

## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2012

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hardware Café in Warrenton, NC. Before the meal, Mary Brodie Raiford gave the blessing.

After the meal President Nancy Tunstall called the meeting to order at ~7:30 p.m. There were 34 members present and one guest. Everyone was welcomed by our president and Mildred Stewart Johnson gave words of inspiration regarding the wisdom of aging. Karen Paynter led the group in singing a new song “Aim High.”

Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Shirley White reported a savings balance of \$2,796.89 and a checking balance of \$1,198.26. Copies of the Treasurer’s Report were sent to each member prior to the meeting. The report was accepted. Reported collections at the meeting were \$104.80 for the International Project, *Schools for Africa*, and \$81.00 to aid our Spelling Bee Team in purchasing misspelled words at Warren Education Fund Spelling Bee.

Corresponding Secretary Jeffrey Evans reported regrets from Mary Catherine Harris, Melanie Burnette, Sallye Duncan, Lou Ann Bender, Renee Mizelle and Lynn Meyers. Thank you notes were read from Anna White for the library books donated to the Norlina Library and from Nancy Tunstall for the World Fellowship donation in her honor. Jeffrey sent a get well card to Mary Austell for knee replacement surgery and a thinking of you card to our reserve member, Betsy Brown.

February, March, and April birthdays were recognized. Also, two new grandmothers, Jeffrey Evans and Mary Ann Johnson, were recognized. Congratulations were extended to Karen Paynter for being selected Warren County Ag in the Classroom Ambassador and Melanie Burnette for the Light of Character Fairness Award from the School Board.

Nancy Tunstall gave the President’s Report. She reported completing the Chapter President 2011 Annual Report, 2011 Necrology Report and the Eta State Recognition of Chapter Achievement form. Our chapter will receive the Excellence Achievement Award at the Eta State Convention. All Biennial Reports were completed by the appropriate committee chairs and filed prior to their due date. She elaborated on the Eta State Convention Report that she sent out with the newsletter. Eight members are needed to serve as hostesses at the convention to be held April 27-29. Members were reminded to complete the Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award form which is due at the May meeting. The form is available on the chapter website. Members were reminded to pass in the Related Personnel and Committee Preference Sheet for the next biennium before leaving the meeting. Finally, she stated that she and Shirley White have registered and will be attending the International Convention in New York this July.

Recording Secretary Debra Clayton gave a report of the Executive Board meeting held prior to the regular meeting. The Executive Board discussed and approved that Gamma Chi should place a 1/8 page ad for \$25.00 in the Spring Convention Program in honor of Edith Allen for 53 years of dedicated membership in DKG. Nancy Tunstall made the motion from the Executive Board and it passed

### Committee Reports

**Finance:** Pat Reithmeier made a motion from the Finance Committee to adopt the amended budget sent to members prior to the meeting. The motion carried.

**Membership:** Patricia Williamson presented five new candidates for membership. Members spoke to the qualifications of the candidates.

**Nominations:** Elaine Coleman presented the slate of officers for the next biennium: President – Nancy Tunstall, First Vice President – Mary Brodie Raiford, Second Vice President – Mary Catherine Harris, Recording Secretary – Jeffrey Evans and Corresponding Secretary – Sallye Duncan. The Nominations Committee made a motion to accept the slate of officers and the motion passed.

**Program:** In the absence of Katy Jones, Elaine Coleman reminded the members that at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting new members will be initiated, two grants-in-aid will be awarded, a Memorial Service will be held and new officers will be installed.

**Personal Growth and Services:** Connie King delivered 181 Box Tops for Education and 120 points from Labels for Education products to South Warren Elementary School. She also read a thank you note from their PTA president.

**Professional Affairs/U.S. Forum/Legislature:** Mary Austell encouraged everyone to support the State School’s Improvement Act which is related to sexual harassment. She also encouraged everyone to read the Public School Friday. She had a couple of reminders for the members: NCAE dues can no longer be a payroll deduction and take advantage of the Read Across America program.

**Research:** Harriet Banzet reported that the In Memoriam section of the website is complete.

**Literacy:** No report.

**Music:** Karen Paynter reported that she will be using the *DKG Songbook VI* at the meetings. The book was given to the chapter by Pat Taylor, Eta State First Vice President.

**Scholarships:** Mary Ann Johnson made a motion from the Scholarships Committee that Alicia Stevenson and Morgan Lee Coleman be recipients of Gamma Chi Grants-in-Aid. Motion passed. Jill Coleman, Mogan Lee Coleman’s mother, thanked the chapter. Danylu Hundley reported that \$526.00 has been raised so far from the sale of the raffle tickets which will go towards the Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund.

**World Fellowships:** In the absence of Crystal Brantley, Nancy Tunstall reported that the two World Fellowships recipients attending universities in North Carolina have been invited to the Eta State Convention and will attend.

**Communications:** Kristen Boyd reported that an article about the December meeting was in the local newspapers and that the upcoming newsletter deadline is April 11.

**Hospitality and Social Affairs:** Paula Aycok thanked everyone for their hard work.

**Telephone Network:** No report.

**Remembrance:** Shirley White reported sending Christmas cards to all reserve members and to those who have been absent. Easter cards will be sent to reserve members. Birthday cards are being sent by Danylu Hundley and Brenda Holloman.

**Gamma Chi Memorials:** No report.

**Chapter Rules:** No report.

**History:** Nancy Tunstall reported receiving an e-mail from Mary Catherine Harris stating that she is in the last stages of completing our history and will soon have it up-to-date through this biennium. When she completes the history, we will have accomplished another goal of our Action Plan for this biennium.

**2012 Eta State Convention:** Connie King reported that her committee will meet on April 2 to prepare our two baskets for the Silent Auction at the Eta State Convention.

**Afghan:** Danylu Hundley had already reported the amount raised so far from the sale of raffle tickets for the afghan which will be given away at the May meeting.

### Other Reports

- ❖ Ann Kilian visited reserve members Melba Johnston, Sue Skinner and Edith Allen.
- ❖ Sick members: Martha Ann Overby fell out of the choir loft and had a concussion. She is much better.
- ❖ The Spelling Bee Team is Jeffrey Evans, Brenda Holloman, Kay Beaver, and Chris Skinner. The Bee which is sponsored by the Warren Education Fund is March 23.

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Patricia Williamson presented Brooke Comer, Alice Jefferson, Gwen Kilian, Louise Mitchum and Joyce Walker for membership. Instead of voting, Sylvia Alston made a motion to accept all five members by acclamation. Sharon West seconded the motion. Motion passed. There will be an orientation for the prospective new members where they can accept or decline their membership invitation.

There was no old or new business. Elaine Coleman introduced Pat Taylor, Eta State First Vice President, as the guest speaker. She presented an informative and entertaining program on *Schools for Africa*. Nancy Tunstall thanked her and presented her with a stained glass DKG logo rose and a Gamma Chi bag. Nancy thanked Jeffrey Evans and the Warrenton group for hosting the meeting. The next meeting will be at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Ridgeway. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Debra W. Clayton, Recording Secretary*