

**Alpha Kappa Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

**Minutes of the Annual Kick-off Meeting
August 19, 2017**

Call to Order: 10:27 a.m. at Ginny Densmore's home

Members present: Susan Womble, Delores Hudson, Gale Workman, Rhonda Work, Nikki Abels, Sally Roberts, Teresa Horn, June Townsend, Melissa Olson, Susan Vinson, Alice-Ann Darrow, Nancy Watson, Jacque Clemens, Edna Owens, Ginny Densmore, Vicki Rhodes

Welcome to our guests: Mary Margaret Enfinger, guest of Melissa Olson; Deborah Hannah, kindergarten teacher at Sabal Palm, guest of Delores Hudson; Nancy Rosenbaum, teacher at Florida High, guest of Melanie Hester.

History of Society: Rhonda Work gave a brief overview of the DKG society. She stressed the importance of the characteristics of our members, professionalism of the overall organization, our philanthropic and scholarship activities, our opportunities with and responsibilities to the organization, and the wonderful friendships that develop through our participation.

Membership Update Page: Rhonda asked the members to complete a new update form.

Program: Gale Workman led us in a delightful activity, The Bucket List Game. Each person completed a note card with one "bucket list" item along with the year they joined DKG. The group had to guess which person matched each item. This was enjoyed by all and a great way for us to get to know each other a little better.

Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were approved: Nancy Watson moved they be accepted and Alice-Ann Darrow seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Rhonda Work reported there is a current balance \$1982.19. She also reported that dues are being remitted.

Old Business:

Membership/Recruitment Update: Dawn James reported that applications will be available and will be sent to members through an email attachment. Prospective members and/or sponsors can send the completed applications to Dawn to her email. (Applications were also given to our guests at this meeting.) The vote on the prospective members will be conducted online through email. Dawn reminded the members that the orientation for

prospective members would be held on Oct. 7 at the Leroy Collins Leon Co. Public Library from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This will be a joint meeting. Dawn also reminded us that the default password for the DKG site is: dkg2014society.

Early Learning Coalition Books: Gale Workman encouraged the group to keep bringing books for the ELC through the month of December. We would very much like to beat our number from last year. The books will be delivered in December to the ELC. The ELC will provide a book for each child who comes through its organization.

Scholarship House: We have adopted the Lindquist House on the FSU campus for the "Pack the Pantry" project. Our first delivery was last April and our next delivery will be this month with another one next April. We need to continue to bring in items. Again it was suggested that we think "hurricane supplies/non-perishables".

December "Get Together" Update: Our December 7 meeting will be at the Leroy Collins Leon Co. Public Library from 6-9 pm. It will be a combination social and fundraiser for the World Fellowship Fund. Each chapter is asked to raise at least \$100 to be sent to the state organization and used to provide the scholarship monies to help fund Fulbright Scholars the opportunity to come to the United States to complete their degrees. We will be doing that through a "silent auction". Each member is asked to bring 1-3 new or gently used items to be used for the auction. We will buy tickets to be used to bid on the items we would like to have. We want to raise at least the \$100 and more if possible. If we raise the \$100, then our chapter can receive a Gold Award through DKG.

New Business:

Calendar of events: Susan Womble reviewed the calendar of events for the year. They are as follows:

Saturday, Oct. 7: Orientation for prospective members at the Leroy Collins Leon Co. Public Library from 10 am to 1 pm. All chapter members are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, Oct. 28: Initiation of new members at the Elks Club from 11 am to 1 pm.

Thursday, Dec. 7: Holiday Fellowship at Leroy Collins Leon Co. Public Library from 6-9 pm. Our silent auction for the World Fellowship Fund will be held as well. We also need to bring our books for the ELC.

Saturday, January or February 2018: Joint legislative meeting, place TBA.

Saturday, March 3: District 1 meeting to be held here in Tallahassee, place TBA. This usually lasts the entire day and typically includes a dinner the Friday night before.

Saturday, April 14: Program Meeting and “Pack the Pantry” items, place TBA. Our speaker will be a representative from the Lindquist Scholarship House. We will also have officer nominations and election at this time.

Saturday, May 19: BBCC Founders’ Day Luncheon. Time and place TBA.

Saturday, July 11: Summer Social Luncheon. Time and place TBA.

Dues Reminder: Rhonda reminded us of our dues and thanked all who have already paid.

Other Business:

BBCC: Rhonda reported that our dues support 2 Grant-in-Aid and 1 Woodbury Scholarship. Our Woodbury candidate graduated and one of the Grant-in-Aid scholars dropped out. In the meantime, we received a call from Flagler College concerning a student who needed some help with her tuition. We were able to provide the assistance and received a very nice thank you note from the college.

Member Update:

Please keep the following members in your thoughts:
Carol Jo Hardiman, who’s great niece passed away last Monday.
Janice Smith-Dann who is in an assisted living facility.
Cecilia Hack who is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s.
Rhonda gave an update on Connie Lewis who is doing better.

DKG Website: Delores walked us through accessing the DKG website and minutes on our cell phones.

Announcements:

Rhonda reported that we currently have 52 members in our chapter.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Abels, Acting Recording Secretary