

**Alpha Kappa Chapter Meeting
Workshop Minutes August 29, 2015
Submitted by Connie Lewis**

The meeting was held at the LeRoy Collins Library.

Call to Order: 10:40 a.m.

Members Attending: Janice McClung, Gale Workman, Alice-Ann Darrow, Melanie Hester, June Townsend, Jacque Clemens, Teresa Horn, Susan Vinson, Ginny Densmore, Vicki Rhodes, Connie Lewis, Judy O'Steen Melissa Olson, Rhonda Work and Dawn James.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes were approved as written. Melanie Hester moved to accept; Judy O'Steen seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Rhonda Work presented the report. Expenses included our new check stamp and the book donation stamp for books going to ELC. The report was approved as presented. Susan Vinson moved to accept; Judy O'Steen seconded; motion passed. Rhonda also shared a note from Barbara Saville, one of our sisters, who continues to maintain her membership with us although she lives in Jackson, Mississippi.

Old Business

Membership Forms: Forms were distributed to members to encourage them to invite new chapter members. Our goal is a minimum of three new members. Forms are due at the October 4th meeting.

Nominating Committee: New officer vote will be April 2, 2016.

New Business

Early Learning Coalition Books: New and slightly used books will be collected at each chapter meeting. The ELC is located in the Northwood mall and partners with community groups for library books. The book drive will end at the December meeting. Gale Workman will be preparing a news clip after the drive ends. Melanie Hester announced that the National Honor Society at Florida High School has taken on the same project for their organization.

Committees and Committee Membership for 2015-16: Rhonda explained the restructuring of our committee structure with jobs for each identified. Many members have been identified as committee coordinators. Members were asked to review the committees and jobs to decide where they wanted to sign up. The list will be sent out to the full membership via email in the near future for others to sign up. **List of Committees - <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/Officers.html>**

Member Applause: Connie Lewis provided a handout to give the members a "model" for writing about themselves and their professional achievements. We will be highlighting members in the quarterly newsletters- <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/Newsletter.html> . Thank you Gale for providing the picture and the script for the model!

Standing Rules: Rhonda Work explained that our standing rules needed updating and that had been done in accordance with the International standards. The document was available for preview and Rhonda briefly explained the points that were changed and why, based on 2014 International and 2015 State changes: 1. Added Mission Statement - required; 2. Added electronic voting as alternative; 3. Added Mission and Purpose as part of Orientation - required; 4. Modified Reinstatement and Transfer procedures to match changes in International/State documents - no

longer requires chapter vote; 5. Clarified Dues & Fees payments per International; 6. Deleted President-Elect; 7. Clarified President, Vice President, Treasurer duties; 8. Clarified Chapter/ Executive Board meeting requirements; 9. Clarified Scholarship award \$\$ - determined by BBCC not chapter; 10. Added requirements for Newsletter publication; 11. Revamped Committee structure and added responsibilities. A motion was made by Susan Vinson to approve the standing rules; June Townsend seconded. The motion was passed. See the [Standing Rules Page - http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/Constitution.html](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/Constitution.html).

Program: "What's In It for Me?" was presented by Gale Workman using a computer and projector. The content included information about the opportunities available through DKG to members including funds for travel, projects, degree work as well as publishing. The full text is provided here. Many of our members have applied and been awarded monies at all levels - Big Bend, Mu State, and International. Under Resources on the [Chapter Events Page - http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/Events.htm](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/Events.htm).

Announcements:

New Members: Connie Lewis introduced Melanie Hester, a new member, to the group and asked her to tell us about her professional goals. Rhonda Work introduced Melissa Olson, a returning member, and she spoke about her professional activities.

District I Meeting in Apalachicola: Plans are being made to have a "slumber party" for our chapter at the Gibson Inn . . . plans are in the works.

Inactive Members: Some of our members are inactive due to various reasons, primarily illnesses. Rhonda work addressed ideas for how we might keep them as members without charging dues and continue to recognize sisters after they have passed. This topic is being pursued through Society channels.

Raffle: The raffle took in \$25.00 to be used for chapter business.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.
Adjourned: 11:45 a.m.