

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International *Alpha Beta Chapter
Dwight Country Club, Dwight Illinois
Saturday, September 12, 2015

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at the Dwight Country Club in Dwight, Illinois. Hostesses were Jan Masching, Debra Davis, Kay Hammer, Marianne Hall, and Sue Scheoenherr. The meeting was attended by 25 members of Alpha Beta. A quorum of 30% of members was present. Hostess chairman Jan Masching led members in reciting the Collect before dinner. The dinner buffet included delicious salads, soup, roast beef, chicken, and strawberry dessert.

Janet Beyer began our meeting with a memorial service for member Marjorie Bertsche who passed away June 28th. Erma Hesterberg shared memories of her work with Marjorie and read the obituary for Marjorie detailing information about her family and years teaching. Jari Lynn Oncken led members in singing "In Memory."

President Carol Hoffman next asked chapter committees to meet together to review plans for the biennium, and make adjustments to committee plans if necessary.

The business meeting was called to order at 9:58. President Carol led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Carol thanked the hostess committee for arranging the meeting place and dinner. She thanked Sue Coons for her work preparing the chapter program booklets and Lou Ann Jacobs for her work preparing the ABC Newsletter. She thanked members for their cards and presence at her 50th wedding anniversary party during the summer.

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 25 members present. Marcia announced that this would be Marianne Hall's 50th year as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Jari Lynn Oncken's 40th year, and Lou Ann Jacob's 30th year. The minutes of the May 5th meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORTS for June and September prepared by Janet Kilgus were presented by Lou Ann Jacobs.

Balance on Hand: (6/5/15)	\$2306.92*
Disbursements:	
1. #1220 Lou Ann Jacobs (M. Bertsche memorial flowers)	17.73
2. #1221 Jan Masching (books for 2014-15 prison project)	<u>100.00</u>
	\$117.73
Receipts:	
3. Dues (9x90)	810.00
4. Contributions- Early Career Stipends (2x200)	400.00
5. Dues (1x90)	90.00
6. Dues (4x90)	<u>360.00</u>
	\$1660.00
Balance on Hand: (9/12/15)	\$3849.19*

For chapter use to start this year - \$1470.62* (Last year at this time \$1083.03 and year before \$1291.68)

Last year we had 56 active members, 3 reserve, and 1 honorary member for a total of 60 members. With the deaths of Betty Gillette and Marge Bertsche and the resignation of Candace Lhotka we now have 57 members to start the year.

CORRESPONDANCE: President Carol read a letter from member Candace Lhotka offering her resignation due to family commitments. **Lou Ann Jacobs moved that we accept Candace's resignation with regrets. The motion was approved.**

Jan Masching read a thank you letter from Gail Beard, the Storybook Director with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois who takes donated books to the Logan Correctional Center for women. These books are recorded and used with the incarcerated women's children. Alpha Beta Chapter donated 64 books to the project last year. We have donated 810 books over the years.

Lou Ann Jacobs read a thank you letter from the Carol Gardner, director of the A.C.H.I.E.V.E. Learning Center for our contribution to their program.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

\$46.33 was collected for a Malawi well. This was enough to go towards the purchase of our 6th well. Books were available for purchase to help with funds for the literacy committee.

COMMITTEES:

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE chair Barb Baumann related that the Educational Excellence committee met twice during the summer to plan programs for 2015-2016 year.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS chair Bert Kinate announced that the Creative Arts Retreat would be held October 9-11. Registration is due by September 15th. Barb Baumann and Carol Hoffman announced that they will be attending and encouraged members to join them.

LEGISLATIVE committee information was announced by Lou Ann Jacobs. She encouraged members to sign up for the Legislative Seminar to be held September 26 at the Lincoln Library in Springfield. Registration is due by September 14.

MEMBERSHIP committee was reported by Karen Harms. She thanked members for bringing supplies requested by two high school teachers in Eureka: post-it notes, pencils, pens, and highlighters. These can also be brought to the October meeting when the teachers will come to receive these supplies.

OLD BUSINESS: none

- 1. NEW BUSINESS:** Maggie Janssen reviewed the budget proposal for 2015-2016. The projected fund balance in June of 2016 is \$947.42. **Diane Jontry made a motion to approve the budget for 2015-2016. The motion passed.**
- 2.** Carol Hughes announced that at the Northeast Regional Conference this summer she had learned about the Good Shepherd Project School in Zambia Africa that is supported by many chapters. The project is in need of financial assistance. **Carol Hughes made a motion that we send \$50 to the Good Shepherd Project School in Zambia Africa. The motion passed.**
- 3.** Carol Hughes passed out permission forms for members to sign agreeing to allow DKG to post names, photos, address information, and emails of members on the Lambda State website or Facebook page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Sue Coons stated if anyone is interested in working with changing the nametags used at meetings to see her. She asked members to review the new program books. It was noted that a change on page 24 needs to be made in the time for the program from 10:15 p.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Program booklets were taken by members present to distribute to members who were unable to attend the September meeting.

2. Barb Baumann announced that the October 13 meeting will be held in Roanoke with Elaine Cunningham presenting about Genealogy.

3. Linda Witzig, hostess chair for October, asked for prompt replies for reservations for the October meeting.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Members met in small groups to share book titles of favorite books and books read over the summer

Marcia Wahls, Recording Secretary