

**Alpha Kappa Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Zoom General Membership Meeting
September 17, 2020
Submitted by Nikki Abels**

Welcome: At 6:04 p.m., Nancy R. welcomed the members of Alpha Kappa and the ladies of the Lundquist Scholarship House to the Zoom meeting.

Members in Attendance: Nikki Abels, Nancy Rosenbaum, Nancy Henning, Ginny Densmore, Connie Lewis, Gale Workman, Delores Hudson, Lisa Phillips, Ruth Bickel, Janie Register, Felicia Jordan-Jackson, Rhonda Work, Alice-Ann Darrow, Nancy Watson, and June Townsend.

Guests: Our guests included Ann Comforter (District 1 Director), and Melissa Alcime (house manager of the Lundquist house) and 9 of the 13 ladies who reside in the Southern Foundation Scholarship House.

Program: Lundquist Scholarship House: Felicia led this portion of the meeting. She presented a video that provided an overview of the Southern Scholarship Foundation and its purpose to provide housing and fellowship to college students at various schools. The video was followed by meeting the ladies of Lundquist House. They each gave information about themselves, how they got accepted to the house, their major, the impact of living in the house, how things are different now with the current health crisis and how Alpha Kappa's assistance has been greatly appreciated. All the ladies were very enthusiastic about living in the house, sharing friendships with each other and how grateful they are for this opportunity and what it means to them. They referred to AK members as their "House Champions".

After meeting the girls went to enjoy a meal provided by AK as part of the way we continue to support them. In the past, we have shared the meal with them but current circumstances do not allow face-to-face visiting. Thank you, Nancy W. for arranging with Felicia to have this meal provided for the ladies.

Business Meeting: The business portion of our meeting began at 7:05 p.m. with the call to order by Nancy R.

Minutes: Nancy W. moved that the minutes of the 8/11/2020 meeting be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Rhonda W. reported that there are no changes from our last meeting. Nancy R. moved the report be filed for audit.

Old Business:

ELC Multicultural Booklist: Connie reported that we have a multicultural booklist for ages birth to 5th grade. The books can be found on Amazon. A Sign-up Genius list will be created to be used by our members. Once the list is developed, books can be added to it. Monica Hayes, the coordinator of this project, prefers to have the books shipped to her, so she can stamp them prior to delivering them to the ELC, perhaps in the spring of 2021. Connie also encouraged us to continue gathering "gently used" books appropriate for birth to 8th grade to be donated as well.

Thanks and Recognition: Nancy R. extended a thank you to Felicia and Nancy W. for the work they did arranging our meeting with the ladies from the Lundquist House. She also introduced Ann Comforter, our District 1 Director, to our meeting and invited her to attend our future meetings. Ann extended her thanks and plans to continue meeting with us.

New Business:

2020 Membership Recruitment: Janie and Lisa reported that a letter with an application form attached will be sent to the membership. Members are encouraged to recruit new members. All applications should be returned to Lisa no later than Oct. 1. They will be reviewed by Oct. 4. Our new member orientation will be on Oct. 24.

Teacher Needs Survey: Nancy R. reported that we are looking at active members to determine items needed in their work/educational setting. We need to encourage our members to complete the survey. The deadline to complete the survey is Sept. 25. Currently, Nancy R. has two completed forms: one at the pre-k level and one at the GED level.

Difficult Conversation Group: Monica Hayes will take the lead for this program on culture/race/diversity/awareness/ biases/etc. The initial meeting will be for the entire membership to attend. Subsequent meetings will be for those individuals who have an interest in these topics. Monica will set the schedule and members can opt in/out as they are able.

Announcements:

Calendar of Chapter Events: Nancy R. shared on screen the proposed calendar through the end of this year. A copy was sent to all members as well.

- Sept. 19, 2020 from 9 am to noon is the first ever-virtual DKG Florida State Organization Fall Workshop. Nancy H. encouraged all members to attend.
- Oct. 5 at 6 pm is our Health and Wellness meeting. Ruth and Nancy R. requested that all members send Ruth a list of topics/questions for this meeting so her school nurse is able to review them prior to the meeting. Ruth is trying to get her school counselor for the meeting as well.
- Oct. 24 at 10 am is our new member orientation. Rhonda and Connie will be leading this event.
- Nov. 15 at 3 pm is our joint BBCC New Member Orientation.
- December Social: There is no set agenda for this as yet. Nancy R. is requesting members send her ideas for what to do for this event.

*Note: Our meetings through December will be virtual via Zoom.

Lundquist Scholarship House Sign-Up Genius Reminder: Members are reminded to check out the sign-up list for items needed. Melissa Alcime has requested that, if we send items directly to the house, she be notified (text works well) so the ladies can lookout for the items. She will notify us when the items arrive. Rhonda reported that the ladies do not need a shredder at this time, but still would like the air fryer and laminator. We will be purchasing those items from funds allocated for this purpose. If a member wishes to send an E-Card, she can do so through Amazon, select E-Card and have it sent directly to the house. The house address is 316-A Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, 32304.

Backpack Information: Gale sent Rhonda the information for this project. Rhonda reported we will spend half the designated funds this year and half in early 2021.

Sharing/Open Floor:

- Ruth shared good news that her husband does not need surgery at this time. Therapy is the only remedy for now. He is getting treatment through TOC.
- June reported that she has had her last radiation treatment (23 in all) yesterday. She is doing well.
- Connie had a question about the health and wellness program as to whether it is for our health or what the schools/teachers are doing or need. Rhonda made the suggestion that we deal with how to handle stress during these times regardless of the setting. June offered the name of a person, Dr. Patrick Smith, who might be a speaker on the topic. Nancy R. suggested we send a reminder to the membership to send topics for the program to Ruth as soon as possible.
- Some members shared their stories of how they are doing. We seem to be doing relatively well in spite of the times.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.