

**Alpha Kappa Chapter  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Minutes of the September 24, 2018 Meeting  
Submitted by Nikki Abels**

**Call to Order** at 6:10 pm at Leon County Sheriff's Office.

**Members Attending:** Nikki Abels, Rhonda Work, Nancy Watson, Connie Lewis, Sandy Byars, Ginny Densmore, June Townsend, Regina Davis, Susan Vinson, Teresa Horn, Susan Womble

**Program:** Deputy Mike Wallace who is with the Community Relations Unit of the Sheriff's Office. He is a CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) and High Liability Instructor.

Deputy Wallace has had the opportunity to visit and assess each Leon County school to help them plan to secure their facilities against any intruder who means to do harm to any student or school personnel. He shared with us a number of ideas and techniques for us to utilize in any situation to keep us as safe as possible. He emphasized that we must be alert and aware of our surroundings, including schools, restaurants, theaters, outdoor events and even our churches. When we are in an emergency situation, we may not always act and react in calm and thoughtful manner. Planning ahead is vital. Survey every room and area in which you find yourself. Look for ways to escape, keeping in mind that the way in is usually not the best way out. Rehearse and practice what you should do. Give yourself and others a chance for survival by acting and moving. These are only a small part of what Deputy Wallace shared. He also suggested and offered to do a follow-up meeting. The information he shared was very eye opening and useful for all of us in our everyday lives and not just our school environment.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the August 25, 2018 meeting, sent by email, were presented. Susan Womble moved they be approved and Susan Vinson seconded. They were approved.

**Correspondence:** Nancy shared that Melissa fell and hurt her hand. Rhonda told about receiving notes from Barbara Seville and Jenny Rollins. They are two of our "long distance" members and they intend to stay connected to us.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rhonda shared her report with us. We have a balance of \$2914.60 as of 9/24/18. She did however remind us that there would be a number of expenditures between now and the end of the year. Dues are due by October 31, 2018. The report will be filed for audit.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:**

**Florida State Fall Workshop:** Nancy suggested this discussion be deferred. She would like Delores Hudson and Nancy Rosenbaum and Delores Hudson to be present to assist with the information.

**Membership Update:** Gina has sent letters to our prospective members. She will make one more contact with them. The new member orientation is scheduled for October 13, 2018 at the Eastside Library. It was suggested that all members try to attend, as the information provided is valuable to all of us.

**Pack the Pantry:** We did have some items brought to the meeting tonight. But the students can use and need as many items as we can provide. It is important to note that the Scholarship House is not a sorority. The students must meet high academic standards and show evidence of financial need. Our contributions are invaluable, as most of these students do not get financial backing from their homes. Nancy suggested that we have a student speak at one of our meetings or arrange a “get together” with the students so we can get a better idea of what the house is all about. Nancy also mentioned that we would be welcome to visit the house.

**Early Learning Coalition:** We need to keep bringing books to our meetings. The more, the better. We will be distributing the books to the ELC in December. So there is still plenty of time to contribute to this worthy cause.

**Accolades and Kudos:** Nancy Rosenbaum and Delores Hudson were recognized as Women to Watch at the Florida State Fall Workshop.

**Cell phone numbers:** June asked for us to provide to her our cell phone numbers. She will use this information to send group texts to remind us of meetings, events, etc. Although the texts will not replace emails, they are a fast and efficient way of communicating with our group.

**Announcements:**

**October 13**, 10am – noon, is our joint BBCC Orientation of New Members meeting at the Eastside Library. We will be responsible to provide the paper goods. We will also have DKG notepads and pens to share with the new members.

**November 3**, 11 am is the joint BBCC Initiation Luncheon at the Elks Club. We will have our usual raffle.

**June 27, 2019** is the scheduled date for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. Dolores would like to meet with her committee after the orientation meeting in October.

Rhonda reminded us that in addition to our chapter celebrating 60 years, Alpha Lambda is also celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The two chapters are spin-offs of the IOTA chapter.