

**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY  
INTERNATIONAL**

**TAU STATE WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
GOTOMEETING**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

**Call to order:** President Kathy Patton called the winter executive committee meeting to order on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 7:05 p.m. This meeting was rescheduled from February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, due to technical difficulties.

**WELCOME:** President Patton welcomed everyone and expressed her appreciation in rescheduling the meeting from February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ROLL CALL:** (from the names on the screen to verify presence)

President Kathy Patton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Sally Nyhus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Ann Vannick, Treasurer Dianna Brusven, Secretary Michelle Dahlby, Parliamentarian Lorraine Traut, Immediate Past-President Dr. Phyllis Van Buren, and Mu Chapter President Kate Pearson were present.

Adele Munsterman, secretary nominee for the 2015-17 and Shelley Lundbory, treasurer appointed for 2015-17 were invited to this meeting but unable to attend.

**INSPIRATION:** The Inspiration was given by Michelle Dahlby. She read an excerpt from the novel, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor. She spoke about the need for teachers to help create a world where all people are valued for who they are and are not judge by their race, religion, or political views.

“Everybody born on this earth is something and nobody, no matter what color, is better than anybody else. Baby, we have no choice of what color we’re born or who our parents are or whether we’re rich or poor. What we do have is some choice over what we make of our lives once we’re here.”

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Two items were added to the agenda: Standing Rules & Bylaws Committee and Harmless Waiver. The agenda was approved by consensus of the executive committee members.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT –Michelle Dahlby:** Minutes from the October meeting are posted on the state website. Sally Nyhus moved to accept the minutes and Ann Vanvick seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT—Dianna Brusven:**

1. The treasurer’s report will be sent to the president. As of 01/31/15 the checking account balance is \$43,197.85.
2. Dianna will provide the most current membership totals to President Kathy and will send out a treasurer’s report to executive board members.
3. The treasurer’s report was accepted and filed for audit.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS:** (In Dropbox)

**President's Report and Vice Presidents' Reports: See Dropbox**

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Most reports are in the Dropbox sent electronically to executive committee members.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Metro Leadership Council:** President Kathy, with Vice-Presidents Sally and Ann, have been meeting with chapter presidents every two months.
- 2. Tau State Strategic Plan:** This plan will be updated and will accept feedback at the convention. Phyllis reported that the International Strategic Plan will be reviewed in May and may have information pertinent for Tau State.
- 3. Tau State Website:** The state website has now been certified. Mu chapter has also been certified.
- 4. Tau State Convention:** April 17-19, 2015, Sanford Center, Bemidji, Mn. The convention report, submitted by Chair Kate Pearson, was reviewed. She reminded everyone of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline for early registration and discussed with members the use of weekly email blasts to highlight various aspects of the convention. Currently, 20 registrations have been received. She asked about the cancellation of a convention due to low registrations. Dianna stated that Tau State would assist with convention costs due to low registration numbers.
- 5. Northwest Regional Conference:** July 29-August 1, 2015, Regina, Saskatchewan. Phyllis gave a overview of the conference with additional information available on the DKG International website. Sally is looking into a charter bus rental. If this becomes a viable option, it was suggested to that we contact Iowa as they are sending quite a few people to the regional conference.
- 6. Assignment of Hosting Chapters for Conventions and Conferences:** President Kathy reported that, due to decreasing numbers of chapters (17) and by assigning three chapters per event, there could be a five year rotation schedule. Sally suggested having a general discussion at the convention's general session and forming an ad hoc committee to review feedback and make recommendations to the membership. Dianna suggested a comment form for members to complete. Perhaps a box could be placed at the registration table to collect the responses.
- 7. Harmless Waiver:** Five chapters have yet to sign and return these. President Kathy will follow up with these chapters.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Revitalization Retreat:** June 23-24, 2015, St. Benedict's in St. Joseph, Mn. "Women Leading – Attitudes and Altitudes." Registration information will be available at the convention.
- 2. New Member Survey:** President Kathy with Sally and Ann had developed a survey for all new members from the past five years. Approximately sixty members had been contacted about the survey with eight responding to survey.
- 3. 2016 Conference:** April 2016, City Center, Mankato, Mn. Three chapters are hosting this event: Phi, Beta Alpha, and Nu.
- 4. Standing Rules & Bylaws:** Barb Mullerleile will chair the ad hoc committee.

- 5. Review of Minutes:** President Kathy and Lorraine will review and edit minutes.
- 6. International Achievement Award 2016:** President Kathy reported that this award is given to a woman who has contributed at all four levels of the Society. She is looking for a nominee.
- 7. Vacancy in Webmaster Position:** Laurie Huston has indicated she will be ending her role as webmaster at the end of the biennium. Everyone was encouraged to seek interested individuals who may then have an opportunity to train with Laurie. There could be more than one person in this role. President Kathy will send out the job description which is found in Standing Rules & Bylaws.

**Announcements/Good News:** Phyllis gave a brief introduction to our international guest, Jeannette Zuniga, who comes from Costa Rica.

**Adjournment:.** President Kathy Patton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**Michelle Dahlby**

**Secretary**

**Kathy Patton**

**Tau State President**