

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International *Alpha Beta Chapter
The Gathering Place, Eureka, IL
Monday, May 9, 2016

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Monday, May 9, 2016, at the The Gathering Place, Eureka, IL. Hostesses were Carol Hughes, Jessica Lawson, Patricia Benson, and Nancy Wier. The meeting was attended by 26 members of Alpha Beta and 6 guests: Carissa Yeager, Alyssa Thompson, Rachel Watson, Lisa Watson, Carlie Canfield, and Amy Whisker. A quorum of 30% of members was present.

A gourmet catered dinner buffet of salad, pasta, Italian herbed chicken breasts, fruits and a delicious assortment of desserts was enjoyed by all!

Louann Harms presented the Early Career Educator Grant recipients. Carlie Canfield teaches art at Eureka Middle School and will use her grant money towards cameras for her students to use in their photography work. Carrisa Yeager is a counselor at Eureka High School and will use her grant money to assist with their "Why Try" program. Amy Whisker teaches Family and Consumer Science at Eureka High School and will use her grant money to purchase cake decorating supplies for her students studying foods and nutrition. Members of Alpha Beta purchased supplies of pencils, pens, highlighters, and sticky notes for Alyssa Thompson and Courtney Lowe of Eureka High School to assist in their classrooms with their students.

Karen Harms introduced Alpha Beta high school recruitment grant winner Rachel Watson and her mother Lisa Watson. Rachel attends Pontiac High School and plans on attending Olivet Nazarene University working towards degrees in Early Childhood Education and Business.

The program for the evening, "Using Chrome Books in the Classroom" was presented by Alpha Beta members Kate Walter and Michelle Harms. Kate and Michelle have found that Chrome Books work faster and cost less than laptops in their classrooms yet can be used for many of the same applications as laptops. Their students use Google Docs for many written projects. When using Google Docs, files are automatically saved preventing loss of files. With Google Docs the teacher has easy access to student work and the ability to make comments and corrections to the students' work from the teacher's computer, phone, or Chrome Book. Kate and Michelle also utilize Google Slides (similar to Power Point), Lucid Press for publishing projects, and Epic (an online library of over 10,000 books for students) on Chrome Books with the students in their classrooms.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:25. President Carol led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Carol thanked the hostess committee for arranging the meeting place, dinner, and decorations for our meeting.

Recording Secretary Marcia Wahls read the names of members present and reported that we met our quorum of members for the meeting. Marcia asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of our March 19th meeting. Being none, the minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT for May was presented by Janet Kilgus and will be filed. Janet announced that any bills from the Lambda State Convention that need reimbursement should be turned into her. We will have enough donations to purchase our 7th Malawi well in September.

Balance brought forward: **\$3424.21**

Disbursements:

#1253 Pontiac Family Restaurant (Mar. meals)	312.00
#1254 Rachel Watson (Recruitment Grant)	200.00

#1255 Debra Johnson (FA Cook grant)	200.00	
#1256 Carissa Yeager (Early Career stipend)	100.00	
#1257 Carlie Canfield (Early Career stipend)	100.00	
#1258 Amy Whisker (Early Career stipend)	<u>100.00</u>	
	\$1012.00	
Receipts:		
Mar. meals	314.00	
Malawi	<u>30.37</u>	
	\$344.37	
Balance on Hand: (3/19/16)		\$2756.58*

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: Elaine Cunningham led us in singing "Educators All Are We."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. President Carol reported that 13 members attended the Lambda State convention in Decatur. At the convention Jessica Lawson was recognized for receiving a \$1000 stipend she used to help complete work on her Masters. Marianne Hall was recognized as a 50 year DKG member. Marcia Wahls was recognized as a first time convention attendee, Kate Walter was recognized for receiving a stipend to help with her Iditarod project. Alpha Beta was recognized for our literacy projects, our support of schools for Africa, and contributing four articles to the "Newscaster."
2. Carol Hughes displayed the Lambda State plaque for chapters with greatest attendance at convention. Alpha Beta was recognized along with Beta Pi for 2016 in having 13 members attend convention.
3. Janet Kilgus announced that Jessica Lawson will receive \$203 from the chapter fund to help with convention expenses for early career educators.
4. Nancy Wier announced that the first of the Alpha Beta program planning meetings for next year will be held on Friday, June 3, at 8:30 a.m. at the Chenoa Family Restaurant. The 2nd meeting will be held on Friday, August 12th. New committee chairs and officers should plan on attending, plus any other members wishing to attend will be welcome.
5. Training for chapter leaders will be held on Saturday, June 18th in Ottawa from 8 until noon. Attending will be Barb Baumann, Nancy Wier, and Janet Kilgus. Also volunteering to attend were Marylee Harms for finance, Kate Walter for membership, and Michelle Harms for communications and publicity.
6. Lambda State is holding a Leadership Skills Workshop at Bradley University June 21 and 22. PD's will be available. Registration should be submitted by June 1.

Janet Beyer led the ceremony installing the new Alpha Beta officers for 2016-2018. Barb Baumann was installed as President, Nancy Wier as First Vice-President, Lou Ann Jacobs as 2nd Vice- President, Lila McCulley as Recording Secretary, Kate Walter as Corresponding Secretary, and Janet Kilgus as Treasurer.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Marcia Wahls, Recording Secretary