

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL TAU STATE OFFICER MEETING

Electronic *GoToMeeting*
Saturday, February 4, 2012

AGENDA

Gathering and orientation to *GoToMeeting*

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome

President Dr. Phyllis E. VanBuren (Eta) called the meeting of the Tau State Officers of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Members present:

Dianna Brusven, Ellen Delaney, Carolyn Garven, Diane Larson, Kathryn Patton, Cory Peters, Mary Snorek, Phyllis VanBuren

Inspiration

Phyllis VanBuren shared a reading called *Sisters*.

Delta Kappa Gamma song

Members reflected on the song and shared their thoughts about the song and the meaning it carries for them.

Approval of the agenda

A motion was made by Cory Peters to accept the agenda, Diane Larson seconded.

MOTION PASSED.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by Carolyn Garven to accept the minutes of the 2011 Fall Executive Board Meeting, Kathy Patton seconded.

MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The report was available in print and reviewed by Dianna Brusven. There are four safe deposit boxes rented to hold the Presidents' scrapbooks. There was concern about whose signature is on the account and the location of the key. It was determined that the account would be closed and the contents would be moved to the MN Historical Society.

There has been some increase in the mileage as a regular part of our operating. The budget is created for two years and we have already spent more than half of the allocated funds after a single meeting. There is money allocated for state officers that has not been used. This is a potential source of money for all of the other budgets. We will use the travel budget for any area before needing to revise the budget. In the past, we have allowed deficit spending in areas like this. The Board can address it officially, as needed.

The speakers fund has not been used in recent years. It is unclear what the purpose is of the speakers fund allocation. Each chapter must have reserve fund to assure to International that we are solvent. Dianna will research each allocation to determine the purpose of each category on the budget.

The deposit from Beta Chapter is not listed because it came after the treasurer's report was prepared.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President – Phyllis E. VanBuren

President VanBuren has attended several meetings this fall: Kappa/Beta, Beta Beta/Alpha Theta preparing for the conference, Pi/Beta Alpha, and Beta. Upsilon completed the dissolution paper work in October. Beta did pay dues but decided in December to dissolve.

There is a contract with Holiday Inn for 2014. We currently do not have a plan for 2013 at the Crowne Plaza. The negotiations for this site are ongoing. The 2012 spring conference is being planned for the Crowne Plaza.

Tau State has applied for a revitalization grant from Delta Kappa Gamma International.

Leadership training for chapter presidents/leadership teams and other officers will be on May 19 in the Anoka-Hennepin School District. As a part of the revitalization, there will be a retreat offered at the end of June for chapters across the state. There is a DVD available for publicizing Delta Kappa Gamma. Tau State will consider various lines and accounts in the budget in order to partially finance the retreat. Concern was expressed about the whether the speakers fund can be used for this purpose. Dianna will get clarification from International.

The leadership training is good but the retreat will be an extended opportunity to work with chapters. It will be 24 hours over two days - from afternoon to afternoon. It is suggested that Carolyn Rantz would be an excellent guest for the retreat and the leadership training could be done by Tau state members. Members questioned whether CHEERS money can be used for this event. We need to invest in members and focus on our goals and mission statements to assure the organization remains healthy.

Some revitalization planning work was done by Barb Whiting, Kathy Patton, Marge Bates and Phyllis and will be shared with the executive board at the spring conference.

There is no evidence that people are embracing the mentorship of early-career teachers. Phyllis will be seeking the forms from chapters.

First Vice President – Diane Larson

Diane attended the Pi meeting in Faribault. The focus was on familiarization with international documents.

Second Vice President – Kathy Patton

Kathy is working on a state project around literacy. She is looking for outside funding. In addition, Kathy will continue the work of CHEERS with a membership table at the conference this spring. Kathy is looking to the standing rules and bylaws committee to get a deeper understanding of the organization.

It was suggested that the first and second vice president be editors and reviewers of the standing rules and bylaws committee's work.

Corresponding Secretary – Carolyn Garven

Carolyn clarified that it was not Kathy Patton and Jewel Mendenhall who received thinking-of-you cards. It was Ann Harnden and Jewel. Carolyn is willing to send cards from Tau State in her role as Corresponding Secretary. For this to be successful, it is important that she gets the information. Ann Harnden is continuing to send the birthday letters to chapters.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cory will be sending receipts for printing and postage for committee work to the treasurer and an email to Phyllis VanBuren for approval. The email will act as a voucher.

Membership

A *GoTo* guide and Pride in the Big Picture DVDs will be given to all chapters during the leadership training this spring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dissolution of Upsilon Chapter

The paperwork for dissolution is completed but the chapter's charter has not been found.

"It's in the Bag"

GoToMeeting can be used any time by committee chairs and officers to have meetings throughout the year. The dialogue for this meeting was helpful and may be a tool to provide better communications among the leadership. It was suggested that there be another *GoToMeeting*, as needed.

GoToMeeting can be used for a variety of formats including the opportunity for chapter presidents to work with one another as well as the executive committee to meet. It may be helpful to have a *GoToMeeting* for chapter treasurers in the fall organized by the Treasurer and Finance Committee. There will be a face-to-face meeting of the treasurers on May 19.

Concern was raised that chapters do not feel like they get enough from the state. This communication tool would be an avenue for keeping people connected.

Phyllis will check on the parameters for who can use *GoToMeeting* so we can explore further use of this tool.

The cost of printing is significant. For example, when we print the nominations information there are six nominations with five to eight pages each.

NEW BUSINESS

Beta Chapter has dissolved.

Tau State Conference – Crowne Plaza, April 20-22, 2012

This is a very affordable conference compared to many other professional organizations.

Leadership Training – May 19, 2012

Revitalization Retreat – June 2012

International Convention – New York City, July 22-29, 2012

The conference is July 24 – 28. There are some meetings prior to the convention.

Announcements / Good News

The weather has been amazing for winter.

We have six people from Beta Beta, two people from Beta Alpha, and Eta has two people going to New York

Phyllis will be spending the first two weeks in July in Austin TX. She applied and was accepted for a Golden Gift award.

Beta's dissolution money is still being considered for revitalization. This could be a start-up activity but we wish it to be an annual event. We will revisit this via email or during a *GoToMeeting*. Additionally, we could use CHEERS money for the retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting by Cory Peters and seconded by Diane Larson. President Phyllis E. VanBuren (Eta) declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Ellen Delaney
Recording Secretary

Phyllis E. VanBuren
Tau State President