

**Alpha Kappa Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Minutes of the December 6, 2018 Meeting**

Call to Order at 6:23 at Jo Anne Arnett's home.

Members Attending: Nikki Abels, Susan Womble, Delores Hudson, Rhonda Work, Connie Lewis, Ginny Densmore, Patti Brownstein, Teresa Horn, June Townsend, Susan Vinson, Nancy Watson, Dawn James, Jean Williams, Gale Workman, Jo Anne Arnett, Lisa Phillips

Initiation of New Member: Patti Brownstein was inducted as our newest member. Nancy Watson and Delores Hudson conducted the ceremony. Patti has an extensive and varied teaching career.

Minutes: The November 3, 2018 meeting minutes were approved. Gale Workman moved they be accepted and Susan Womble seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Rhonda reported that we currently have a balance of \$867.21. We do have a convention coming up and will need to expend some monies for that. Rhonda suggested that, in the future, we might want to look at how we distribute our funds. We are also looking at our 60th anniversary coming up in 2019. Rhonda also reported that our new fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. So we will be collecting our next dues soon. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Old Business:

60th Anniversary: Delores Hudson reported that the date for our 60th anniversary celebration is June 27, 2019. It will be held at the Tallahassee Christian College. Delores has set the next committee meeting date for February 7, 2019 at 6 pm at her home. Members of that committee, please put the date on your calendar. There are several special presentations that are in progress.

TCC Mentor Project: Gale Workman reported that the project is completed. There was quite a bit of discussion and feedback concerning this project. Some of the students completed their interviews and some did not follow through. Some of the information reported by the students was incorrect. There were also positive outcomes, as June is still mentoring her student. Several members offered suggestions if we participate in a similar project in the future. Gale will be meeting with Professor Grant and will relay our suggestions and observations to him.

All agreed that have certainly learned what college freshmen at TCC are like in 2018.

New Business:

Constitution: Connie Lewis reported on some final news regarding the constitutional changes. The new amendments for the constitution have been approved. The cycle for constitutional changes is every two years. There is a new membership category referred to as "collegial member". This allows the organization to now recruit college under graduates and graduates students, as long as they are working towards their education degrees. The hope is that we can recruit younger members to our organization. We are no longer known as "Mu State". We are now known as Florida, to designate our region/state.

She reported that as of now, any member is eligible to attend any conference, be it regular or international. Each conference will cover a different topic or theme.

Connie shared that DKG News is now available on-line only. The International website now has a chat feature to help members navigate the site.

Connie asked the group that since we currently have a website and are on Facebook, do we need to look into developing a Twitter or Instagram presence. June shared that hooking up to Instagram may attract younger people who we could consider for membership in the future. Susan Womble mentioned we could link our Facebook site to Instagram. Gale volunteered to speak to Professor Grant on how this may be accomplished.

Pack the Pantry: If we have any donations for the students, please give them to Nancy. It was reported that the students were extremely grateful for the donations we have provided so far.

ELC: Nancy will collect books tonight to give to Monica. A date to deliver the books we have needs to be set. Nancy will speak with Monica regarding this.

Accolades and Kudos:

Kudos to Ginny Densmore for the wonderful article in the Tallahassee Democrat on her role in organizing the annual Parade of Homes for the holidays.

Also, a big thank you to Jo Anne for hosting our holiday cookie party. As usual, her home was beautiful and very inviting for the season. (Plus the cookies were yummy.)

Announcements:

- Jean Williams was able to receive some assistance from DKG International for the severe damage to her home due to Hurricane Michael.
- Ginny shared some wonderful background information on our newest member, Patti Brownstein.
- Rhonda spoke about our two members who have passed: Ceil Hack and Marie Land. They had both contributed so much to our chapter and helped to shape it's future.

Next meeting reminder:

Our next meeting will be held on February 23, 2019 from 10:05 am-12:15 pm at the Eastside Library, 1583 Pedrick Road, Tallahassee.