

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*Alpha Beta Chapter
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pontiac, IL
Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pontiac, IL. Hostesses for the meeting were Marylee Harms, Carol Hoffman, Shelly Beyers, Chastity Pick, and Sara Kaufman. A quorum of 34% of members was present.

A delicious dinner was served of fried chicken and bread from Bernardi's, corn and scalloped corn, and veggies prepared by the hostess committee, and cheese cake for dessert.

An informative program, "Hazle Buck Ewing: Her Life, Her Legacy," was presented by Toni Tucker, Director of the Ewing Cultural Center. Hazle Buck Ewing's interests were in conservation, world affairs, politics, and social activism such as women's suffrage, international cultural pursuits, and world peace. Her legacy continues even today to inspire others to give back to their communities.

President Barb called the meeting to order at 7:40, and we said the Pledge of Allegiance. The hostesses were thanked. Barb asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February minutes. Being none the minutes were approved s written. Marcia Wahls recorded minutes in the absence of Lila McCulley due to illness. Attendance at the meeting was comprised of 23 Alpha Beta members and guest Toni Tucker. There was discussion about the State Convention signup/roommates, and if we would be able to have items for a raffle and enough volunteers to work the raffle. If you have gift cards to donate for the raffle, please send them to Barb Baumann.

Treasurer Janet Kilgus stated she will be unable to attend the May meeting and asked that bills be submitted to her a week before the meeting so that checks could be written. Janet donated a cash box to be used by the chapter for money collection. Janet presented the treasurer's report for February and it will be filed.

Balance brought forward: \$3356.62

Disbursements:

#1289 Pontiac Family Kitchen (Feb. meals)	<u>330.00</u>
	\$330.00

Receipts:

Meals (\$16 x19) + 1 more check to deposit	304.00
Malawi	44.50
Literacy	<u>8.00</u>
	\$356.50

Balance on Hand: \$3383.12*
(3/14/17)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Excellence—President Barb reported that Ashley Vollmer, student at the University of St. Francis, and nominated by Alpha Beta is a Florence A. Cook awardee. The award will be presented to Ashley at convention.

Literacy—President Barb reported for Jan Masching that we have a request for small children's board books for the Prison Storybook Project. Please bring children's board books to the May meeting. The 6 other books needed for convention have already been donated.

Professional Affairs—Karen Harms and Marylee Harms reported that Kylie Miller from Prairie Central High School will receive the Alpha Beta Recruitment Grant.

Communications—Diane Jontry reported that Jan Liston will take over the Communications Web contacts previously managed by Suzanne Coons.

Music—Elaine Cunningham led members in singing the Wrigley's Double Mint Gum commercial and "Sister Suffragette" from *Mary Poppins* as tributes to Hazle Buck Ewing.

Books were available for purchase to benefit the literacy projects and a collection was made to help with the purchase of another well for Malawi.

NEW BUSINESS

President Barb reported that Lou Ann Jacobs has donated a Cubs print for the raffle booth at convention. We also have the DKG embroidered blanket donated by Marylee Harms, the Hobo quilt made by Barb Baumann, and the gift card collections. Barb asked for volunteers to help at the raffle booth at convention.

Diane Jontry suggested that "Thinking of You" cards be sent to Sue Coons.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 6, a 9:00 a.m. at Edinger's Filling Station in Pontiac. The program will be "Explore ILLINOIS READS" BY Tammy Potts, committee chair of the ILLINOIS READS reading programs, reading initiative created by the Illinois Reading Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

**Marcia Wahls for Lila McCulley,
Recording Secretary**