

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International *Alpha Beta Chapter
Pontiac Family Kitchen, IL
Saturday, March 19, 2016

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at the Pontiac Family Kitchen, Pontiac, Illinois. Hostesses were Sandra Graham, Shelly Beyers, Erma Hesterberg, Chastity Pick, Marcia Wahls, and Kristi Wykes. The meeting was attended by 23 members of Alpha Beta and 1 guest, Pam Rightsel. A quorum of 30% of members was present.

A delicious breakfast buffet was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was called to order at 9:40. President Carol led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Carol thanked the hostess committee for arranging the meeting place and decorations for our meeting.

Recording Secretary Marcia Wahls asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of our February 13th meeting. Being none, the minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT as prepared by Janet Kilgus was presented by Maggie Janssen. Being no corrections, the treasurer's report will be filed.

Balance brought forward:	\$3395.53
Disbursements:	
#1251 McDonald's Family Restaurant (Feb. meals)	416.56
#1252 Award Concepts (President's Pin)	<u>32.05</u>
	\$448.61
Receipts:	
Feb. meals (35x\$12)	420.00
Literacy	21.00
Pin	<u>36.29</u>
	\$477.29
Balance on Hand:	\$3424.21*
(3/19/16)	

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Books were available for purchase to help with funds for the literacy committee. Donations were collected for a well for Malawi.

MUSIC: Jari Lyn Onken led us in singing "My Wild Irish Rose," "Danny Boy," and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

COMMITTEES:

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS: Professional Affairs Co-Chair Karen Harms announced that Rachel Watson, Pontiac, has been selected to receive the Alpha Beta High School Recruitment Grant of \$200. Debra Johnson of Pontiac, who attends McKendree University, is our college grant winner and will receive one of the Lambda State Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grants in the amount of \$1,000 at the state convention.

LEGISLATIVE: Sara Kaufman related that the House is considering pension buyout bills that would offer teachers 75% of their pension on retirement as a buyout in place of receiving continuing pension payments. The Teachers' Retirement System currently serves 400,000 members and had assets of \$43.7 billion as of December 31, 2015.

Sara encouraged Alpha Beta members to invite members of the legislature to visit their schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Lambda State Convention will be held April 15-17 this year in Decatur. Registration forms are online at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/forms.html#convention>. Carol Hughes asked members attending the convention to bring Box Top\$ for Education to make our chapter eligible for a drawing.
2. Vice-President Barb Baumann announced our next meeting will be on Monday, May 9 at 5:30, at The Gathering Place in Eureka. New officers will be installed. The program "Using Chrome Books in the Classroom" will be presented by Kate Walter and Michelle Harms.

The business meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

ISU Student Teacher Supervisor and Delta Kappa Gamma member, Pam Rightsel, presented the program on the new changes in teacher evaluation. Most districts have adopted the Charlotte Danielson method which encompasses four domains for evaluation: Planning and Preparation, Classroom Environment, Instruction, and Professional Responsibilities. As part of their evaluation teachers must continually document evidence of how they are meeting the goals within each domain including their incorporation of Bloom's taxonomy, accommodations for student differences, grouping of students, classroom website and newsletter, teacher reflection, and much more. Emphasis is placed on evidence of students directing their learning with the teacher in the role as a facilitator.

Pam also detailed the new ed Teacher Performance Assessment being used for teacher certification in universities. To achieve certification student teachers according to the edTPA website are required to "prepare a portfolio of materials during their student teaching clinical experience. edTPA requires aspiring teachers to demonstrate readiness to teach through lesson plans designed to support their students' strengths and needs; engage real students in ambitious learning; analyze whether their students are learning, and adjust their instruction to become more effective. Teacher candidates submit unedited video recordings of themselves at work in a real classroom as part of a portfolio that is scored by highly trained educators." <http://edtpa.aacte.org/faq#51>

Pam and members at the meeting expressed concern over the effect the prospect of the edTPA in addition to the state's changes in the pension system will have on the desire of future students to enter the teaching field!

Marcia Wahls, Recording Secretary