

The Delta Kappa Gamma International *Alpha Beta Chapter
First Presbyterian Church, 101 E. Elm St., Fairbury
Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at the First Presbyterian Church, Fairbury, IL. Hostesses were Connie Rich, Janet Beyer, Lou Ann Harms, Sue Coons, and Ann Hoke. The meeting was attended by 30 members of Alpha Beta and 2 guests, Judy Wells' mother and sister from Hawaii. A quorum of 30% of members was present.

A hobo supper of hamburger and vegetables, along with cornbread was enjoyed by all. On each table, in keeping with the theme of Hobos, was a walking stick with a kerchief wrapped plate of cookies for dessert.

The business meeting was called to order at 6:15. President Barb led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Barb thanked the hostess committee for the dinner and decorations of our meeting. Recording secretary Lila McCulley read the names of members present and reported that we met our quorum of members for the meeting. Janet Kilgus moved the minutes from the September meeting be accepted as corrected with a change of Jan Smeltzer to Joan Smeltzer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Janet Kilgus reported that there are still eight individuals who need to pay their dues. The treasurer's report for October was presented by Janet and will be filed.

Balance brought forward: **\$3976.87**

Disbursements:

#1265 Roanoke UMW (Sept. meals)	<u>240.00</u>	
		\$240.00

Receipts:

Dues (20x\$90) (1x\$45)	1845.00	
Literacy	26.00	
Meals (23x\$10)	<u>230.00</u>	
		\$2101.00

Balance on Hand: **\$5837.87***
(10/11/16)

CORRESPONDENCE: Kate Walters read a card from Dorothy Riley.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Books were available for purchase to help with funds for the literacy committee. Donations were collected and we will be able to purchase our 7th well in Malawi.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative: Lou Ann Jacobs reminded us to vote! There is early voting going on now. Check with your county clerk for where to vote.

We should have gotten a flyer in the mail about the proposed constitutional amendment. If approved this would require that taxes for road improvements could not be spent on other needs of state and local governments. Opponents are concerned that funds may be desperately needed in other areas or during an emergency. Consider this and vote accordingly.

The 6 month state budget ends in December. We need another six month budget to fund government until June 30, 2017.

Literacy: Jan Masching reported on our support of the Achieve Center, Prison Storybook program, and items for needs of Russians. Her committee would like to add programs for writing and math if anyone has any ideas. Seventy-five dollars was given to Carol Hughes to purchase donation items for their upcoming trip to Russia. Members are invited to submit K-12 writing or art work by March 1 for the convention.

Women in the Arts: Bert Kinate, Carol Hoffman, and Barb Baumann shared the projects they had participated in at their Arts in the Woods weekend. Items included bookmarks, lighted wine bottles, beaded trees, cloth pumpkin, cork pumpkin, stepping stone, and various other artworks. Carol shared the Lambie that she won for the skit in which she participated.

Bert reminded members that the Josephine O'Neal Arts award is available for females in college majoring in ANY arts program and must be applied for by 2/1/17.

Historian: Marylee Harms passed around the beautiful book she had put together for the last biennium which will be given to Carol Hoffman.

Scholarship: Connie Rich reminded everyone of the Lambda State Scholarship which is available for any of our members. The application must be submitted by 1/9/17 and presentation to the winners will be at convention. Also, there is a stipend available which is applied for after money has been spent—this could cover any class or even conference fees for members.

Music: Elaine Cunningham invited anyone who is interested to join the Jubilation singers in the choir at State Convention in April. She shared the fund raiser of "Treble Maker" T-shirts to purchase new music for the Convention chorus and instrumental ensemble. Order by November 1, 2016 for delivery before Christmas at \$26 each. Orders received on or before March 15, 2017 will be ready for pick up at convention for \$21.

Marianne Hall gave information about our next meeting with the State Visitor. We will meet at 9:00 at Edinger's Filling Station in Pontiac and select from a menu of 5 breakfasts with the cost of \$10.

Elaine led us in singing, "Hobo's Lullaby," a Civil War tune, with Hobo words written by Goebel Reeves and recorded by Woody Guthrie. The business meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Lou Ann Harms and Sue Coons presented a wonderful program about the life of hobos using a book called, "Hobo Quilts" by Debra Henninger and a beautiful quilt made by Barb Baumann. The book and quilt will be raffled off at State Convention.

Lila McCulley, Recording Secretary