

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES MAY 5, 2011

The Gamma Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ridgeway, North Carolina.

The evening began at 6:15 with the induction of our three new members, Elizabeth Shearin, Rebecca Bolton, and Margaret Shupe, who were presented by our president, Nancy Tunstall, at the Initiation Ceremony. Immediately following the initiation, Mary Anne Johnson presented a scholarship to Raegan Ross and a grant-in-aid to Alicia Stevenson, a senior at Warren County High School.

Pat Reithmeier gave the blessing before the members enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Lutheran Women Missionary League of St. Paul's. After the meal, a memorial service was held to remember our departed sisters, Nancy Blankenship, Elizabeth Daniel, Elizabeth Reid, and Rachael Ricks.

Afterwards Nancy Tunstall, president, called the meeting to order at ~8:00 p.m. There were 34 members present and 11 guests. Everyone was welcomed by our president.

Minutes were approved as written. Shirley White, treasurer, reported a savings balance of \$1,259.02 and a checking balance of \$875.04. Copies were given to each member at the meeting. The report was accepted.

Jeffrey Evans, corresponding secretary, reported regrets from Mary Catherine Harris and Michelle Stallings. Thank you notes were read from the family of Lorraine Porter for the rose and from the family of Liz Reid for the rose and memorial contribution to the scholarship fund. A congratulations card was sent to Melanie Burnette for the birth of her son and thinking of you cards to Shirley White and Jean White. May, June, and July birthdays were recognized.

The Spelling Bee participants, Jeffrey Evans, Shirley White, Nancy Tunstall and Ed Tunstall, made it to the Master Blaster Round.

President's Report: Nancy Tunstall, president, presented Emmy Lou Coleman the book *Eta State Women of Influence* with her biography published in it. Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White attended the Eta State Convention which was held in Rocky Mount. Nancy highlighted the convention for us. Shirley also shared her convention experiences with us. Our chapter received a Bronze Chapter Excellence Award, a Going Green Award and a Newspaper Excellence Award. On Sunday morning a Ceremony of Remembrance was held in which our departed sisters were remembered.

Following the convention report, the members enjoyed a video about the Schools for Africa project. Each contribution gives children hope for a better future. A basket was passed around for our members to make a contribution.

Committee Reports

Finance: Shirley White reported that all bills are paid.

Membership: Emmy Lou Coleman welcomed the new members and thanked Katy Jones, Loree Harris and Shirley White for helping her with the memorial service. Nancy Tunstall read a letter from Emmy Lou asking for reserve status since she lives so far away due to her job. Motion was made by Katy Jones and seconded by Mary Austell. Motion passed.

Nominations: No report

Program: No report

Personal Growth and Services: Connie King reported that the Box Tops and Labels for Education collected at this meeting will be used for Mariam Boyd Elementary School.

Literacy: No report

Professional Affairs: Mary Austell reminded everyone to keep watch and stay abreast of what is happening with education in the news.

Research: Harriet Banzet reported that their committee was waiting for the biographical data sheets to be completed before beginning research.

Scholarship: Mary Ann Johnson reported presenting the scholarship and grant-in-aid earlier in the meeting.

World Fellowship: No report

Communications: Kristen Boyd reported that the newsletter deadline is September 14.

Hospitality: No report

Telephone: No report

Remembrance: Shirley White sent Easter cards to reserve members and to Bill Reid and Lorraine Porter. Birthday cards are being sent by Danylu Hundley and Brenda Holloman.

Memorial: No report

Standing Rules: No report

Going Green: Completed

History Chair: No report

Other Reports

- ❖ Women of Warren Committee: Danylu Hundley, Janice Meek, and Shirley White
 - Nancy Tunstall will be our representative this year
- ❖ No reports on reserve member visits
- ❖ Sick: Jean White does not need treatment; Jeffrey Evans has had two treatments; Nancy Tunstall has pneumonia.
- ❖ Trina Tucker had a baby girl today!
- ❖ There is a DKG display at the Warren County Memorial Library

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Shirley White presented Nancy Tunstall with a red rose for her dedication as our chapter president this past year. The raffle was held. Nancy thanked the ladies of the LWML for the delicious meal. The meeting was adjourned at ~8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debra W. Clayton, Recording Secretary