sherry Lippelt noted that an incorrect date was typed on the April 6 executive board minutes. (The induction ceremony date should have been typed as September 7th, not the 14th.) Kay Horn made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Sylvia Dumas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President Richie requested that the following corrections be made in the June 1 chapter minutes:

- Jo Jones, "President of Indiana State Organization DKG Society International"... (not DKG State Organization)
- Sharon Richie is the "Convention" Chair. (not Council Chair)
- "Mollie" Dollahan (spelling)
- "June 27-29 - Southeast International Conference: Arts and Humanities in Asheville, NC (Sharon Richie will be attending.)" (a skipped announcement)
- "Leena" Tetzloff (spelling)

Susie Norwich made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Sherry Lippelt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Ward reported a checking account balance of \$2,814.44. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Finance** - Treasurer Kathy Ward announced that Alpha Sigma has 36 members.

Clarification regarding active vs. reserve status was made. One member will be notified to correct her payment of dues accordingly.

Two members (Venita Cunningham and Mary Esther Weirick) have yet to submit payments for dues or letters of resignation.

Kathy read aloud a letter of resignation from Lynette Altman. Sheila Akers made a motion to accept Lyn's resignation; Cheryl Orkis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Francie Beville and Anne Eckert have moved from the area. Both members notified Kathy that they were submitting dues this year but would be considering membership closer to their new homes.

Membership dues (\$73) and initiation fees (\$10) will be collected from both inductees.

Orders for Golden Key pins are due to the state by the end of the month. Sheila Akers will send a final email to all members reminding those interested in purchasing pins that they must submit their payments (\$5 each) to Kathy by September 14th.

Two DKG pins were purchased by anonymous donors and presented to Angie and Jo Ann during today's induction ceremony.

Kathy recently moved closer to Knox. It is her suggestion that the chapter considers the selection of a financial institution that has branches in Knox and North Judson. [The suggestion was noted, but no decision was made.]

**Membership** - Chair Sherry Lippelt reported that a new member orientation was held at the home of Sharon Richie on Thursday, July 25. Current members Sharon Richie, Sheila Akers, Lauren Akers, and Sherry Lippelt were in attendance. Information about DKG and the Alpha Sigma Chapter was shared with prospective members Angela Allender and Jo Ann Gappa. Both educators accepted their invitations to membership.

**Educational Excellence** - Vice President Sylvia Dumas shared memories of the chapter's tour of the Starke County Historical Society Museum in Knox, Indiana held on July 30. Eight members attended the summer field trip.

The next chapter meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7 at 4:00 CT in the North Judson-San Pierre Elementary School Library.

**Communication** - Chair Sheila Akers informed attendees that committee members filled and distributed 36 goodie bags as part of the chapter's Support for Early Educators Campaign. New teachers in Argos, Knox, NJ-SP, St. Peter Lutheran in North Judson, Oregon Davis, and Rochester received the bags and information about the Society the first week of school.

New members will be given access to the Alpha Sigma website. The chapter's program book, member directory, newsletters, and more are accessible on the site.

Sharon Henderson had knee replacement surgery on August 20. Sheila will send a group email with Sharon's contact information.

**International Projects** - Committee member Nila Beauchamp thanked everyone for their continued support of Schools for Africa. Bills/coins will be collected at every meeting.

Nila read aloud a paragraph explaining why the U.S. Fund for UNICEF prefers monetary donations over other donated items (i.e., dresses, books, school supplies, etc.). "The costs of accepting material donations in the U.S. and then shipping them to the intended country would result in a net loss of money and resources for UNICEF that could be better directed towards existing programs. UNICEF's main warehouse is located in Copenhagen, Denmark, and most materials, including blankets and clothing, are shipped from there. The most effective way to support UNICEF's efforts with children in health, nutrition, sanitation, and education, is to donate monetarily."

**Legislation** - Susie Matzat encouraged members to contact legislators requesting that those at the state and national levels take action to ensure that the lower scores don't have an adverse effect on teacher evaluations and school assessment grades.

**International Conference Reports** - President Richie attended the Southeast International Conference: Arts and Humanities in Asheville, NC in June. She presented results of the survey taken at all international conferences and described some of the workshops she attended.

**President Report** - An email was sent to all members requesting that a volunteer take Sharon's place at the State Executive Meeting of DKG on September 14 at 9:00. No one accepted. The \$30 fee may be paid the morning of the meeting if a member chooses to attend.

Committee chairs were asked once again to personally contact their group members prior to chapter meetings since this is our Strategic Action Plan.

Members were reminded to donate gently used books for Project B.o.B. [Books for Grades 3-Young Adult are especially needed.] Ideas for possible distribution of the books will be shared during the November meeting so Alpha Sigma can

move forward with this project.

Sharon suggested that the members of the nominating committee start their search for candidates to fill the positions of president, vice-president, and recording secretary. Sheila has agreed to continue as the chapter's corresponding secretary. The treasurer is appointed.

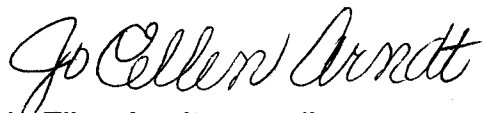
**Dates to Remember -**

- September 14 - Executive Board Meeting at the Embassy Suites North Hotel, Exit 27 Michigan Rd., Indianapolis (Sharon Richie is unable to attend.)
- November 7 - Next Chapter Meeting in the NJ-SP Elementary School Library at 4:00 CT
- November 15-16 - Fall Arts Retreat at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis

Following the business portion of the meeting, Roberta Salyer shared several closing thoughts.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jo Ellen Arndt, recording secretary



Sharon Richie, president

**Today's Program: Induction of New Members**

Angela Allender and Jo Ann Gappa were inducted into the Alpha Sigma Chapter of DKG Indiana prior to the business meeting. The inductees were welcomed into the Society and presented certificates of membership, key pins, and roses. Both ladies are employed by the North Judson-San Pierre School Corporation. Angie is currently teaching fourth grade and Jo Ann is a sixth-grade teacher.