

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International *Alpha Beta Chapter
Roanoke United Methodist Church, Roanoke, Illinois
Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at the Roanoke United Methodist Church in Roanoke, Illinois. Hostesses were Linda Witzig, Jan Liston, Phyllis Peterson, Shirley Mueser, Lila McCulley, and Deborah Hitchins. The meeting was attended by 31 members of Alpha Beta and 2 guests, Judy Wells and Diane Mulkey. A quorum of 30% of members was present. Hostess chairman Linda Witzig led members in reciting the Collect before dinner. The dinner of shepherd's pie, salad, rolls, and dessert was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was called to order at 6:15. President Carol led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Carol thanked the hostess committee for arranging the meeting place and dinner.

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 31 members present. The minutes of the September 12, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

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

Balance brought forward: **\$3849.19**

Disbursements:

#1222 Dwight Country Club – Sept. meals	360.00
#1223 Suzanne Coons – yearbooks, printing	250.00
#1124 Glenmont Methodist Church – Good Shepherd School	<u>50.00</u>
	\$660.00

Receipts:

Sept. meals (24x\$15)	360.00
Malawi	46.33
Dues (17x90)	1530.00
Contributions-Foundation	50.00
Dues (2x90)	<u>180.00</u>
	\$2166.33

Balance on Hand: **\$5355.52***

Janet reported that she is still in need of dues from 11 members. She will need to send our dues payment to International by November 10.

CORRESPONDANCE: Corresponding secretary Kate Walter read a thank you from Jeanie Niebel for our contribution to the Good Shepherd Project in Africa. Reserve member Dorothy Riley sent a note with her membership dues relating her years of enjoyment as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. An email from Brenda Underwood was read requesting her resignation. **Janet Kilgus moved that we accept Brenda Underwood's resignation with regret. The motion was approved.**

GENERAL BUSINESS:

\$47.36 was collected for a Malawi well. Books were available for purchase to help with funds for the literacy committee.

COMMITTEES:

MEMBERSHIP chair Louann Harms asked members to fill out prospect cards and/or recommendation forms with the names of possible new members. These cards and forms are available on the Lambda State website at:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/Membership/index.html>

She thanked members for bringing supplies requested by two high school teachers in Eureka: post-it notes, pencils, pens, and highlighters. The teachers will try to come to receive these supplies at the November meeting.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS Carol Hoffman and Barb Baumann related the enjoyment they experienced at the Creative Arts Retreat on October 9-11 and shared some of the projects that they created. They strongly encourage members to attend next year's retreat.

LEGISLATIVE committee chair Sara Kauffman related information she obtained at a meeting she attended detailing Vision 20/20: Fulfilling the Promise of Public Education. The Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) initiated a visioning process in partnership with other Illinois educators to unite the education community and to develop a long-range blueprint for improving public education in Illinois.

COMMUNICATIONS chair Carol Hughes thanked members for returning permission forms allowing members to have their names and photos on Delta Kappa Gamma websites. See Carol if you need to still sign one of these forms. They are available on the Lambda State website. She also thanked members for telling her of the articles they have seen published about Alpha Beta meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Michelle Harms reported that the Alpha Beta website is up and running. If you have information to add, let Michelle know. The website has links to the DKG International and Lambda State websites, a calendar of meeting dates and locations, access to meeting minutes, links to Alpha Beta officers, links to members' websites and much more! The website address is <http://alphabetadkg.weebly.com/>

NEW BUSINESS:

President Carol Hoffman announced she attended the Executive Board Meeting on September 18 and 19. Carol relayed the following news from the Executive Board Meeting:

1. Lambda State is in need of a treasurer.
2. The books that will be discussed at this year's convention will be *It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens* by dana boyd (lowercase requested by author) and *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins.
3. For chapter honor status the chapter must show growth in membership from the previous year as of February 1, 2016, plus the chapter president or official representative must attend executive board meetings held at convention and in the fall, and the chapter must meet all deadlines. New requirements have been set for chapter honor status for 2016-2017: • At least 25% of chapter members attend the 2016 LS Convention and • Six new chapter leaders/designees attend the TCL at one of the designated location.
4. Forms are available on the Lambda State website for chapters to apply to Lambda State to receive state PD's for chapter programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Kate Walter announced that as a part of her Lambda State Foundation Stipend for her project on the Iditarod, Karen Land, Iditarod racer, will present to all Prairie

Central 3rd graders with her sled and one of her dogs on November 6th at 1:00 at Meadowbrook Elementary in Forrest.

2. Vice-President Barb Baumann announced that our next Alpha Beta meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14th at Schmoes in Minonk. Breakfast will be served at 9:00. The program "Are You Smarter Than Your Technology?" will be presented by members Sue Coons, Bert Kinate, Lou Ann Jacobs, Janet Whittington, and Linda Witzig.

The business meeting adjourned at 6:55.

Member Elaine Cunningham presented the program on "Genealogy." Elaine provided pointers to help as you do an ancestral search, websites that are available, and a list of other sources for information. She led us on the journey she took in researching her husband's ancestors back to the 1700's.

Marcia Wahls, Recording Secretary