

Alpha Kappa Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Summer Luncheon, Backwood's Bistro
July 18, 2018 Meeting
Submitted by Connie Lewis

Members Attending: M. Hester, P. Casey M. Olson, D. James, T. Horne, G. Daniels, J. Townsend, D. Hudson, M. Davis, M. Hayes, G. Workman, C. Lewis, G. Densmore, R. Work, F. Jackson, S. Byars, N. Watson, Alice Scruggs (guest)

Call to Order: Nancy Watson, AK's new president, called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. with a thought for the day: *"Great people can see with their mind farther than they can see with their eyes. They create vision in their mind with their imagination and insight, and then make it a reality by gathering resources, grabbing opportunities and motivating people."* Sheye Hassam --- Nigeria

Delores Hudson, president-elect, presented Nancy with her president's pin.

Nancy announced that the cards at each member's seat at the table was to gather information about the following: Are you satisfied with your career choice? What might you have chosen instead? Opportunity to sign up to hostess at future meetings, for committee positions, or to provide suggestions.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting had been sent to members by Connie Lewis via email and were approved. The motion was made by Dawn James; seconded by Melissa Olson.

Correspondence: There was none. It was suggested by Delores Hudson that we send a get-well card to Jean Williams who recently had a hip replacement. Melissa Olson, the new Corresponding Secretary, was also asked to send Harriett McCarter, one of AK's founders, a note at Westminster Oaks.

Treasurer's Report and Budget: Rhonda Work stated that we were happy to support Nancy Watson and Delores Hudson attendance at the Leadership Conference this year. The July Treasurer's report was approved as presented and will be filed for audit. Money was also given to World Fellowship and to the Mu State Leadership Fund. We currently have 55 members with the addition of our transfer sisters from Gamma Eta.

The proposed 2018-2019 budget was presented. The anticipated balance at the end of June, 2019 was \$584.30. Some of these funds may go toward AK's 60th anniversary celebration. The budget was approved. Gale Workman made the motion; Ginny Densmore seconded.

Rhonda collected dues for the coming year.

New Business:

Nancy recognized the new officers and chapter project chairs

Officers - President: *Nancy Watson*; President-Elect: *Delores Hudson*; Vice-President: *Gale Workman*; Recording Secretary: *Nikki Abels*; Corresponding Secretary: *Melissa Olson*; Treasurer: *Rhonda Work*; Assistant Treasurer: *Melanie Hester*; Parliamentarian: *Sandy Byars*.

Committee Chairs and Responsibilities

Membership Committee Chair - Gina Daniels, Dawn James - Distribute and collect membership forms/review, invite new members.

SSF Pantry Committee Chair - Felicia Jordan Jackson

Collect goods at meetings/store/arrange for delivery to Lundquist house; coordinate 2 deliveries - one early each semester with the SSF house and AK members.

Big Bend Early Coalition Learning Committee Chair - Monica Hayes

Collect books at each meeting and store until delivery. Stamp books with chapter stamps and arrange delivery time with ELC and members who wish to attend. Delivery is made after the December chapter meeting.

Remind Committee Chair - Candace Gautney

Remind is a text app. Members will be sent reminders two days before and the day of a chapter event with reminders including snacks to bring from group A-L last name or M-Z last name.

Name Tag Committee Chair - Teresa Horn

Keep and bring nametags to meetings; replace missing nametags and make ones for new members.

Fund Raiser Chair - Sandy Byars

Solicit prizes and organize process for raising funds to support AK projects/scholarships, etc.

Newsletter: The newsletter is published 4-5 times per year. AK will highlight the new officers and include a kudo section for those members who have volunteered service to the chapter and who have been recognized through their professional endeavors. Delores Hudson will be spotlighted in the September newsletter.

Remind App: Dawn James gave instructions on how to install and use Remind, a text app that will be used to remind members of upcoming chapter events. When in text message on your phone, in recipient section enter 81010; in message section enter @dkgalphak, then send. It is not necessary to download the remind app.

AK 60th Birthday Celebration: Delores Hudson, who is coordinating the event, spoke about the event, that we chartered in June, 1959; that Gale Workman was already busy finding information on the founders, and that the celebration would be a celebration of all women in Alpha Kappa from the on-set. Anyone interested in working on this event, should contact Delores. Thank you, Delores!

Membership: Dawn James sent a pad around for members to suggest prospective members. The name, address, phone number and place of work was needed to contact the person so that they could receive the letter of invitation. A second letter will be sent about initiation if the person is interested in joining. Dawn, who has been our membership chair for several years, will work with Gina Daniels, our new membership chair. Thank you Dawn!

(**Note:** Janice Tucker Register has indicated an interest to reinstate her membership, transferring from Gamma Eta to Alpha Kappa.)

Calendar: The calendar was presented. The tentative calendar had previously been sent to the membership. There were two modifications: 1) the October 22 meeting was deleted; and 2) the April 1 meeting will be held at June Townsend's house. Thank you, June!

Hostesses are needed for the September 24, Dec 6 and April 1 meetings.

Standing Rules Changes: Nancy Watson read the changes that were added in our chapter standing rules. Below is the information found in the **Activities Section**.

Section C. Special Occasions.

1. Orientation/Initiation shall be held in the month of October/November in conjunction with the Big Bend Coordinating Council.
2. Alpha Kappa Chapter was established on June 27, 1959 and is remembered on Founder's Day.
3. Founder's Day shall be held in the month of May in conjunction with the Big Bend Coordinating Council.

The membership voted to approve the additions. Gale Workman made the motion; June Townsend seconded. The updates can be found on the AK website at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/index.html>

TCC Project: Gale Workman explained that AK members can volunteer to work with TCC students in the fall semester. Reggie Grant, a professor at TCC, would work with Gale to arrange for our members to be interviewed by his students (on a volunteer basis). The information gathered will become the sole property of the chapter which can be used to update our bios, for recognition of members, and in “getting to know you” activities, etc. The information will be archived by Connie Lewis so that AK will be continuing to add to its history. Currently 17 AK members have volunteered to participate.

Social Activities (outside of regular meetings i.e., ice cream and fellowship at places like Lofty pursuits or Small Cakes.) A volunteer for Social Activities Committee Chair to coordinate. If interested, please contact Nancy Watson.

Kudos:

Melanie Hester announced that **Patti Casey’s** AP classes scored extremely well on AP Calculus tests. A research grant for professional development from NSF was awarded to Dr Sutherland from the College of Ed School of Teacher Ed and Dr Granger from the College of Arts and Sciences. **Melanie** was selected as the classroom teacher consultant on the project. Seminars have been conducted with biology teachers on productive student discourse.

Monica Hayes - The National Association of African American Studies and Affiliates (NAAAS) is spearheading a project to get the Phoenix Settlement named an UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS). Ms. Ela Gandhi, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, in concert with the Phoenix Settlement Trust, asked the Association to take the lead on the project. The Executive Director of NAAAS named **Monica** to serve on the UNESCO committee to prepare an initial report, now on UNESCO's Tentative List. (More on this project in the upcoming newsletter.)

Also, **Monica** was recently inducted into the Southside Rotary Club.

Gina Daniels announced that her granddaughter achieved Level 5 in both reading and math.

The members enjoyed a delightful lunch and fellowship after the meeting. Nancy had provided chocolates at each place for a treat!

Adjourned: The gathering was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.