



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

Psi State – Georgia

**Beta Epsilon Chapter Minutes**

Fannin, Towns, and Union Counties

The Saturday, December 7, 2019 meeting of Beta Epsilon Chapter, Psi State – Georgia, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was held at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of the Union County Public Library, Georgia. Beta Epsilon members attending were Haley Dyer, Susie Brendle, Teresa Haymore, Janice Cochran, Cathy Kirby, Tricia Wallace, Janice Moore, Joyce Mitchell, Joan Howard, Melissa King, Barbara Hale, and Donna Howell.

**Call to Order and Welcome – Haley Dyer**

Haley welcomed everyone and asked members to introduce themselves.

**Invocation – Donna Howell**

**Brunch, fellowship and silent auction bidding**

**Minutes – Donna Howell**

Donna read the minutes from the September 17, 2019 meeting. Cathy Kirby made and Susie Brendle seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Correspondence – Letter from DKG thanking Beta Epsilon for their donation to the scholarship fund.**

**Treasurer's Report – Tricia Wallace**

There were no bank transactions and no changes to balances.

**District and State News – Haley Dyer**

Haley asked Janice Cochran to provide information on the District meeting she attended. The new President is Cathy Brown. The biggest changes coming for DKG involve changing technologies for reporting and submitting chapter information. Tricia asked all members to review their online profiles at the DKG website and make sure information is up to date. She is having to do all financial reporting online now and the dropping of those not paying dues on time is very quick. Haley asked Donna to investigate the possibility of setting up a members-only section of the website for a chapter yearbook where information would not be publicly available. Haley will plan a program on using all the new technologies for the May meeting.

**Old Business**

**Supporting Early Career Educators: Game Day Fundraiser – Cathy Kirby**

Cathy distributed sheets of game day tickets for members to begin selling. She reviewed how the game day is structured. Lists of names of ticket holders will be due to Cathy on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Donna will revise the game day flyer and share with members and a PDF version will be available on the Beta Epsilon website for downloading as well. The game day will be Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Blairsville from 1-4. The planning meeting will be Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the FUMC at 5 p.m.

### **Scholarship application update – Haley Dyer**

Haley is revising the scholarship application to reflect the 2020 dates. She will share with members and send the link to Donna for loading to the website. It is an online application. Please share with anyone you believe would be eligible and any education departments or others who can help. Today's silent auction will benefit the Beta Epsilon scholarship and DKG World Fellowship.

### **Changes from International: Update from By-Laws Amendment Committee – Janice Cochran**

Janice reported that the necessary changes had been made the updated by-laws had already been submitted to DKG.

### **New Business**

#### **Announcements**

Barbara Hale asked members to remember Patti Kay in their prayers. Patti has been placed in hospice care. Janice Moore volunteered to send a card on behalf of BE to the Kays. Former BE members, Peg Turlington and Jennifer Turner are also having major health issues and former member Eva Decker lost her husband recently.

Janice and Cathy have worked really hard on contacting potential new members and sent more than 30 letters to prospective members in August. Three of these have joined. She asked members to continue to reach out to those they believe would consider joining.

### **Program: Round Table Discussion on Creativity and Problem-Solving – All Members**

Haley began the discussion by reviewing articles and ideas from a workshop she had attended recently. She asked members to consider that they are preparing students for a future we cannot even imagine and the challenges that presents to educators. Methods of sparking creativity, adaptive learning, problem-solving, and dealing with failure as a springboard for success-building were discussed. Also discussed were the importance of the STEM and STEAM initiatives, challenges in fostering collaborative learning, and dealing with helicopter and lawn mower parenting.

### **Next Meetings**

The remaining meetings for 2019-2020 will be:

- Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 5 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Blairsville, planning for Beta Epsilon Game Day
- Saturday, March 21 at First United Methodist Church in Blairsville, Beta Epsilon 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Game Day for Scholarships
- Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 5 p.m. at St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Blairsville, Fiesta Pot Luck
- Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Southern Charm Restaurant in Blue Ridge

All meeting information will be posted to the website.

### **Happy dollars and final silent auction bidding**

Happy dollars were collected and members picked up their bid sheets and auction items and paid Tricia for their purchases.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business, Haley thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Howell, Beta Epsilon Secretary