

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*Alpha Beta Chapter
 Roanoke United Methodist Church, Roanoke, IL
 Saturday, September 10, 2016

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Saturday, September 10, 2016, at the Roanoke United Methodist Church, Roanoke, IL. Hostesses were Linda Witzig, Janet Whittington, Gail Thorson, Patti Drengwitz, and Jan Smeltzer. A quorum of 30% of members was present.

The meeting began with a memorial service for Delight Wier led by Marianne Hall. Committees then met to complete checklists and discuss plans for the year. President Barb Baumann called the meeting to order at 10:00 and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Barb thanked the hostesses for their preparations for the meeting. Marcia Wahls and Sue Coons were thanked for putting the yearbooks together and LouAnn Jacobs for putting the newsletter together and sending it to everyone. She also thanked everyone for their willingness to serve on committees and chair them.

Recording Secretary Lila McCulley read the names of the members present and reported that we met our quorum with 24 present. The minutes of the May 9th meeting were approved as written.

The Treasurer's reports for June and September were presented by Janet Kilgus and will be filed.

Balance brought forward: (6/23/16) **\$2756.58**

Disbursements:

#1259 Marylee Harms (gift cards to previous r. grant recipients)	20.00
#1260 Kathy Bowald (May meals)	350.00
#1261 Carol Hughes (May room rental)	50.00
#1262 Jan Masching (literacy – books)	100.00
#1263 Scholastic Enhancement Corp (literacy)	50.00
#1264 Marcia Wahls (yearbooks)	<u>114.21</u>
	684.21

Receipts:

May meals	360.00
Literacy	16.00
Malawi	24.50
May meals (absent members who reserved)	24.00
Dues (12x\$90)	1080.00
Contributions – Early Career Stipends (2x\$200)	<u>400.00</u>
	\$1904.50*

Balance on Hand: (9/10/16) **\$3976.87***

Dues and scholarship fees collected that will go to Lambda State and International (12x\$64) = \$768*

For chapter use at this time \$1540.64* plus new chapter dues of (12x\$26) \$312* (last year at this time \$1470.62 and year before \$1083.03)

We ended the 2015-16 year with 54 active members, 2 reserve, and 1 honorary for a total of 57 members. Since the death of Delight Wier in July, we now have 54 active and 2 reserve for a total of 56 members as we start 2016-17.

Janet stated that we usually give a Literacy gift to the Achieve Center and for 3 of the last four years they have lost the check or did not cash it in a timely manner and she has not been successful in getting in touch with them. They have a check for the past year that has not cleared the bank yet and would normally get a check by May 2017. Maggie Janssen moved that we suspend giving them the next check until further review. The motion was seconded by Marianne Hall and passed.

Also, Janet had received a letter from Debbie Davis that she is moving to Florida and wishes to resign. Lou Ann Jacobs made a motion to accept her resignation with regret. Janet Kilgus seconded and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

In Kate Walter's absence, Nancy Wier read a thank you from the family of Delight Wier.

Janet Capodice of the Beta Iota Chapter sent an invitation inviting our members to join them on October 13 to hear Kendra Smiley. If planning to go, we must RSVP by September 26.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Barb reminded members of the books for sale for the Literacy Fund.

Michelle Harms reported that the locations have all been set in Pontiac for this year's meetings. The Hostess Chairs will need to call Edinger's or Pontiac Kitchen 4-6 weeks before meetings to confirm and set menus before contacting Diane Jontry so she can send out the reservation information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM chair Nancy Wier reported that the committee had met two times this summer to plan programs for the 2016-2017 year.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS chair Bert Kinate reminded members of the Creative Arts Retreat being held October 7-9 and to get the lower rate you must register by Sept. 16. Also, Livingston County Concert Association has 4 concerts scheduled for a total of \$50.00. Bloomington BCPA has many programs scheduled including the Oak Ridge Boys. Another opportunity for music appreciation is the Village Aires program, under the leadership of our own

Elaine Cunningham, which will be the weekend of November 19-20—so mark your calendar!

LEGISLATIVE Lou Ann Jacobs encouraged everyone to vote in November at the Federal, State, and local levels. Janet Kilgus gave a TRS report on the ongoing battle with funding of our pensions.

NEW BUSINESS

- Barb showed the State Convention Attendance Plaque. We tied with another chapter for having the most members in attendance at the State Convention. She also gave the following awards from State Convention:
Marcia Wahls and Jessica Lawson—First time attendees
Marianne Hall—50 year member
Our Chapter—Training for Chapter Leaders 2016
Certificate of Achievement for submitting 4 articles to Newscaster
Certificate of Appreciation for Contribution to Schools for Africa
Literacy Award 2015-2016 in recognition of Literacy programs and projects.
- The 2016-2017 budget was presented by Maggie Janssen and approved.
- Barb distributed a list of ideas from Officer Training in Ottawa on June 18, 2016.
- Shirley Mueser reported on her trip to National Convention with Carol Hughes. Forty five Lambda State members attended.
- Historian Marilee Harms had the books on display.
- Lou Ann Jacobs had registration forms available for the Legislative Seminar to be held in Springfield on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Registration deadline is October 28.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:58.

For lunch a potato bar was served by the ladies of the church.

Lila McCulley, Recording Secretary