

## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2010

The Gamma Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Littleton Baptist Church in Littleton, NC. Before the meal, Nancy Tunstall, our new president, welcomed everyone and Lynn Meyers gave the blessing. The delicious meal was prepared by Robert Harris.

After the meal Nancy Tunstall called the meeting to order at ~7:15 p.m. There were 36 members present and two guests. The members repeated the Collect and sang the DKG song accompanied by Karen Paynter on the piano. A moment of silence was observed for our departed sisters, Nancy Blankenship and Rachael Ricks.

Minutes were approved as written.

Shirley White, treasurer reported a savings balance of \$745.14 and a checking balance of \$1072.31. Copies of the financial statement and proposed budgets were given to each member at the meeting. The books were audited by Edward Tunstall and are in good standing.

Jeffrey Evans, corresponding secretary, reported *regrets* from Renee Mizelle, Michelle Stallings, and Donna Smith. Thank-yous were read from Anna Fishel, Rachael Ricks' daughter, and Catherine and Richard Blankenship, children of Nancy Blankenship. Nicole Pitchford also sent a thank-you for her grant-in-aid. A thank you note with a four year history from Sandra Jones Houston, Cassie Jones' daughter, was read.

Retirees Paula Aycock, Crystal Brantley, Danylu Hundley, and Jeffrey Evans were presented a red rose from our president. Shirley White was recognized for her 40 years of service to Delta Kappa Gamma and was presented a pin and framed certificate from our president. Other members were recognized with certificates for years of service as follows: Brenda Holloman (30 years), Brenda Fuller and Sylvia Alston (25 years), Paula Aycock (20 years), Jennifer Brauer, Susan Lynch, and Pat Riethmeier (5 years). Those with birthdays in August, September and October were recognized. New grandmothers are Mary Austell, Nancy Tunstall and Brenda Holloman. We received a new member, Elizabeth Reid, who transferred to our chapter from Delta Theta Chapter. Sue Skinner was recognized for the awards that she has received: 2008 Who's Who Among American Women, 2009 Who's Who in America, and 2010 Who's Who in the World.

### **Recording secretary gave the report from the executive board. It was approved as presented.**

The executive board made a motion that the chapter pays international and state dues for those members who are incapacitated and next of kin does not do so. Motion carried.

The executive board made a motion that the chapter adopt the *Chapter Action Plan* which was e-mailed to the members. Motion carried.

The executive board made a motion that tonight we start a tradition of presenting a 40 year member pin to active members who reach that milestone. Motion carried.

The executive board made a motion that the chapter adopt the *Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award* which was e-mailed to members. Motion passed.

Brochures that Nancy made to promote our chapter were circulated among the members for their review.

Nancy has been contacting our members who have not been coming. Members are encouraged to pick a reserve member to contact on the sign-up sheet.

*Our Heritage Vol. I & II* are missing. If anyone knows of their whereabouts please let Nancy know.

The executive board nominated Shirley White as an Outstanding Woman of Warren County for Women of Warren: Celebrating our Passions.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** Presented the proposed budget which should have \$6494.31 available to spend through June 2011. Motion carried.

**Membership:** Recommended that Jean White and Sue Skinner be given reserve status. Motion passed. Second recommendation was to accept up to three new members. Motion passed. Emmy Lou asked that members please complete their Bio Sheet by the December meeting.

**Nominations:** No report

**Program:** Programs are outlined in yearbook on page 12.

**Personal Growth and Services:** October 2 was the Retreat in Charlotte. None of our members were in attendance.

**Research:** The goal is to review our biographical sketches of our sister members.

**Literacy:** Children's books that are being taken to the doctors' offices will have book plates in them stating that they are donated by our chapter. Books are being taken to Dr. Crenshaw, Dr. Henderson, Health Department, and the Warren County Clinic. The committee wants books for the December meeting only.

**Professional Affairs:** They encouraged us to think when we vote.

**Music:** Looking for new music for us.

**Scholarship:** Applications will be due by February 1. The recipient will be invited to our May meeting. If you are working on a Master's you may apply for Gamma Chi, Eta State and International Scholarships. At the December meeting, money will be collected for the scholarship fund. Members were encouraged to think about their honorariums and to think about memorials for Nancy Peete and Rachael.

**World Fellowship:** At the December meeting the committee will be collecting \$2.00 from each member.

**Communications:** In the process of developing a website.

**Hospitality:** Asked that the telephone network committee give her the names of the members planning to attend the December meeting.

**Remembrance:** Shirley and her committee members are sending birthday cards to everyone and Christmas cards to reserve members.

**Standing Rules:** Recommended that the chapter adopt the changes that were passed at the International Convention in July, as outlined in the Newsletter. Motion carried.

**New Teacher Bags:** There are 31 new teachers in the county. We will assemble the bags on Sunday, November 14 at the Parish House of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

**History Chair:** Mary Catherine is working on the history of our chapter.

Betty Marshall, State President, was our speaker for the evening. Her topic was "Becoming Voices of Influence." She praised our chapter for what we are doing. Nancy presented her with a stained glass red rose which Nancy made and a tote bag.

Shirley presented Nancy with a long stem red rose on behalf of the chapter and thanked her for her endless hours of work through-out the summer to ready us for this biennium.

The raffle was held and we collected \$64.00. Nancy thanked Laura Kearney and the Littleton group for hosting the meeting. Our next meeting will be December 2 in Norlina. The meeting was adjourned.

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