

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Florida Mu State Organization
Alpha Kappa Minutes
Sunday, October 9, 2016
Submitted by Connie Lewis

Orientation for Prospective Members

Prior to the meeting, Rhonda Work and Connie Lewis presented via Powerpoint information about Delta Kappa Gamma for the invitees to Alpha Kappa membership. Six of the eight were in attendance with one from Iota Chapter: Dr. Monica Hayes, Nikki Abels, Amanda Thai, Kim Baxley, Dr. Felecia Jackson, Janine Schwall, and Sarah King (Iota). Unable to attend were Patricia Casey and Gia Kenon. Sponsors for each were also present.

Chapter Meeting

Call to order Susan Womble, AK President, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Members Present AK – Melanie Hester, Susan Womble, Susan Vinson, Judy O’Steen, Dawn James, Delores Hudson, Connie Lewis, Jean Williams, June Townsend, Rhonda Work, Ginny Densmore, Nikki Abels (initiate); Iota – Michele Runo, Sandra Smith, Nancy Henning, Deborah Barnes, Harriet McQuay, Genay Crump.

Voting Results Dawn James, Membership chair, announced that the results of members voting on the prospective members (invitees) was unanimous in favor of membership.

Program Melanie Hester, AK’s treasurer-in-training, presented “Science with Argument Driven Inquiry”. She is a Science Professor at Florida State University School where this program has been piloted and tested for several years. The gains from this approach to learning have been impressive. Students learn through asking questions, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data and construction explanations and design solutions in an interactive environment. Students also write papers to explain and support the process and findings. This program is also being used in other disciplines with great success. Melanie and her colleagues have authored books which support this program and have been adopted by the State Book Organization. The response to her presentation was enthusiastic with audience questions from all academic levels. Currently the program is available for levels 6 – 12.

Minutes The minutes are sent to members via email and are posted on the chapter website prior to the meeting. Dawn James made a motion to approve; Susan Vinson seconded; minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report The report was available at the meeting. Rhonda Work addressed the information about the budget. After some discussion, Melanie Hester moved to accept the report; Judy O’Steen seconded the motion; motion passed.

Old Business

Committee Signup – Members were reminded to go to the website to view the committees and to email Connie Lewis, lewisc47@comcast.net, so that she can add their name to the committee selected.

Update on Membership Congratulations to Dawn James for all her hard work to help recruit new members for Alpha Kappa membership and to the sponsors of the people who were invited to join. This year we have eight, the largest number in years. Way to go.

Early Learning Coalition Books So far members have donated 88 books which already exceeds last year's contributions. The collection will continue through the December meeting.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 5, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Initiation at the Elks Club. Reservations due by Oct. 25.

Tuesday, December 6, 5:30 p.m., Holiday Fellowship - AK members bring new or used books to be donated to the [Early Learning Coalition](#), (Jo Anne Arnett's home).

New Business

Reminders October 31 is the deadline for AK dues to be paid to Rhonda Work.

Others Rhonda Work gave the membership a report on Linda Roger's husband's surgery.

Raffle Twenty-two dollars were raised from the raffle.

Adjournment The meeting ended at 5:20 p.m.

Note: Nancy Henning, Iota Chapter, provided information about the Florida DKG Educational Foundation, "Educator Express". It is a non-profit corporation that provides funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in the state of Florida and promotes educational excellence for Florida students. If you need funds for professional development and travel, check the website at www.fldkgef.org for more information.