

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – DECEMBER 1, 2011

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Norlina United Methodist Church in Norlina, NC. Before the meal, President Nancy Tunstall welcomed everyone and Trina Paynter gave the blessing. The delicious meal was prepared by the ladies of the Norlina UMC Circle 4.

After the meal President Nancy Tunstall called the meeting to order at ~7:05 p.m. There were 38 members and one guest present.

Katy Jones introduced the guest speaker, Ray Merritt. He spoke about golf balls, life and jello with golf balls being the big stuff in life. He emphasized believing in yourself, looking for ways to help others, living your values, being healthy and maintaining relationships with other people. Mary Austell gave words of inspiration from *Christmas Is a Time of Giving*. The members sang the DKG song accompanied by Laura Kearney on the piano.

Minutes were approved as written.

Shirley White, treasurer, reported a savings balance of \$1,941.96 and a checking balance of \$1,387.86. Copies of the report were given to each member at the meeting. The report was accepted. Shirley reminded everyone of the Scholarship Fund. Shirley also reported that Jennifer Brauer and Michelle Stallings had withdrawn their membership and that Angela Vaughan had requested reserve status due to the health of her daughter.

Jeffrey Evans, corresponding secretary, reported regrets from Rebecca Bolton and Susan Lynch. She reported sending cards to Emmy Lou Coleman, Sharon West, Nancy Tunstall, Ginny Bernard, and Lou Ann Bender. She also sent a thank you note to Sylvia Alston's mother, Josephine Myrick, for donating the afghan to our chapter. November, December and January birthdays were recognized.

Committee Reports

Finance: Shirley White reported that the budget will be looked at again in March since we have two members resigning and one going to reserve status.

Membership: Melanie Burnette reminded anyone who had not done so to submit their Biographical Data Sheet before leaving. New member recommendation forms were passed out. Members can also go to the website for a form. Forms are due on February 1. The Membership Committee made a motion that we accept the verbal request of resignation made by Jennifer Brauer and Michelle Stallings as well as the reserve status request made by Angela Vaughan. All three requests would be contingent upon written requests. Motion carried.

Nominations: Elaine Coleman asked members to please consider serving as an officer or committee chairperson. She needs nominations by December 31.

Program: Katy Jones reported that in March the Eta State First Vice-President, Pat Taylor, will be our guest speaker.

Personal Growth and Services: Connie King thanked everyone for bringing box tops and labels for education. Last meeting's collection went to Northside Elementary School and ones collected tonight will go to South Warren Elementary School. International is emphasizing personal growth through fine arts. Betty Anne Shearin reported on a trip that she, Danylu Hundley and Loree Harris took to the Rembrandt exhibition in Raleigh.

Professional Affairs/U.S. Forum/Legislation: Mary Austell reminded everyone that 2012 will be an election year and they needed to listen carefully to issues affecting education.

Research: No report.

Literacy: Mary Brodie Raiford thanked everyone for the children's books brought tonight. The books will be distributed to Dr. Henderson's office, Dr. Crenshaw's office and the Norlina Clinic.

Music: Sallye Duncan reported that hopefully we will have new songs at the March meeting.

Scholarships: Mary Ann Johnson encouraged everyone to give generously to the Scholarship Fund. She also encouraged anyone eligible in our chapter to apply for the Gamma Chi, Eta State and the International Scholarships. Applications are due February 1.

World Fellowships: Crystal Brantley reported that we collected \$110.00 (another contribution raised the total to \$115.00).

Communications: Kristen Boyd reported that the *Gamma Chi Newsletter* deadline is February 13, 2012.

Hospitality and Social Affairs: Paula Aycokk thanked everyone for coming and commended the Telephone Network Committee on doing a great job. She reminded members that the next meeting will be March 5 at the Hardware Café in Warrenton. She thanked her friends from the Norlina UMC for helping to prepare the delicious meal.

Telephone Network: No report.

Remembrance: Shirley White reported that the committee is sending birthday cards to everyone and Christmas cards to reserve members.

Gamma Chi Memorials: No report.

Chapter Rules: Jill Coleman made the motion from her committee that we accept the new committee structure that was received via e-mail prior to the meeting. Motion passed.

Special Committee Reports

New Teachers' Bags: Mary Brodie Raiford reported that the project was a huge success and that the bags were delivered during American Education Week.

History: Mary Catherine Harris reported that she hoped to complete the Gamma Chi History by the March meeting.

2012 Eta State Convention Planning Committee: Connie King thanked members for bringing goodies for our basket to be raffled at the silent auction. Melanie Burnette donated the basket. Members were also thanked for all the candy and other items brought for the registration bags.

Afghan Committee: Danylu Hundley made a motion from her committee that we sale raffle tickets for the lovely afghan donated by Sylvia Alston's mother, Josephine Myrick, for \$3.00 each with funds going to the Scholarship Fund and that each active member sell at least six tickets preferably twelve. The motion passed and the drawing will be held at the May meeting.

Reports on reserve and sick members: Nancy Tunstall reported that Ethel Draper is in a hospice facility in Goldsboro. She also paid a visit to Melba Johnston who is doing well.

Old Business

Nancy Tunstall reminded everyone that February 1, 2012 is the last day to make a contribution to an International or State fund to aid our Chapter Achievement Award application. She also reminded everyone about the forms to complete for helping new teachers.

New Business

Mary Brodie Raiford nominated Nancy Tunstall for the Eta State Golden Key Award. Sylvia Alston seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nancy Tunstall encouraged members to attend the Eta State and the International conventions. She reported that the airfare for the International Convention that will be held July 24-28 in New York City will be approximately \$180.00 roundtrip (if not taking the train) and the hotel about \$225.00 per night plus food, registration and sightseeing. The raffle was conducted to raise funds for the Scholarship Fund. President Tunstall thanked Paula Aycokk and the Norlina group for hosting the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at ~8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debra W. Clayton, Recording Secretary