

**Alpha Kappa Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Minutes of the April 14, 2018 meeting
Submitted by Nikki Abels**

Call to Order at 10:35 am at the Leon County Main Library

Members Attending: Nikki Abels, Connie Lewis, Gale Workman, Nancy Watson, Susan Vinson, June Townsend, Teresa Horn, Felecia Jackson, Jean Williams

The meeting started with an activity introduced by Gale Workman. We complimented a sister sitting near us. Gale explained that a compliment is a social reward and can mean as much, if not more, than a monetary reward.

Treasurer's Report: Connie reported for Rhonda. As of this meeting we have a balance of \$1129.30. We will be giving \$170 to the World Fellowship, which will leave a balance of \$1059.30. The report was approved. June Townsend moved it be accepted and Nancy Watson seconded.

Minutes from the January 18, 2018 Big Bend Legislative meeting were approved. Nancy Watson moved they be accepted and Susan Vinson seconded.

Old Business:

A report on the District 1, March 3 meeting was offered by Connie Lewis. There were 19-20 chapters represented and almost all state officers were present. AK members attending were: Connie Lewis, Sandy Byars, Gina Daniels, Charlotte Hoover, Delores Hudson, Dawn James, Janine Schwall, Susan Vinson, Nancy Watson, Susan Womble, and Rhonda Work. Many good sessions were presented including one by our own Susan Vinson on a Facebook page setup for chapters. Kappa Alpha was recognized for the Communication Award for the last 2 years. It should be noted that we are the only chapter with a website. We also had a display board that highlighted our current projects. There were workshops on leadership, recruitment, social media, and promoting chapters. The speaker was Wafa Elsaka from the Beta Phi Chapter who is currently a teacher at Hartsfield Elementary. She spoke on the Guernica Children's Peace Mural Project. She reported that there are 300 countries involved in this worthy project. Many different themes are represented by the murals and are on display in Japan. And, finally, kudos to Connie Lewis for submitting a great article and photo published in The Chronicle.

Service Project/Scholarship House Pack the Pantry:

Our chapter collects and delivers non-perishable items to the Lundquist Scholarship House at FSU. Our chapter has made 3 deliveries since April, 2017 and we will be planning a fourth delivery before the end of the term this year. Susan Womble initiated and has chaired this project for the current year and has done a wonderful job. We are currently looking for a new chair for next year if you are interested.

Service Project/ Book Drive for the Early Learning Coalition:

This project began in 2015. In December of 2017, our chapter donated 262 children's books. In total, we have donated 484 books. Kudos to Rhonda for sorting and stamping each and every one. We are looking for a chair to head this committee for the upcoming year.

Gale read a thank you card from Rhonda. (See Attached)

World Fellowship Award:

Alpha Kappa raised \$170 at the World Fellowship Auction in December, 2017. Our chapter received the award for the most money raised. It was not gold, but platinum. It was given to us because we far exceeded the \$100 that had been set for the gold award. Rhonda will mail a check to the DKG International World Fellowship Fund. Our chapter will receive our plaque at the Spring 2019 Mu State biennial convention.

Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar:

This is a four-day seminar and will be held June 24-27, 2018. The emphasis will be on building esteem and leadership skills. Nancy Watson, Susan Womble and Dolores Hudson are scheduled to attend. There is space for one more member if you are interested. Our Alpha Kappa chapter will fund the monies for this seminar.

Cornetet Individual Professional Development (CIPD) Award:

The deadline for this award is May 1, 2018. The grant can be up to \$2000. It is available to employed educators for professional development. It cannot be used for courses to complete a degree or reimburse activities already completed. Applications are available at www.dkgef.org or click Foundation on the home page of the DKG website, www.dkg.org.

DKG Mu State Rally in Tally, January 29-30:

Around 20 Mu State sisters visited with state legislators to talk about education issues. No Alpha Kappa sisters were able to attend. Next year the session will be in March and April. We are looking for sisters to host members from around the state. 12 DKG members attended the National Legislative Seminar held March 18-21 in Washington, D. C. These are annual events for DKG members, who pay their own way. Please consider attending one or both next year.

New Business:

Gale reported that the board has recommended participating in another service project connected to TCC. It is called the "TCC-AK Profile Project". It will be initiated this fall and is coordinated with the TCC Journalism Department and Professor Reggie Grant. The purpose is for a journalism student to connect and interview a member of our chapter to develop a profile of us. The information will be Alpha Kappa's property and will include a photograph as well as the interview. Our chapter hopes to publish the profiles in a booklet form and put on our DKG

chapter website. If you would like to participate, please let Gale or Nancy know. It should be fun and informative.

DKG Constitutional Revision:

Connie Lewis did a wonderful job reviewing several constitutional articles that are up for revision this year. They will be voted on in July in Austin, TX at the DKG International Conference. (A copy is attached.) You should also have received a copy in the regular postal mail.

Program:

Speed Friending: Gale introduced this fun and interesting activity. It is similar to speed dating, but this involves finding out more about our own members. The idea is to exchange information based on specific question within a 3-minute time frame. Then the members move on to a different sister and answer a different question. It was quite fun and we were able to find out a lot in a short period of time. This activity will be used in future meetings.

Kudos:

Dr. Felecia Jordan-Jackson was awarded FSU's Transformation Through Teaching Award. It honors full time faculty who have an intellectual, inspirational, and integrative impact on the lives of students.

Candace Gautney was named 2017-18 Teacher of the Year for Godby High School and was a Top 5 finalist for Leon County.

Next meeting date:

Big Bend DKG Founders Day luncheon on May 19, 2018, 11 am to 1 pm. It will be at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Rd.

Please keep in mind also, that our Fellowship and Cookie Exchange will be in December. Joanne Arnett has graciously offered her home for the meeting. No date has been set yet.