

**Big Bend Coordinating Council**  
**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**New Member Orientation**  
**October 12, 2019**  
**Submitted by Nikki Abels**

**Call to Order:** Nancy Watson called the meeting to order at 10:17. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Diane Driggers, Alpha Lambda.

**AK Members in Attendance:** Nikki Abels, Connie Lewis, Nancy Watson, Nancy Rosenbaum, Delores Hudson, Rhonda Work. AK new members Monica Broome, Jennifer Guarraia, Susan Borland were also present. There were 15 members in attendance from the Big Bend Coordinating Council chapters.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Nancy introduced Nancy Henning, Iota chapter and President of DKG Florida State, and Sandra Smith, the acting-president of Iota Chapter.

**New Member Orientation:** Chapter presidents introduced their new members. There are 7 new members among the four BBCC chapters. Connie Lewis and Rhonda Work presided over the new members orientation. Topics included: Origin of Delta Kappa Gamma, Goals to Excellence in Education, Why DKG was founded and our Symbols. Their combined knowledge and their power point presentation thoroughly covered each topic and they did a fantastic job. Our New members received informational handouts and a gift.

**Chapter Project Updates:**

**Alpha Lambda:** Working with Future Educators at Wakulla High School, The Young Actors Theater, TCC Eagles, and the Red Dress Dinner.

**Beta Phi:** SSF Lastinger House, Food Security Project, and Teacher Support through gift cards for their classrooms.

**Iota:** SSF Grace House (FSU) through Pack the Pantry and Mentoring Teachers.

**Alpha Kappa:** ELC book drive, SSF Lundquist House through Pack the Pantry, and the World Fellowship/Fulbright Scholarships.

**Announcements:**

Beta Phi shared their projects of Change for Change in which they were able to help 6 Bay County school classes last year. They will continue it this year and plan to assist Jackson County this year.

Alpha Lambda shared their fundraiser at the Young Actors Theater presentation of Mary Poppins on November 7, 2019.

The next meeting, New Member Induction, will be November 9, 2019 at 11 am at the Elk's Lodge. Registration for the luncheon is due by Nov. 1 to Rhonda Work.

The District 1 meeting in Marianna will be January 25 from 8 am to noon. Registration for the District Meeting is due by Dec. 1. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am and then we all enjoyed some yummy treats and fellowship.