

Alpha Kappa Chapter - FL
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday April 26, 2022
Recorded by Diane Johnson

Note: Prior to the meeting, a program on the Educational Foundation grants was presented by Jennifer Guarraia and Janie Register. Jenn explained her involvement in the Get Your Teach On (GYTO) program and Janie spoke about her Service-Learning Grant which she successfully modified to meet COVID standards for use. Both presentations were excellent and most informative.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nancy Rosenbaum at 6:15 p.m.

Members present: Nancy Henning, Jenn Guarraia, Diane Johnson, Maria Pouncey, Janie Register, Nancy Rosenbaum, Stacy Thompson, June Townsend, Rhonda Work, and Gale Workman.

Approval of Minute: Maria Pouncey moved and June Townsend seconded that the minutes be approved as emailed. Motion carried.

Correspondence: The chapter received a letter from Beverly Helms, Vice Chair of The Educational Foundation, thanking us for our contribution in memory of Merle Jones. Rhonda W. received a note from Barbara Savelle, a reserve member living in Mississippi, sending her dues and regards to the chapter.

Treasurer's Report: Rhonda W. reported a balance of \$2117.24 in the checking account. This balance includes dues collected since April 1, 2022. The report will be filled for audit. Note: Dues are now being collected - \$85 for active membership and \$35 for reserve membership.

Old Business:

ELC Book Drive: Maria P. stated that the tour was successful. The chapter donated close to 200 books, the exact amount to be published in our next newsletter.

Lundquist House: On April 9th, five members of AK joined the ladies of Lundquist House for an afternoon of food and fun. Our members brought the food and additional supplies for the House. The ladies shared their stories and asked our members to do the same. The House will be open this summer, so we hope to have an event sometime in June or July. The ladies expressed their appreciation for all that AK does for them.

New Business:

World Fellowship Collection: World Fellowship is a project of DKG, focusing on projects in Africa and supporting women from other countries who come to the United States to study. All work is supported by donations only. AK sisters will be encouraged to keep a "pot" for loose change and bring the change to meetings. At the end of the biennium, the total amount collected will be donated to the World Fellowship Fund.

New Book Drive: We will continue with the ELC book drive, but will add a new one. The State Prison Library needs a wide variety of books to enhance its literacy program for inmates and their families. A list of suggested materials is in the May/June newsletter. Nikki Abels has volunteered to head up this project.

Founders' Day: Founders' Day luncheon will be on Saturday, May 14 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. Cost: \$15.00 Reservations must be in by May 6 to Rhonda W. No late or at the door registrations will be accepted. Program will include Founders' Day remembrance, necrology service, recognition of scholarship recipient, and installation of new officers for 2022-2024.

Announcements:

Workshop Registration: The annual Florida State Organization Fall Workshop will be held September 23-24, 2022 at the Lake Mary Marriott. All members are invited to attend. An email has been sent with registration form and more details.

Stranding Rules: The revised Standing Rules are under review by the Executive Board and will be sent to the membership for review prior to a vote at the Founders' Day luncheon.

Induction: The Big Bend Coordinating Council voted to move induction from November to September. Members are encouraged to begin seeking potential candidates now as August will be the deadline for submission of candidates' names. More information to follow.

PAEC Position: Maria P. announced that there is a position available for early childhood learning at PAEC. She will send an announcement with the link to the members.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Nancy R. at 6:45 p.m.