

**Alpha Kappa Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Zoom General Membership Meeting
August 11, 2020
Submitted by Nikki Abels**

Call to Order: Nancy Watson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Members in Attendance: Gale Workman, Ruth Bickel, Nancy Henning, Nikki Abels, Nancy Rosenbaum, Alice-Ann Darrow, Lisa Phillips, Nancy Watson, Janie Register, Connie Lewis, Monica Hayes, Delores Hudson, Melanie Hester, Melissa Olson, Patti Brownstein, Rhonda Work, Sally Roberts, Diane Johnson, Dawn James, June Townsend, Susan Vinson, and Felicia Jordan-Jackson, Ann Comforter – District I Director.

Quorum: With the members in attendance, a quorum was established.

Welcome: Nancy Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting. She encouraged members to bring in new members.

Minutes: Rhonda Work moved that the minutes of the 5/26/2020 meeting be approved. The motion passed.

Installation of New Officers for 2020-2022:

- Nancy Henning conducted the installation of officers for the next biennium.
- Nancy Rosenbaum accepted and was approved as President.
- Janie Register accepted and was approved as President Elect.
- Ruth Bickel accepted and was approved as Vice President.
- Nikki Abels accepted and was approved as Recording Secretary.
- Melissa Olsen accepted and was approved as Corresponding Secretary.
- Rhonda Work accepted her appointment as Treasurer.
- Lisa Phillips accepted her appointment as Parliamentarian.

New Members: Nancy Henning transferred from the IOTA Chapter. She is also our current state president. Diane Johnson transferred from the IOTA Chapter.

New Business: The meeting was then turned over to Nancy Rosenbaum. Nancy thanked everyone for their support. She is looking forward to the next two years and is excited about what our chapter can and will accomplish.

Treasurer's Report: Rhonda Work reported that all members have paid their dues. In turn, the chapter has paid its dues to both the International and BBCC. Our balance is now \$1663.53. Nancy Watson moved that the report be filed for audit.

Proposed Budget as approved by the executive board: Rhonda Work reported that we have a larger balance than usual due to the current health crisis. Essentially, we are not spending money as we usually would be doing. Our income is based on our 52 members. And we anticipate more income as we welcome new members this year. Rhonda reported that our Founder's Day donation of \$25.00 would now go to the Scholarship Foundation.

There was a period of questions and discussion about budget. It was proposed that \$300.00 be given to each of the projects below. The following subjects were discussed:

Stock Our Schools: This allows for supplies to be purchased for schools. Connie Lewis volunteered to coordinate this project and will survey the membership for what school(s) to distribute the items to.

Second Harvest: This program funds a food bank for the Big Bend area. Gale Workman, who volunteers for the organization, suggested that we support the Back Pack program. This program provides food to be sent home with students from primarily Title One schools. Gale will coordinate this project and report back to the membership.

Lundquist Scholarship House: This project will provide monies to help the students at the house purchase some bigger and more costly items on their "wish list". It will also be used to provide some dinners for the students.

Melanie Hester moved to accept the budget as proposed. It was accepted.

Chapter Projects:

Early Learning Coalition: Monica Hayes will continue as coordinator for this project. Monica reported that there are several areas in which our chapter can provide assistance. We will continue our book collection for all ages. Monica suggested that this year, we could perhaps concentrate on providing multi-cultural stories and materials. Delores Hudson will provide sources where these materials can be found.

Monica reported that the ELC is also providing a "drive-thru" program to help teachers with supplies for their children. Lastly, Monica reported that the ELC is starting a program titled "All About Me". This program focuses on themes such as similarities, differences, kindness, etc. Our chapter has been invited to send pictures, videos, and memories of ourselves as children to help the ELC children realize that people come from all kinds of places, circumstances, etc. Connie will include all of this information in our next newsletters.

Lundquist Scholarship House: Felicia Jordan-Jackson has agreed to continue as coordinator for this project. The students have provided an updated wish list of items they need. In addition to the money approved in the budget, individual members can purchase/provide items. It was suggested due to the current health crisis, that members utilize an ordering service such as Amazon that can deliver directly to the house. It was also agreed that if members have items to donate, that these items go to Felicia and she would coordinate with Melissa at the house to drop those items off.

Nancy Watson suggested that we let Felicia know if we are purchasing an item so it is not duplicated. Nancy Rosenbaum suggested we use "Sign Up Genius" to keep track of the items. Gale Workman agreed to coordinate this for us. Connie will include the wish list in our next newsletter. Delores Hudson reminded us to use Amazonsmile.com to designate an organization to receive monies if we order through Amazon.

Overview of Fall Calendar Meetings/Programs:

September: We plan to have a Zoom meeting with the students at the Lundquist House. This would include "Pack the Pantry" and delivering dinner to the students. Nancy Rosenbaum also reminded us the Florida State DKG Fall Workshop will be on

September 19 from 9 am to noon. It will be virtual, consist of various topics and there is no registration fee involved.

October: We plan to have two meetings this month. The first will be our new member orientation. We need to start thinking about recruiting new members to ask if they would like to be considered for membership. Please emphasize our projects, goals, etc. Janie Register has offered to help with this and Nancy Rosenbaum is looking to recruit one other person.

The second meeting will be a general membership with the theme of Health and Wellness. Ruth Bickel is coordinating this program and has reached out to her school nurses and perhaps her school counselor. We need to, as a membership, provide questions we have ahead of time to Ruth so she can pass them along to the persons leading the meeting. Connie will put this information in our newsletter.

November: This will be the BBCC induction of new members.

December: This meeting will be our social. We don't know yet if it will be virtual or in-person.

All dates for the fall calendar are TBD.

Announcements/Social Time:

- Nancy Rosenbaum reported she felt this was a good and productive meeting.
- The attendees congratulated Nancy for her first successful meeting as our new President.
- Rhonda Work has asked Sharon Simmons to contact Nancy Rosenbaum regarding getting on Zoom for our meetings.
- Nancy Rosenbaum also told us that a parent sent her name to Novaktalks for an "Educator of the Year" award.
- Ruth Bickel asked us all to pray for teachers, students and staff as we kick off this real and virtual school year.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Rosenbaum at 8:31 pm.