

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International \*Alpha Beta Chapter  
 McDonald's Family Restaurant, Fairbury, IL  
 Saturday, February 13, 2016

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at McDonald's Family Restaurant in Fairbury, Illinois. Hostesses were Louann Harms, Diane Jontry, Karen Harms, Marylee Harms, and Barb Ward. The meeting was attended by 23 members of Alpha Beta and 9 guests from Beta Iota chapter: Sue Adam, Chris Albritton, Brenda Azinger, Rita Buczyna, Janet Capodice, Joanne Dorneden, Sandy Holt, Diane Scherr, and Mary Scott. In addition, there were numerous other guests that attended the program by author Gary Moore. A quorum of 30% of members was present.

The business meeting was called to order at 11:15. President Carol led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Carol thanked the hostess committee for arranging the meeting place, drinks, table settings, and decorations for our meeting.

Recording Secretary Marcia Wahls read the names of the members present and reported that we met our quorum of 17 members, with 23 members present at the meeting. Janet Kilgus moved that the minutes of the January 9, 2016, meeting be approved as written. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** for February was presented by Janet Kilgus and will be filed.

**Balance brought forward:** **\$3280.19**

**Disbursements:**

#1250 Dawn Conway – January meal supplies	<u>25.66</u>
	<b>\$25.66</b>

**Receipts:**

Jan. meals (21x\$5)	105.00
Literacy	15.00
Pin	<u>21.00</u>
	<b>\$141.00</b>

**Balance on Hand: (2/13/16)** **\$3395.53\***

\*(included in the total)

Malawi Well Project (\$400) and Schools for Africa (\$50 in budget)	
(6 wells so far)	+46.33+48.36+23.80 = 301.71
Literacy	-100+29.01+17+15 = 206.76
Giving Tree	= 39.53
Dollars for Scholars	= 147.07
New Teacher Stipends (7 in 2014-15)	+400 = 400.00
Convention for early career	<u>= 203.00</u>
	<b>1298.07*</b>

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Marylee Harms read a thank you from the Seeds of Help Foundation in Guatemala thanking us for our \$150 donation that assists students in furthering their education.

Louann Harms read correspondence from 3rd graders giving their advice for teachers.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Books were available for purchase to help with funds for the literacy committee. \$36.09 was collected for a well for Malawi.

**MUSIC:** Elaine Cunningham led us in singing "Mail Myself to You" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" in recognition of Valentine's Day.

## **COMMITTEES:**

**NOMINATIONS** chair Connie Rich announced the nominations for officers for 2016-1018. With a quorum present at the meeting, each office was voted on separately by voice. Barb Baumann was elected president. Nancy Ellen Wier was elected first vice-president, Lou Ann Jacobs was elected second vice-president, Kate Walter was elected corresponding secretary, and Lila McCulley was elected recording secretary.

Connie thanked the newly elected officers for their willingness to serve their positions.

The Training for Chapter Leaders meeting by Lambda State will be held Saturday, June 18, 2016, in Ottawa.

**MEMBERSHIP** chair Louann Harms asked members to think of candidates for membership. She has forms for Early Career Educator Grants. See Louann if you need forms to distribute to a school in your area. We have funds to give to four candidates.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS:** Marylee Harms announced that our Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant recipient, Deborah Johnson, is the Lambda State Area 4 Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant winner and will receive a \$2,000 grant from Lambda State at convention.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Lou Ann Jacobs announced that she has forms if anyone wishes to attend the Lambda State Leadership Management Seminar that will be held June 21 and 22nd at Bradley University in Peoria. PD hours will be available. You do not have to be a Delta Kappa Gamma member to attend.
2. Lou Ann Jacobs announced that everyone should save the new Form 1095 Proof of Health Insurance they receive from their health insurance provider. This form will not have to be filed for 2015, but should be saved with tax records.
3. The Lambda State Convention will be held April 15-17 this year in Decatur. Registration forms are in the Winter Newscaster and online at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/forms.html#convention>  
At convention this year Beta Alpha member Marianne Hall will be recognized as a 50 year member, Deborah Johnson will receive the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant for Area 4, Beta Alpha member Jessica Lawson will receive a Lambda State Scholarship Stipend, and Beta Alpha member Kate Walter will present her Iditarod project made possible with the help of her Lambda State Foundation Stipend.
4. President Carol asked members to think about going and who you would like to room with. Members could even consider attending for just a day. To meet honor chapter criteria, chapters need to have 25% of their members attend the convention. Reservations need to be in by April 1 to be in the block party. A \$203 stipend is available for an early career member that would like to attend convention.
5. President Carol asked for suggestions for choosing a tree that best describes the accomplishments of her biennium that represents Alpha Beta. Email Carol any ideas you may have.
6. Vice-President Barb Baumann announced our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 19, at Edinger's Filling Station in Pontiac. The program will be presented by Pam Rightsel on the new system of teacher evaluation. A breakfast buffet will be served at 9:00.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Author Gary Moore presented a captivating program on his book, *Playing with the Enemy*. His book is the story of the life of his father, Gene Moore, who grew up in southern Illinois. Gene had the potential to be a major league baseball player whose life was changed by the onset of World War II.

A delicious breakfast buffet was enjoyed by all.

Marcia Wahls, Recording Secretary