

Alpha Kappa Chapter  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Business and Program Minutes  
September 20, 2023  
Submitted by Nikki Abels

**Members Attending:** Pat Gilleland, Stacy Thompson, June Townsend, Patti Brownstein, Josephine Sondossi, Monica Hayes, Jo Anne Arnett, Vicki Rhodes, Sally Roberts, Jean Williams, Pat Scott, Edna Owens, Lisa Phillips, Susan Vinson, Ginny Densmore, Nancy Watson, Terri Sellers Hatten, Diane Johnson, Rhonda Work, Gale Workman, and Nikki Abels.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Monica Hayes at 10:17 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of January 14, 2023 were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rhonda W. presented an oral report. Our income currently is mainly from dues and the change for World Fellowship. Our state and international dues and current obligations have been covered. We have approximately \$800 in the bank and \$60 for World Fellowship. We need to be prudent about our spending.

Rhonda also announced that after 23 years, she will be stepping down as treasurer. Patti Casey has agreed to fill the position next year. This report will be filed for audit.

**Budget:** Rhonda W. reported that the executive board has approved our budget for next year. Nancy W. moved and Susan V. seconded that we approve the budget. It passed.

**Membership and Recruitment:** Lisa P. reported that we need to be recruiting potential members all year long. It was also emphasized that we are able to induct new members at any time of the year. We do need to look at potential members who present initiative, leadership, creativity, etc. It was also discussed that perhaps we could provide a type of mentoring for new members in order to keep them active in the organization.

**Lundquist House:** Nancy W. provided an overview of the house. There are currently 15 students who are members at this point. The contact person is the same as last year. The group discussed the possibility of having a face to face meal with the ladies. After some discussion, it was decided that we will meet with them Thursday, October 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Members attending will provide the food. We can also bring goods/food donations for them. We can use the Amazon wish list to send items to them as well. Just make sure the packages go to the Scholarship Office and not the house address. They can use cleaning materials, dry/can foods, paper goods, etc. Anyone who would be willing to mentor any of the ladies will be welcome.

**Book Drive:** Nikki A. reported on our book drive. We are no longer collecting items for the prison as the contact people kept changing and there was basically no response. We are now collecting for the Hope Enrichment Center. The center works with families, children and adults who are home insecure. They have no restrictions on the materials and provide a library for the families and children as well as one for veterans. We have made two donations this year and will be making our next one closer to the holiday time. So any books/materials suitable for pre-k to adult will be great. Bring your donations to any meeting or contact Nikki (954-328-2961) and she will make arrangements to get the materials from you.

**State of Florida DKG Executive Board Meeting:** Monica H. reported on this meeting. She said it was exciting to meet the great educators around the state. She also reported that statewide, our organization is losing members. It seems that since the pandemic, it has been difficult for all the chapters to recruit and maintain members. Our chapter did lose some

members. This was due more to circumstances than disinterest. She encouraged us to look for new members.

### **New Business:**

**Nominating Committee:** The committee consists of June W., Nancy R., and Gale W. June reported that they will be meeting in the near future to determine the slate of officers for 2006-08. There was a call to members to consider serving. And she also emphasized the recruitment of new members.

**Professional Development:** Monica asked the group to offer suggestions for meeting topics. We do have some for the rest of this term in mind, (such as "Safety First" to be held in November) but would love to hear from our members as well.

### **Programs:**

**"Getting to Know You":** Gale W. presented a fun and informative program on Social Media and how it is used today. She provided a short question survey and then had the group discuss the information. (Who knew that Nigeria has the most internet usage hours in the world per person.) She also reported that membership generally is waning in most organizations.

**"Who Are We":** Stacy T. provided a fun and comprehensive overview of our organization through a question/discussion format. Topics included: how do we carry DKG in our general lives, how do we let others know what we stand for, what is our history? She also us to look at the DKG website and newsletter.

### **Reminders and Announcements:**

Rhonda W. reminded us about change for the World Fellowship.

Gale W. reported that we will know if we have any Fulbright Scholarship people in Florida some time in October of this year.

Stacy T. reported that our chapter will be providing a basket for the District 1 meeting to be held here in Tallahassee in January. She encouraged members to try and get donations from businesses who may provide some services/coupons/etc. to put in our basket.

Monica H. encouraged members to attend the District 1 meeting to be held in Tallahassee, January, 20, 2024 from 8:30 am to 2 pm.

Monica H. extended her thanks to Ginny D. for the use of her home for our meeting and members L-Z for all the wonderful goodies.

**Adjournment:** Monica H. adjourned the formal meeting at 11:16 am and then we all ate some good food.