

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL TAU STATE GENERAL MEETING

Crowne Plaza, Brooklyn Center, MN
Design Dreams, Kindle Knowledge, Garner Gladness (This is our quest.)
Saturday, April 20, 2013

President Phyllis VanBuren (Eta) called the General Meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Tau State, to order on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at 10:05 a.m.

INSPIRATION: Marlys Overlie (Beta Alpha), 1st time attendee. Marlys read excerpts from *Wake Up Calls: Making the Most Out of Every Day (Regardless of What Life Throws You)* (ISBN 0-07-136126-X), by former co-host of ABC's Good Morning America, Joan Lunden. Joan's book focuses on attitudes that are courageous and contagious. Marlys' question for all of us: Is your attitude worth catching?

MUSIC: Jewell Mendenhall (Mu). Jewell led us in singing *The Delta Kappa Gamma Song* and the song she wrote for President Phyllis VanBuren (Eta), (for her theme which is above in the heading), *The Possible Dream*

INTRODUCTION of Corlea Plowman, Executive Director from International.

APPROVAL OF/ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: A minor editorial change was made to the agenda's heading: April 19 – 21, 2013, not 2012. A motion was made by Marcia Essman (Alpha Meta), seconded by Carolyn Garven (Eta), to accept the agenda as amended. **MOTION PASSED**

APPROVAL OF THE 2011 TAU STATE CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION: The minutes are in the blue booklet, on the back of the agenda for this General meeting. A motion was made by Carolyn Garven (Eta), seconded by Marj Germscheid (Alpha Omega), to accept the minutes as written. **MOTION PASSED**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dianna Brusven (Alpha Eta)

- a. Dianna emphasized to chapter treasurers that they should disregard a green (999 E card) Minnesota Revenue postcard. We don't make a profit or use gambling proceeds, sell lottery tickets, etc.
- b. Receipts and Disbursements: We began 2013 with a balance of \$58,605.91 and as of February 28, we have \$38,561.31. Approximately \$20,000 was sent to International for our annual dues.
- c. Savings Account: Seven saving accounts were reported; each is solvent, with a total of \$117,795.77.
- d. The 2011 – 2013 Budget and Proposed 2013 – 2015 Budget were presented.
- e. The Speaker's Fund savings account will be eliminated, since we have other budgets to pay for speakers and International funds the speakers who go out to state functions. This account is not needed, and \$1790.00 of those monies would be placed into Contingency, and \$2261.67 into Membership/Expansion for revitalization, if the proposed budget is passed (see Column I of Budget for 2013 – 2015).
- f. 2014 will have a U. S. Forum; there is \$500 for members new to the Forum, which is covered under Communications, Line 23, Legislative Seminar.
- g. The expenses for Corresponding Secretary has been moved to the 2nd Vice President's Budget. 1st VP has no expense account.
- h. The Treasurer's Report will be placed on file for audit.

NOTE: the proposed budget is in the red booklet and is based on 426 members this year, which is fewer members than in 2012, so the amounts in each line item had to be reduced. Line numbers on following page correspond to line items on the new budget. The monies that are paid from each line item is detailed on that page.

NOTE: Jeanette Fair Book Award is paid through checking, with reimbursement from the fund.

OFFICER/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Reports are in the red booklet. Cory Peters (Beta Alpha) printed an amended Personal Growth and Services report; it's a white sheet in the red booklet and replaces the one in the blue booklet.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Proposal for 2013 – 2015: Mary Snorek (Alpha Meta) and Dianna Brusven (Alpha Meta), Finance Committee members.

1. A motion was made by the Finance Committee to accept the budget, as printed in the red booklet (no second is needed). **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS: Budget Proposal, Cont'd

2. A motion was made by the Finance Committee to retain the unspent funds of the ad hoc committee formed four years ago as CHEERS, and was voted two years ago by the Tau State Executive Board, to continue, as part of Tau State activities, to recruit members and to revitalize the current DKG members of Tau State organization. (Clarification: retain the monies, not dispense them from another fund). **MOTION PASSED.**

3. **Recommendation** from the Finance Committee and the executive board: In order to maintain the Grant-In-Aid at the current level of \$500 per year, to a junior or senior in college majoring Education, the Finance Committee recommends chapter presidents **STRONGLY** encourage each member to donate at least \$1 per year. It had been always voluntary, then it was decided that \$1 per member from each chapter be assessed, and lately, it was decided that chapters should give \$20 per chapter, which has been deemed unfair for smaller chapters. There is a bag for money donations from convention attendees near the door. It was also suggested that money given as an honorary donation in the name of a person from your chapter who died.

Revised Standing Rules and Bylaws—Dr. Jeanette Karjala (Iota)

1. Dianna Brusven (Alpha Meta), Lorraine Traut (Eta), Kathy Patton (Beta Beta), and several others who edited and read through the revision were acknowledged and thanked. Many of the revisions will merely make our bylaws reflect what we've been doing, such as, the Nominations chair is now elected, not the entire committee. Other changes were made because of electronic communications/business. Awards and recognition pieces were revised and councils, instead of individual committees for the Executive Board business, is listed. Standing Rules are updated to bring them into compliance with new bylaws. Chapters can choose the committees that they truly need, instead of needing a member for each of the committees.

A motion was made by Jean Rolle (Alpha Meta), seconded by Cory Peters (Beta Alpha), to accept the decision of the Executive Board and approve all the revisions to the Standing Rules and Bylaws. **MOTION PASSED.**

Election of Officers for 2013 – 2015 Biennium: Sally Nyhus (Alpha Omega), Nominations Chair

Sally was pleased to announce the addition to the ballot of Michelle Dahlby (Mu) for Recording Secretary. After several tense minutes, Kate Pearson (Mu) agreed to place her name on the ballot as Nominations Chair with Robbie Johnson (Sigma) as her mentor

A motion was made by Delores Fletcher (Beta Beta), seconded by Kristi Weidlein (Alpha Rho), to accept the slate of officers by voice vote. **MOTION PASSED.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 31 – Saturday, August 3,

Northwest Regional Conference, Cheyenne, WY

Saturday, October 5, Time and place to be determined

Tau State Executive Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

President Phyllis VanBuren (Eta) declared the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Sally L. Nyhus
Recording Secretary Pro Tem

Phyllis VanBuren
Tau State President