

**Alpha Kappa Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Emergency Operations Center
April 24,2024
Submitted by Nancy Watson**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Stacy Thompson, President-Elect at 5:34 pm.

Members in Attendance: Stacy Thompson, Rhonda Work, Susan Vinson, Maria Pouncey, Terri Sells(?), Gale Workman, Laura Casto, Catherine Connor, Jennifer Kinney, Nancy Rosenbaum, Ninamarie Sapuppo, Monica Hayes, Lisa Phillips, Nancy Henning, Dawn James, Nancy Watson

World Heritage Foundation: Rhonda reminded members to donate their change for the World Heritage Foundation project.

Treasurer's Report: Rhonda reported in Patte Casey's absence. Rhonda reminded the members that the dues notice has gone out and should be paid in full by July 1. Rhonda also reported that we would support 3 candidates or the Jessmyn McBride Leadership Seminar. Those members are Stacy Thompson, incoming President for the new Biennium, Patte Casey, Treasurer, and Josephine Sandosi.

Membership: Lisa Phillips reported that she had received 2 applications and is expecting 2 more .

Lundquist House Project. Nancy reported that the Lundquist residents were very grateful for the donations of food and cleaning supplies, and the fellowship with our members at our joint meetings. Although the semester is quickly coming to an end, there will be residents in the house over the summer that would appreciate any donations to get them though to Fall semester. Note: Nancy reminded members not to leave things on the house front porch. Either call and make an appointment so someone will be home to accept the donations and they are not prey for porch pirates, or leave donations labeled for Lundquist House at the SSF office for them to pick up.

Announcements:

Founder's Day is May 11 from 11 am to 1:00 pm at St; Stephens, Church. The reservation form has been mailed and payment can be made by check, Zelle, or at the door.

Summer Social is July 11 at 11 am at Momo's (formerly the Mellow Mushroom) on Pensacola St. Members were encouraged to bring prospective members and a photo from your college days to share.

DKG Foundation – Women Honor Women.

Gail Workman explained that the Women Honor Women project encouraged members to make a donation in the name of a member who has made a difference. Gail read her nomination letter for Rhonda Work for the many ways that Rhonda has made a difference in DKG and the community. For the nomination, DKG sent a pin in the shape of a hydrangea.

Stacy Thompson presented the second Women Honor Women Award to Nancy Rosenbaum who also received a hydrangea pin. Nancy R joined Alpha Kappa in 2017 and served as president for the 2020-2022 biennium. She was awarded a scholarship to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, AL.

Business Meeting Adjournment: The business portion of the meeting ended at 5:48pm pm.

Program Meeting: Emergency Management Preparedness

The business meeting was followed by interesting and informative discussion of how the Emergency Management teams of the City of Tallahassee, and Leon County work together in the Emergency Operations Center to handle emergencies, such as extreme weather events, fire or water disasters, etc. Both the city and the county Emergency Management Operations work out of the Easterwood Drive Building. When an emergency arises representatives from the schools, electric companies, representatives from the lodging and food industries, and others gather at the building so they can quickly work to manage resources to meet the challenges of the situation. In the off season or between emergencies, the members of the Emergency Management team work to provide community education on how to get ready for an emergency (i.e., building Bucket of supplies that may be needed, making a plan for what to do and where to meet in an emergency, how to stay informed)

Instructions for the BUILD YOUR BUCKET and much more information about planning for an emergency can be found at LeonReady.com