

**Alpha Kappa Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Zoom Meeting, August 28, 2021
Submitted by Nikki Abels**

Members in Attendance: Nikki Abels, Nancy Rosenbaum, June Townsend, Connie Lewis, Genae Crump, Yolanda Singletary, Nancy Watson, Carole Jo Hardiman, Lisa Phillips, Patti Brownstein, Ruth Bickel, Monica Hayes, Ginny Densmore, Nancy Henning, Rhonda Work, Diane Johnson, Gina Daniels, Alice-Ann Darrow, Jennifer Kinny, Stacy Thompson, Allyson Watson and Delores Hudson.

Call to Order: Nancy Rosenbaum called the meeting order at 10:01 am.

Welcome and Introduction: Josephine Sandossi, a new recruit, was welcomed to the meeting. In addition, several members spoke about their new recruits. We have five recruits so far.

Approval of Minutes: June T. moved that the minutes of our last general meeting be approved and they passed. They can be found on our website.

Correspondence: Nancy R. reported no current correspondence. Allyson W. did thank the group for her birthday card. Nancy R. reported also that Delores Hudson will be taking the role of Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

Report: Rhonda W. reported that we currently have a balance of \$1345.31. She said that there are some outstanding expenses, but we should be fine based on our budget. The report will be filed for audit.

Budget: Rhonda presented the budget for 2021-22. Based on our current status and anticipated income, we should have an anticipated balance of \$314.11 on June 30, 2022. Nancy W. moved the budget be approved and it passed.

DKG: Who we are and how we came to be!

Meeting our members icebreaker: Each member introduced themselves and shared a hobby or two that they pursue. This provided for some very interesting information.

Brief history of DKG: Rhonda W. spoke about how DKG has evolved from a small cadre of women educators in Texas to the international organization we are today.

Membership: Lisa P. spoke about our membership campaign. We currently have five potential recruits. If anyone has a potential member to propose, please send that information to Lisa.

Communication: Connie L. shared the various ways our chapter/organization communicates with our members: website, Facebook, newsletter, group emails, Zoom meetings and in-person meetings. Nancy R. reminded us that our chapter has won communication awards for at least the last three bienniums.

Lundquist Scholarship House: Nancy W. shared that the scholarship house is a place for students in good academic standing and of excellent character a place to live for free. The women who live there are often the first of their families to attend college. We provide support in several ways: pack the

pantry, provide dinners, and mentoring. There is a “thank you” video available on our website from the ladies if you want to view that.

Early Learning Coalition: Nikki A. shared that our local ELC serves seven counties in the Big Bend area. They focus on supporting pre-k children and their families. This support comes in many forms: VPK, school readiness programs, child care information, community outreach, and providing reading materials. Our chapter donated 259 books this year and over the last several years has donated over 800 books.

Nominations for Leadership Positions: Ruth B. spoke about our leadership positions. If you are interested in any of them, please contact her. She will be sending out information about these positions in the near future.

Leadership: Monica H. spoke about how we are a diverse group including age, teaching experience, background, etc. She reminded us about the many opportunities for leadership growth in our organization. She also expressed how excited she is that we are a great “sisterhood”. She shared that a “survival kit” for our members would be sent out soon.

Announcements/Open Floor:

- Nancy R. shared that we would be voting on new members via email as we have done in the past.
- Our next general meeting would be a private “Happy Hour” at the Hyatt House on Thursday, September 23, from 4-5:30 pm. Thank you to Gale Workman who made these arrangements for us.
- Nikki A. asked us to keep the people of Louisiana in our prayers because of Hurricane Ida.
- Rhonda W. shared that a former member, Nancy Johnson, was very ill. And she thanked Yolanda for joining our meeting at least as a “listener”.
- Connie W. asked when the committee information would be distributed to the members. Nancy R. said the lists will go out very soon.
- Ruth B. asked to keep all health care workers in our thoughts due to the increased numbers caused by the Delta variant. She also asked us to keep our military in our thoughts with all that is happening around the world, especially in Afghanistan.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Nancy R. at 11:28 am.

Social Time: Nancy R. said that if anyone wanted to, they could stay on Zoom to socialize with other members.