

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International \*Alpha Beta Chapter  
Schmoe's Restaurant, Minonk, Illinois  
Saturday, November 14, 2015

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Saturday, November 14, 2015, at Schmoe's Restaurant in Minonk, Illinois. Hostesses were Elaine Cunningham, Jari Lynn Oncken, and Barbara Baumann. The meeting was attended by 23 members of Alpha Beta and 1 guest, Deanna Horton. A quorum of 30% of members was present. Barb Baumann led members in reciting the Collect before breakfast. A beautifully displayed and tasty breakfast buffet of egg casserole, quiche, homemade muffins, breads, and fruit was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was called to order at 9:55. President Carol led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Carol thanked the hostess committee for arranging the meeting place and meal. Membership chairman Louann Harms introduced Early Career Stipend recipient Deana Horton. Deana teaches the Life Skills class at Eureka High School. She will use her stipend to purchase adaptive cooking tools and rewards for her special needs students.

Recording Secretary Marcia Wahls read the names of the members present and reported that we met our quorum for the meeting of 17 members, with 23 members present. The minutes of the October 13, 2015, meeting were approved with the change in the spelling of Suzanne Coons name from Susanne to Suzanne.

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

**Balance brought forward:** **\$5355.52**

**Disbursements:**

#1225 Carol Hughes (Russia schools)	75.00
#1226 Roanoke Methodist Church - Oct. mtg. room	50.00
#1227 Penny Gomien (dues over payment refund)	5.00
#1228 Caleris (Oct. meal)	125.00
#1229 Deanna Horton (early career grant)	100.00
#1230 Lambda State (Convention and L.Dev. fees)	90.00
#1231 Lambda State (dues and scholarship fees)	<u>3457.50</u>
	<b>\$3902.50</b>

**Receipts:**

Oct. meals (32x\$9)	288.00
Malawi	48.36
Literacy	29.01
Dues (12x90)	1175.00
Dues (2x90)	180.00
Void Check # 1216	<u>100.00</u>
	<b>\$1820.37</b>

**Balance on Hand: (11/14/15)** **\$3273.39\***

Membership cards were distributed, and cards were taken to be distributed to members not in attendance.

**CORRESPONDANCE:** Corresponding secretary Kate Walter read a thank you letter from Pete Hughes for our support for his annual mission trip to the Novgorod Evangelical Church in Novgorod, Russia. Our donation helps in the teaching of English, with drug rehabilitation, and in supplying medicines and glasses.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

A collection for a Malawi well was taken. Books were available for purchase to help with funds for the literacy committee.

**COMMITTEES:**

**MEMBERSHIP** chair Louann Harms announced that Judith Wells will be initiated at our January meeting. **EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE CHAIR** Barb Baumann discussed the new Professional Development forms and application process. It was decided that we would wait until the summer program meeting next June to look further into making PD's available for our programs. President Carol said she would contact Lambda State to request information be added at the orientation for leaders meeting that would address the application process for approval of professional development programs through Lambda State. **LEGISLATIVE** information was shared by Janet Kilgus. She encouraged members to be in touch with their federal representatives Adam Kinzinger, Darin LaHood, or Rodney Davis on rewriting the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) that will replace No Child Left Behind.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Kate Walter described the program Iditarod participant Karen Land presented for Prairie Central third graders and students of Meadowbrook School. Karen even brought one of her sled dogs to show the students. Kate used money from a Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies Stipend to arrange for the visit by Karen Land.
2. Michelle Harms displayed the Alpha Beta website and showed the menu items available. If you have information to add, let Michelle know. The website address is <http://alphabetadkg.weebly.com/>

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. It was decided the notebook containing information for the Alpha Beta biennium 2014-2016 when completed should be given to President Carol Hoffman.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Elaine Cunningham announced that the Village-Aires will present "Candy Cane Christmas" on Saturday, Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 22, 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Minonk.
2. Norma Harms announced that there will be a quilt show at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Forrest on November 21 from 10-5. Two hundred quilts from the collection of Duane and Rachel Elbert, authors of *History from the Heart: quilt paths across Illinois* will be on display as well as quilts from church members.
3. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 9th at 9:00 at the Livingston County Special Services Unit Office in Pontiac. This will be a potluck luncheon.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Members Linda Witzig, Alberta Kinate, Suzanne Coons, and Lou Ann Jacobs presented the program "Are You Smarter than your Technology?" They attended the Lambda State Technology Seminar in the summer. Linda, Bert, and Suzanne detailed some of the problems with hackers and cyber bullying. They recommended not leaving your Internet running overnight. Suzanne displayed a PowerPoint she created of her granddaughter's wedding. Lou Ann shared uses for a Kindle including magazines, music, and Internet in addition to downloading books for reading.

Marcia Wahls, Recording Secretary