

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES DECEMBER 2, 2010

The Gamma Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Norlina United Methodist Church in Norlina, NC. Before the meal, Connie King 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 Connie King, second vice-president, called the meeting to order at ~7:20 p.m. There were 32 members present. Mary Catherine Harris gave words of inspiration. The members sang the DKG song accompanied by Karen Paynter on the piano. A moment of silence was observed for our departed sister, Elizabeth Daniel. Her memorial service will be at the May meeting.

Minutes were approved as written.

Shirley White, treasurer, reported a savings balance of \$981.54 and a checking balance of \$1785.50. Copies of the report were given to each member at the meeting. The report was accepted. Shirley reminded everyone of the scholarship fund.

Jeffrey Evans, corresponding secretary, reported regrets from Jill Coleman, Martha Ann Overby, Harriet Banzet, Elaine and Emmy Coleman, as well as Donna Smith. Thank-yous were read from Anna Fishel, Rachael Ricks' daughter, for the contribution to the scholarship fund in memory of her mother and from Mary Elizabeth Daniel for the contribution to the scholarship fund in memory of her mother, Elizabeth Daniel. Ginny Bernard reported regrets from Norma Retzlaff. Get well cards and sympathy cards have been sent.

November, December, and January birthdays were recognized.

Committee Reports

Finance: Shirley White reported that the budget will be looked at again since we have one member resigning and two deaths.

Membership: Melanie Burnette reminded everyone to submit their Biographical Data Sheet before leaving. The new member recommendation form should be submitted by February 1, 2011. Members can go to the website for a form. The membership committee made a motion that we accept the resignation of Kim Burton. Motion carried.

Nominations: No report.

Program: No report.

Personal Growth and Services: No report. Connie King reported that it is a work in progress.

Research: No report.

Literacy: Mary Brodie Raiford thanked everyone for their books and hopefully they will be distributed before Christmas.

Professional Affairs: Mary Austell mentioned that now that the voting is over, it will be interesting to see what happens in the next few months. We were encouraged to support education and to let our legislators know our feelings. Melanie Burnette encouraged us to go to ncdpi.org and read the news release dated November 22.

Music: Karen Paynter is still looking for new music for us.

Scholarship: Jeffrey Evans, representing the committee, made a motion to give a scholarship to Raegan Ross. The motion passed.

World Fellowship: Crystal Brantley reported that we collected \$100.00.

Communications: Kristen Boyd reported that the newsletter deadline is February 14, 2011.

Hospitality: No report.

Telephone: No report.

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

Memorial: No report.

Standing Rules: Connie King reported that our standing rules with the changes have been sent to the Eta State Rules Committee for their consideration.

New Teacher Bags: Debra Clayton reported this project was a huge success. Nancy Tunstall had everything very well organized. The committee with Ed Tunstall's help stuffed the bags and delivered them.

Going Green: Renee Mizelle reported on how this project is being implemented at Vaughan Elementary School.

History: No Report.

Other Reports

- ❖ Several members have sent cards to reserve members. Connie King had a nice visit with Edith Allen. Jeffrey Evans visited Nell White.
- ❖ Shirley White reported that the Norlina Library was most grateful for the contribution.
- ❖ Loree Harris updated us on Elizabeth Reid's condition. She was at Chapel Hill and having severe headaches with her treatments. She says "hello" to us and "she misses us."
- ❖ Harriett Faulkner thanked us all for our cards, visits, and hugs. Her treatments are due to start in December.

Unfinished Business

Loree Harris made a motion that we pay the \$20.00 fee to nominate a member to represent us as an Eta State Woman of Influence. Mary Catherine Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mary Catherine Harris then nominated Emmy Lou Coleman to be our representative. Laura Kearney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Katy Jones introduced Mary Brodie Raiford as our speaker for the evening. She showed a narrated slide show on Cherry Hill Plantation in Inez. Connie King thanked her and presented her with a stained glass sun catcher made by Nancy Tunstall.

In light of the season of the year, the group sang Christmas songs led by Karen Paynter on the piano.

The raffle was held and we collected \$60.00. Connie King thanked Paula Aycock and the ladies of the Norlina group for hosting the meeting.

Our next meeting will be in March 2011. The Warrenton group will be responsible. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Debra W. Clayton, Recording Secretary