

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES MARCH 7, 2011

The Gamma Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hardware Café in Warrenton, NC. Before the meal, Mary Brodie Raiford gave the blessing.

After the meal Nancy Tunstall, president, called the meeting to order at ~7:15 p.m. There were 33 members present and one guest. Everyone was welcomed by our president and Mary Austell gave words of inspiration on gratitude for our bodies. A moment of silence was observed for our newest member and sister, Elizabeth Reid, whose memorial service will be at the May meeting. Just before her passing, she had called Shirley White and thanked her for the World Fellowship contribution being in her honor.

Minutes were approved as amended with a correction to the previous treasurer's report. The checkbook balance should have been \$1,785.70 and not \$1,785.50.

In the absence of Shirley White, treasurer, Nancy Tunstall reported a savings balance of \$1,143.82 and a checking balance of \$1,741.26. Copies were given to each member at the meeting. The report was accepted.

Jeffrey Evans, corresponding secretary, reported regrets from Shirley White, Paula Aycock, Melanie Burnette, Harriet Banzet and Pat Reithmeier. Jeffrey also read Nancy Tunstall's note which was not read at the December meeting and a note from Betty Marshall who was out guest at the October meeting. Thank you's were read from Raegan Ross for the scholarship, Anna Fischel for the contribution to the World Fellowship in memory of her mother, Rachael Ricks, and the Christmas card, and from Anna White for the library books donated to the Norlina Library.

February, March, and April birthdays were recognized.

Member recognition: Paula Aycock, Brenda Holloman, and Paige Lamberson all have new granddaughters; Debra Clayton is pursuing her Masters in School Administration; and Janis Meek received a red rose for her retirement.

President's Report: The Women of Influence Nomination form was sent off prior to its deadline with the help of Elaine Coleman. The Chapter President 2010 Annual Report and the 2010 Annual Necrology Report have been completed. Our Eta State Chapter Excellence Award Form has been completed and we accumulated enough points to qualify for a Bronze Award that we will receive at the spring convention. The "Going Green Challenge" has been turned in also and we will receive a certificate for that at the spring convention. Nancy reminded everyone of the Eta State Professional Development Day on March 26. She also reminded everyone to fill out the Gamma Chi Excellent Member Award Form which is due at the May meeting. She spoke about the Schools for Africa International Project.

The recording secretary, Debra Clayton, gave a report of the Executive Board meeting. The Executive Board discussed and approved that we take up a contribution at the May meeting in support of Schools for Africa International Project. If we do not reach \$100.00 the difference will come from the treasury. Next year the March meeting will be used for the Schools for Africa project. Motion passed. The second item was that we place a \$25.00 ad in the Spring Convention Program in honor of Shirley White's 40 years of active service to DKG. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Finance: No Report

Membership: No Report

Nominations: Debra Clayton asked for interested persons to let the nominating committee know if they are willing to serve for the next biennium.

Program: No report

Personal Growth and Services: Connie King asked that members save their box tops and Campbell's soup labels and bring them to each meeting. They will be dispersed to the elementary schools: May-Mariam Boyd, October-Northside, December-South Warren, and March-Vaughan. Motion passed.

Research: No report

Literacy: Mary Brodie Raiford reported the children's books collected at the last meeting were delivered to two dentists' offices, the health department and the Norlina Clinic.

Professional Affairs: Mary Austell reminded everyone that education is in the national, state and local news. Listen and stay abreast.

Music: No report

Scholarship: Mary Ann Johnson presented applicant Alicia Steverson who has been accepted at NC A&T to be our grant-in-aid recipient. Alicia is excited about being an education major. The scholarship committee made the motion. Motion passed.

World Fellowship: No report.

Communications: Kristen Boyd reported that the newsletter deadline is April 10.

Hospitality: No Report

Telephone Network: No Report

Remembrance: Shirley White sent Christmas cards to all reserve members and to Kim Burton letting her know that we miss her in Gamma Chi. Cards were also sent to the families of the deceased members of 2010. Birthday cards are being sent by Danylu Hundley and Brenda Holloman.

Memorial: No Report

Standing Rules: No report

Going Green: No report

History: No Report.

Patricia Williamson assisted by Connie King conducted the election of new members who are Elizabeth Shearin, Rebecca Bolton, and Margaret Shupe. They will be inducted at the May meeting.

Other Reports

- ❖ Connie King had a nice visit with Edith Allen in January as did Nancy Tunstall. Jeffrey Evans visited Nell White. Ann Kilian visited Sue Skinner and Melba Johnston.
- ❖ Jeffrey Evans has cancer and is waiting for her pathology report.
- ❖ Raegan Ross, Trina Tucker and Melanie Burnette are all expecting.
- ❖ Harriett Faulkner has finished radiation and is in chemotherapy.
- ❖ Jean White has colon cancer.
- ❖ There is a DKG display at the Warren County Memorial Library.

Unfinished Business

The Spelling Bee is April 15. We have \$200.00. We need participants.

New Business

The Spring Convention is April 29-May 1. Members were encouraged to attend.

Katy Jones introduced Connie Woody, our Region III Director, as our speaker for the evening. She gave inspiring words for teaching. Nancy Tunstall thanked her and presented her with a stained glass sun catcher 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 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debra W. Clayton, Recording Secretary