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THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

February Meeting:

Date: February 12, 2022

Time: 9:30 AM

Place: Zoom

Pledge and Inspiration led by Pat Hutson

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Dankworth at 9:30 a.m. Pat Hutson led the pledge and shared a reflective inspiration of famous quotes about teaching techniques that promote learning. Good way to start Pat!

11 Members were in attendance via zoom: Ann Dankworth, Ann Standley, Ann Williams, Pat Hutson, Susan Hoffman, Mary Whalen, Nan Oleson, Judy Silker, Linda Getschman, Jessica Daniels, and (PT) Kathy Rothchild.

Last Meeting Follow Up

Mary Whalen, Recording Secretary read the January 2022 minutes with no correction. Approved
Linda Getschmann, Treasurer shared the treasurer's report: \$500.00 was given to the Apple Award Committee, Nan Oleson contributed \$125.00 for the craft fair proceeds equalling \$625.00. Thank you Nan! Linda also inquired about continuing the AIM Insurance policy of \$175.00. This expense was approved. The balance as of today is \$4811.96. Thank you Linda and so happy you are healing quickly.

New Business

Pat Hutson, Nominating Chair read the slate of officers for the 2022 - 2024 term:

President: Ann Standley

1st Vice President: Mary Whalen

2nd Vice President: Nan Oleson

Recording Secretary: Pat Hutson

Nan Oleson moved to approve the slate of officers. Linda Getschman seconds the motion. This slate of officers was approved unanimously. Installation is to be held on May 14, 2022, with the term to begin July 2022.

Nan Oleson reported on the Apple Award winners. There were 9 well-deserving applicants by happily we awarded three:

Misty Long, St Teresa's Catholic School received \$200 utilized within her science hands-on equipment from year to year with her kinders.

Amanda Manning, Sierra Lutheran School received \$200 for sound equipment to be used for their whole school.

Taylor Mandelli, CCSD received \$100 for speech and language materials with her speech students.

Teachers are realizing since students and teachers have been masked the demand for assistance is at a new high with speech.

Each teacher was presented with their check personally by a member of the committee. A whole thank you and shout out to Nan Oleson, Mary Whalen, Phyllis Atkinson, and Susan Hoffman.

Other business: included the Grants In Aid with \$2000 being available for Ann Williams. See attached application.

Program

Senator James Ohrenschall presented autism within the Legislature this morning.

Former Assemblyman and present, Senator James Ohrenschall was introduced by his former Legislative Assistant, Pat Hutson who served him for five legislative sessions (2007 -2019). Ann Standley served as Senator Ohrenschall's Legislative Assistant during the 2021 session.

Senator Ohrenschall has been a faithful servant since 2006 until present. Senator Ohrenschall was instrumental in legislating an insurance mandate with autism. Most all insurance companies did not recognize this as an illness. Since 2009, Governor Gibbons signed this first legislation for our autistic population remembering as a milestone. Without this insurance many of these students would have not received adequate services. In the 2021 Legislative Session, Senator Ohrenschall passed in both houses and Governor Sisolak signed his bill which increased the Medicaid payment for autism. MILESTONE!!!

Senator Ohrenschall spoke to the broadness of his bills which included a composting bill, fireworks bill and the "Tiger Bill" . The work within these three bills was at such a high level. The fire marshall presented data on fires which burned homes, land, and resorts. An Oregon scientist testified on composting and the environment. Our "tiger bill" testifiers were advocates to protect these animals. (These animals may only be owned by the entertainment industry with extreme controls.)

Senator Ohrenschall spoke to his broadness views with having 20 bills to present in the next session. In the future he is assisting the SLA (Special Living Arrangements) for students in transition due to age and programs available. During the 2021 Session, Senator Ohrenschall chaired Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice in the Interim. He promoted 10 bills which 9 were financed and passed. The one bill was housing for this issue but due to covid the finance was not available. Stay tuned!

Senator Ohrenschall had wonderful accolades for his two Secretaries: Pat Hutson and Ann Standley. Ann thank you for arranging this informative presentation for us.

Senator Ohrenschall unknowingly ended our meeting at 10:32 am. Our next meeting will be in person and also a zoom line on March 12 at 9:30 am at Ann Dankworth's home: 7202 Relay Peak Ct., Carson City.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recording Secretary
Mary Whalen

