

Delta Kappa Gamma
Gamma Gamma Chapter
Executive Board meeting, 8/3/2016
Itasca Country Club

Executive Board members present: Gerie Kay, Rose Karner, Mary Roeing, Mary Wrobel, Kris Beaudette, Linda Stolt, Keri Gold, Adrienne Rovin, Cheryl Keifer, Sandy Cook, Maureen Briza,

President Gerie Kay called the meeting to order.

Reflection:

Gerie shared the reflection.

Gerie attended the DKG international convention in Nashville, Tennessee on July 5-9 and shared some anecdotes. Gerie notified us that Dr. Kammie Richter, Lambda State Executive Assistant, is sending more info via committee chairpersons.

Correspondence: Mary Roeing

Mary Roeing read the letter that stated that Mary Guthrie, Ann Fussell, Carol Fancher, and Barb Peterson were honored at the DKG international convention. Mary sent a copy of this letter to each of the families.

Treasurer's report: Linda Stolt

Linda Stolt shared the report. We are financially sound. Donations in memory of Mary Guthrie will help fund the Love of Learning award for the next 9 years. Please make any memorial donations through the Ann Fussell fund. Monies to this will be kept separately and not swept into the general fund.

We are not a tax exempt group. You cannot claim DKG costs on your income tax as a donation. However, you can claim the dues on your taxes under Professional Expenses. Linda will share this info with the members.

Parliamentarian: Keri Gold

Keri Gold will host the Executive Board meeting and New Member Tea in 2017. Keri now has the Robert's Rules of Order "cheat sheet."

Reports of Standing Committee Summer Meetings:

Society Business: Adrienne Rovin

Adrienne handed out copies of the budget. Our budget is pretty healthy. Money can be moved as needed. Membership is dwindling, dues are the same, financials are in good shape. Dues continue to be \$84.00. Reserve members are \$42.00 and are due on Halloween.

Programs: Rose Karner

Rose shared the programs for the upcoming year. September program is on Tuesday, September 13 and is about Project Cure. Project Cure will send someone to share the program. We need a projector and a screen. If the church cannot provide the technical things we need, Heidi will help us out. We also need a screen and projector for October's program. The remaining programs will be listed in the yearbook.

A reflection is given at every meeting. Rose found that several people were glad to be asked to give the reflection. We should consider reaching out to many of the members to give the reflection.

Membership: Mary Wrobel

Mary Wrobel shared the minutes of their June 9, 2016 committee meeting. They will reach out to existing members who do not attend regularly and encourage them to attend.

The book club is providing an opportunity to get to know members. Sudha gave ideas to divide up the tasks for book club. The next meeting is August 23rd. One person steps up to lead each month. That person sets up the meeting notice 10 days ahead of time and then sends out the discussion questions.

A sub-committee is providing back-to-school gifts to the 10 full-time active-working members. The gift includes a DKG brochure to promote membership.

Linda asked if we could send some communication to our very senior members. We could send a card, photos, etc. They would be greatly appreciated.

The state is hoping to revise the way we recruit new members. They want us to do surveys for working//retired people, Important to get people to think of recruits as early as September. Get ideas going in September.

Communications: Cheryl Keifer

Cheryl shared that the yearbook is under construction. It is a big job and will try to get it into the printer by end of August. It may not be ready for the September meeting.

Pat Rielly and Jane Jedlicka will make a list of which members have not given permission for photos. Some members want to start a Facebook page. When this is established, this will be restricted to members only. Permissions for photos will be on an all-or-nothing basis, for local, state, and international publications.

We are not going to do Web Watcher because this is a duplication of available information. The info is there.

The Lambda State calendar is online. The theme is supposed to be on the website by August 1. The international theme is "85 years and Beyond." The state theme is "Growing, Changing, Standing Strong."

Service Projects and Special Projects: Sandy Cook and Kris Beaudette

All service projects for 2015-16 had excellent participation. Contributions were very generous. The Kenneth Young Walk was excellent, and we collected over \$1,000 for the Kenneth Young Center. We will continue to stay with one collection of items per month. We will send out a questionnaire to find out if there are any volunteer opportunities we should support.

We will also post a section called "Opportunities Knocking," in our newsletter. This will alert members of specific charities or groups that may need short term participation or a one-time volunteer opportunity.

Recruitment grant: We only had 2 applicants in Spring, 2016. We are not sure why we have such a limited number of applicants, as in prior years, we had as many as 12 applicants. The High Schools are also seeing a drop in scholarship applications. To encourage more applicants, maybe we can post the recruitment grant info at the churches that host us for our meetings. Maybe SEA can also publish our recruitment grant information. We must remember to clarify that the recruitment grant is available for any accredited institution.

The Florence A. Cook scholarship is going well. We need to remind members that they can apply for stipend awards from the Lambda State Scholarship Fund. Recently Cheryl Keifer and Chris Dick received grants for their Master Gardener fees at Botanical Gardens. It is available for working and retired members.

New Business:

The Executive Board members all got our President's mailings.

We need a venue for the Dove Chocolate Party, which is scheduled for April 27, 2017. Kris has offered her home for this event.

Lambda State Executive Board meeting is in Bloomington on September 16-17, 2016. Gerie is looking for a "guest."

Gerie shared the script for the Celebration of Life ceremony and for the Initiation format.

Gerie gave us all a reimbursement voucher and reminded us that they are online. Please remember to use the vouchers to get reimbursement for budgeted expenses. If we don't request the reimbursement, the line items may be removed from the budget.

Honor chapter criteria.- Gerie shared this information.

Our State Visitor will be attending our meeting on October 20. We will have a chance to show our chapter's excellence!

Our chapter, Gamma Gamma, was chartered on January 14, 1967. We will be celebrating our 50th anniversary as a chapter on January 14, 2017. A discussion is in progress to plan an appropriate celebration for this big occasion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Beaudette

Recording secretary