

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International *Alpha Beta Chapter
Livingston County Special Services Unit, Pontiac, IL
Saturday, January 9, 2016

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Saturday, January 9, 2016, at the Livingston County Special Services Unit office in Pontiac, Illinois. Hostesses were Dawn Conway, Sheryl Frantz, Michelle Harms, Amy Van Vleet, and Kate Walter. The meeting was attended by 24 members of Alpha Beta and 1 guest, Chloe Boden. A quorum of 30% of members was present.

The business meeting was called to order at 9:14. 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.

Carol announced that Suzanne Coons had been in the hospital and received a pacemaker. Members signed a card for Suzanne and wished her a speedy recovery.

Gary Beckman from the Pontiac Boys and Girls Club spoke to members about the need for volunteers to help with their after school program. He said they serve between 145-170 students after school. They are in need of volunteers to help with tutoring, serving of snacks, and checking in students. They would be flexible in scheduling time and days for any interested volunteers. He left business cards and volunteer applications. Marcia has those and will bring them to the February meeting, or if you email her at mwahls@maxwire.net, she will send you one.

Recording Secretary Marcia Wahls read the names of the members present and reported that we met our quorum of 17 members, with 24 members present at the meeting. The minutes of the November 14, 2015, meeting were approved with the change in the number of active members to 54 active and a change in the correspondence thank you from Pete Hughes to all of our donation to Novgorod, Russia helping with the teaching of English.

TREASURER'S REPORT for January was presented and will be filed.

Balance brought forward:	\$3273.39
Disbursements:	
#1232 Marylee Harms (postage – r. grants)	18.00
#1233 Schmoe's (Nov. meals)	308.00
#1234 Lambda State (Conway dues)	64.00
#1235 Dawn Conway (over payment of dues)	10.00
#1236 Lambda State – Grant-in-Aid	40.00
#1237 Lambda State – Foundation	100.00
#1238 Lambda State – Scholarship	10.00
#1239 Lambda State – Women in the Arts	15.00
#1240 Seeds of Help – Guatemala	150.00
#1241 Crossroads	50.00
#1242 US Fund for UNICEF – Schools for Africa	50.00
#1243 International – Educational Foundation	20.00
#1244 International – Educators Award	20.00
#1245 International – Emergency Fund	20.00
#1246 International – Golden Gift	25.00
#1247 International – Intl. Speakers Fund	20.00
#1248 International – Scholarship Fund	15.00
#1249 International – World Fellowship	<u>25.00</u>
	\$960.00

Receipts:

Nov. meals (26x\$11)	286.00
Malawi	23.80
Literacy	17.00
Dues (6x90)	540.00
Dues (1x90)	<u>100.00</u>
	\$966.80

Balance on Hand: **\$3280.19***

We have 54 active members, 2 reserve, and 1 honorary for a total of 57 members at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE: Corresponding secretary Kate Walter read an email from Sharon Vinson, Lambda State Treasurer, thanking us for our generosity in supporting the Lambda State funds.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Books were available for purchase to help with funds for the literacy committee.

MUSIC: Jari Lynn Oncken led us in singing two songs from Rogers and Hammerstein, "The Sound of Music," and "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'."

CEREMONIES: Judy Wells was initiated into Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Chairman Janet Beyer organized the initiation ceremony which was conducted by Connie Rich, President Carol Hoffman, Lou Ann Jacobs, and Maggie Janssen.

COMMITTEES:

NOMINATIONS: Connie Rich said that she will have officer nominations ready to be voted on at our February or March meetings for induction in May.

MEMBERSHIP chair Louann Harms asked about interest in continuing to present Early Career Educator Stipends. It was agreed that we would like to continue to present these. She will have forms to distribute to schools at our next meeting and a form for Michelle Harms to post on our website.

WEBMASTER Michelle Harms asked that if anyone has their own website and would like to have a link posted on our Alpha Beta site, please email her that link. Contact information will be placed on our website for Membership chair Louann Harms and Educational Excellence chair Barb Baumann. Michelle also requested that if you have forms you would like posted on our website, please send them to her. The website now shows programs for meetings, meeting dates, and locations, plus contact information. The site address is <http://alphabetadkg.weebly.com/>

LITERACY: The Lambda State Literacy Committee now wishes for chapters to include writing and math activities in addition to reading projects in our involvement within our communities. Chairman Jan Masching would like Alpha Beta members to email her if they are involved in special math or writing projects so she can include these in her report to Lambda State.

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY chair Carol Hughes requested that she needs everyone to sign a form giving approval to have their name and picture published on the Lambda State website or in the Newscaster. For any member that has not yet filled out one of these forms they are available at: http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/Communications_Publicity/LSPermissiontoPost2015.pdf The form needs to be signed and sent to Carol Hughes to keep on file. Alpha Beta member Patricia Benson is sending our chapter news into the Lambda State Newscaster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 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>

President Carol asked members to think about going and who you would like to room with. Carol Hughes suggested that with the proximity of the convention this year, 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.

2. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 13 at the Fairbury McDonald's Family Restaurant. The program will be presented by author Gary Moore about his book *Playing with the Enemy*. Members may invite guests to attend. Beta and Beta Iota chapters have been invited. A breakfast buffet will be served at 9:00. It would be good to turn in reservations for this meeting 3 weeks ahead of the meeting date due to the potential number of people attending.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Member Dawn Conway with Julia Cotter from the Livingston County Special Services Unit presented an informative program on autism. Julia shared that autism can now be diagnosed at the age of 2. She distributed a poster on the signs of autism and a page relating problems for a person with autism and strategies that can be used to help address those problems. She gave us a tour of the sensory room and classroom used for students with autism in the S.A.I.L.S. program at the Special Services Unit.

Following the program a pot luck lunch was enjoyed by all.

Marcia Wahls, Recording Secretary