

**Alpha Kappa Chapter, Florida**  
**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**October 29, 2022**  
**Submitted by Rhonda Work**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Monica Hayes at 10:25 a.m.

**Members in Attendance:** Jo Anne Arnett, Ragina Daniels, Ginny Densmore, Jennifer Guarraia, Monica Hayes, Nancy Henning, Dawn James, Diane Johnson, MaLynn Kelso, Connie Lewis, Lane Mathews, Edna Owens, Sally Roberts, Ninamarie Sapuppo, Yolanda Singletary, Josephine Sondossi, Stacy Thompson, June Townsend, Susan Vinson, Nancy Watson, Jean Williams, and Rhonda Work. **Guests** included Melissa Martin, Big Bend Coordinating Council (BBCC) Chair and Marge Heather, Nancy Watson's mother.

**Minutes:** Ninamarie Sapuppo moved and Lisa Phillips seconded that the minutes from the two previous general membership meetings be approved. The motion passed.

**Correspondence:** Beverly Stagg, Florida State Treasurer, sent a thank you email regarding our contribution of \$300 to the Emergency Fund for use by our sisters impacted by Hurricane Ian.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jo Anne Arnett moved and June Townsend seconded that the treasurer's report for October 29, 2022 be filed for audit. The motion passed.

**Budget:** The proposed 2022-2023 budget was presented for discussion. Nancy Watson moved and Dawn James seconded that the budget be adopted as presented. The motion passed.

**Committee Chairs:** Monica Hayes reported that some chairs have been appointed, but she is still looking to fill other positions. Please let her know if you are interested in serving.

**Early Learning Coalition:** Monica Hayes reported that the ELC is accepting new books only. Books will be collected through February 14, 2023. Maria Pouncey and Monica Hayes will be glad to arrange pick up of books or books may be brought to chapter meetings. Plans will be made to meet with the ELC in March, 2023.

**Books for Correctional Institutions:** Nijkki Abels is collecting books for the correctional institutions and Jo Anne Arnett has volunteered to help. A list of acceptable items will be posted on our website. Books may be brought to meetings or contact Nikki for pick up.

**Lundquist Scholarship House:** Nancy Watson gave an extensive overview of Lundquist House and what it means to be a young woman living in the house. She discussed the many needs of the girls and what our contributions do for them. A list of needs will be published on the website. Members are encouraged to go online to order supplies or, if bought locally, to contact Nancy for delivery assistance. **IMPORTANT DATE:** Saturday, November 5 at 1:00 p.m., Alpha Kappa will be hosting a lunch and social gathering with the girls of Lundquist House at their gazebo and outdoor firepit. Members are encouraged to attend and to bring a snack for sharing.

**Hurricane Ian:** Nancy Watson reported on behalf of Nancy Rosenbaum. Nancy R attended Englewood Elementary School in Charlotte County. Two of the classrooms were completely destroyed and there was damage to the rest of the school. Nancy R has been in touch with some of the teachers and the PTA President to determine what can be done to assist them. It is her hope that Alpha Kappa as a chapter or individual members would be willing to send money/supplies to the school. Nancy's parents live in Englewood and she has been going down regularly to help them clean up after the storm. She will be willing to take any donations. Rhonda Work strongly recommended that Alpha Kappa adopt Englewood Elementary School to provide assistance with recovery. Discussion followed. Suggestions were made that we contact the BBCC, District I Director and State President to include in planning. Monica Hayes asked for a vote of consensus which was approved.

**Survey:** Stacy Thompson distributed a survey to be completed by the members during the meeting. The survey was designed to determine members interest in a variety of activities.

**Program:** Connie Lewis, our Communications Director and Webmaster, presented an outstanding program, on how to access the chapter and DKG websites as well as what to see in content. She went through each page of our website, highlighting specific entries or topics. She also demonstrated how to use links to find certain topics. Connie encouraged the members to bookmark the website link. During her presentation, Connie called on some members to provide additional information. Rhonda Work explained that members needed their membership number to access the DKG website and that she had all the membership numbers if anyone needed their number. Stacy Thompson talked about the educator's wish list which is on our site and encouraged members to support their sisters. Ninamarie Sapuppo reported that the goals of the Educational Excellence Committee are to encourage programs that relate to our society's purposes, to reduce attrition of teachers, and to expand support of teachers to first five years. Members were reminded to save and contribute their loose change for the World Fellowship Fund.

Following the program, a "getting-to-know-you" activity was conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.