

**Alpha Kappa Minutes**  
**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**Holiday Gathering**  
**Monday, December 12, 2022, 5 p.m.**  
**Submitted By Connie Lewis**

Prior to beginning, members enjoyed snacks, which were delicious, and visited with each other. Members brought books for ELC and the Prison Project as well as coins for World Fellowship. Members brought cookies to exchange.

Members Attending: Jo Anne Arnette, Ginny Densmore, Monica Hayes, Diane Johnson, Jennifer Kenny, Connie Lewis, Lane Matthews, Lisa Phillips, Vicki Rhodes, Ninamarie Sappupo, Patricia Scott, Stacy Thompson, Susan Vinson, Nancy Watson, Gale Workman.

Monica Hayes, our President, welcomed everyone and thanked Jo Anne Arnette for hosting our holiday meeting. Jo Anne's home was beautifully decorated.

A short **business meeting began** at 6:15 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report** (sent by Rhonda Work) Funds in account \$456.27 with World Fellowship \$267.45. We missed Rhonda who was recovering from an illness.

**Calendar Events for 2022:** Connie Lewis had distributed a report of the events so that each member could mark their calendars. Discussion of the events where questions and suggestions were made.

**Alpha Kappa Calendar 2023**

- 🌲 January 14, 2023, 10 a.m.- noon. Eastside Library on Mahan, Gale Workman on Modern Mentoring Methods
- 🌲 January 24, 2023, 7 p.m., Lundquist House Meeting via Zoom  
Dinner will be provided to residents that evening
- 🌲 February 1, 2023 Awards & Grant Application Deadline
- 🌲 Mid February, 2023, Time TBA, Early Learning Coalition
- 🌲 March 4, 2023, 1 p.m. Lunquist House Visit, Presenter - Monica Hays on Public Speaking
- 🌲 April 2023 Award & Grant Recipients notified
- 🌲 May 20, 2023, BBCC Founder's Day

Nancy Watson gave a report on the Lundquist house activities. She showed us a picture of all of the girls that live in the scholarship house as well as shared two thank you cards that they had sent to us. The picture and cards will be included in the December Special Newsletter. Members were encouraged to send Welcome-Back cards to the house for the new semester. Cards can be sent to 316-A Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304. When sending packages or ordering online for delivery to the house, make Attn: Lundquist House but use the

Southern Scholarship office address: 322 Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304. The office will notify the house to pick it up. This is to prevent theft if no one is home when packages arrive.

Please help to pack the pantry for the new semester. Check the December Special Edition Newsletter for Non-perishable foods, paper goods, and cleaning supplies to be delivered after the first week of January or contact Nancy Watson 850-228-0297 to pick up your donations and deliver them to the house. **Please make every attempt to attend the Lundquist meetings. The girls are soooo excited about our support of them and want to meet YOU!**

The meeting was **adjourned** at 6:30 p.m.

After the meeting, members shared, memories, traditions, and other experiences they enjoyed during the holiday. Examples below. . .

- ✚ Caroling
- ✚ Putting up tree days after celebrating a family members birth to give special recognition to the birthday.
- ✚ Tradition from Great Britain – dining on roasted beef and yorkshire pudding.
- ✚ Christmas Eve – decoration of gingerbread cookies.
- ✚ Tradition from Jamaica – coconut rice, gravy sweet potatoes, children entertained by doing the limbo, winner awarded a prize, even the adults participated but that is another story!
- ✚ Christmas Eve service with breakfast afterwards, then home to prepare gifts for morning opening.
- ✚ Knowing where Mom hid gifts, so one was taken that no one missed until. . . the gift was to be given to a cousin. . . long remembered because child felt so bad for taking gift.
- ✚ Tradition – filling the stockings with fruits and nuts.
- ✚ From New England – missed snow when first came to FSU and had to celebrate Christmas in 90 degree weather. Welcome to Florida.
- ✚ Weather Shock - first exposure to Arizona heat and environment during the holiday season.
- ✚ Gifts – color of clothing on dolls determined whether child liked pink as an adult – NOT!
- ✚ Good Eats! Divinity made Christmas Eve

We had fun sharing and learning about preferences and customs.

Afterwards, the members stood and sang the DKG song. Thanks to Stacy Thompson for providing the words, beautifully designed and laminated. We will all know them by heart soon.

The cookie exchange began where sisters shared cookies that they had made. This is so special because it provides members with a variety of cookies for the season to share with friends and family members.