The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International\*Alpha Beta Chapter

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pontiac, IL

Saturday, January 7, 2017

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Saturday, January 7 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pontiac, IL. Hostesses for the meeting were Norma Harms, Kay Hammer, Barb Ward, and Judy Wells. A quorum of 42% of members was present.

President Barb called the meeting to order at 9:10, and we said the Pledge of Allegiance. The hostesses were thanked. Barb passed out instructions for logging in to the DKG Website. Recording secretary Lila called names of members present and reported that we had 24 in attendance. The November minutes were approved as written. Treasurer Janet Kilgus reported that all donations except for Literacy have been made. Janet presented the report and it will be filed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

**Balance brought forward: $4257.17**

**Disbursements:**

#1273 November Meal 269.89

#1274 DKG Educational Foundation 20.00

#1275 DKG Educators Award Fund 20.00

#1276 DKG Emergency Fund 20.00

#1277 Golden Gift Fund 25.00

#1278 Intl. Speakers’ Fund 20.00

#1279 DKG Scholarship Fund 15.00

#1280 DKG World Fellowship Fund 25.00

#1281 Lambda State Grant in Aid 40.00

#1282 Lambda State Foundation 100.00

#1283 Lambda State Scholarship Fund 10.00

#1284 Lambda State Women in the Arts 15.00

#1285 Marion Medical Mission (7th well) 400.00

#1286 US Fund for UNICEF – Schools for Africa 50.00

#1287 Seeds of Help Foundation (Guatemala) 150.00

#1288 Crossroads 50.00

  **$1229.89**

**Receipts:**

Malawi 37.66

Literacy 34.00

Meals (26x10) 260.00

   **$331.66**

**Balance on Hand: $3358.94\***

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Correspondence—Kate Walter reported that we had received a thank you from Pete Hughes for the Russian ministry. Thank you notes were received for the International and Lambda State donations.

Membership—Louann Harms plans to contact members who have been absent from our meetings. She will also try to gather information for the Chapter Profile. She also passed out Prospect cards asking members to consider new prospects from the districts in which they live.

Necrology—Linda Witzig reported that the form for Delight Wier was sent in by Barb.

Nominations— Since Presidents may not serve on this committee, Louann Harms will take Barb Baumann’s place.

Education Excellence—Barb reminded everyone that PD forms are available for today’s program.

Legislation—Lou Ann Jacobs reported that Gov. Rauner has signed SB2912. This is a summary of the bill:

* **Reduces substitute teaching license fees from $100 to $50.**
* **Creates a one-year grace period for retired teachers with lapsed licenses to bring their license into good standing without fines or coursework, allowing them to substitute teach.**
* **Prevents educators who retire mid-cycle from lapsing their licenses, allowing them to substitute teach.**
* **Allows educators licensed in other states to obtain an Illinois license through a more streamlined process.**
* **Creates a one-year provisional in-state endorsement on a provisional educator license with stipulations to allow candidates that have met all other requirements except passage of the edTPA examination**

International Projects—Erma Hesterberg announced the Well fund raised $38.25 today.

Web Watcher—Louann Harms recommends going to the Lambda State Website to see Literacy programs, program projects and ideas, and a “Would You Rather…” game, among other interesting articles.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be on Saturday, February 11, at Pontiac Family Kitchen with a program about the use of Chrome books for daily classroom learning. The amount charged will be impacted by the number attending, so it is important for as many to attend as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45. It was followed with a discussion of Jennifer Chiaverini’s book, Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker, led by Jari Lynn Oncken. Members enjoyed a potluck lunch after that.

Lila McCulley, Recording Secretary