

GAMMA GAMMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
ITASCA COUNTRY CLUB

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Minutes of the meeting

Call to order - Gerie Kay (President)

Reflection- Keri Gold (Parliamentarian)

Keri provided a reflection by Sean Achor, author of the Happiness Advantage, which is a program being used by District 54 staff this school year.

Correspondence- Mary Roeing.

Our chapter had made a contribution to the Lambda State Women in the Arts fund in memory of Felicia Cicy, and we received a thank you from her son, Steve. We received a thank you from the daughter of Gerry Toher. Sylvia Olsen sent thanks for the invitation to our 50th anniversary celebration.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Stolt.

Linda stated that the current treasurer's report is a draft. She did a lot of moving of money between savings and checking. We received an anonymous donation from a member. We should tell our members that they can donate to our scholarship funds. Members and others can name our chapter in their wills and as a part of their estate planning.

Linda stated that the most expensive place to make copies is Kinko's. Use your AARP card to get a discount.

We have roughly \$6200 carried over from last fiscal year.

When submitting vouchers for reimbursement, please always submit itemized receipts. This is required by the federal government. Itemized receipts are always required if we ever were audited.

**Reports of the Standing Committee Summer Meetings**

Society Business- Adrienne Rovin

This committee will meet on August 9 to clarify any rules, review any proposed changes to the rules, and to review the budget.

Program- Rose Karner (Second Vice- President)

Rose provided a list of the 2017-2018 programs, including:

An Evening with Eleanor Roosevelt

Thriving in Work and Life. We discussed if we can give them an honorarium. The presenters will have a drawing and the winners will win a 15 minute free session.

Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club

Cocoa Exchange party

Holiday Auction

Feed My Starving Children

Secrets of Your Green Thumb Neighbor

Ingage Unlimited, held at the Poplar Creek Library in Streamwood

New Member Tea

“31” demo

Lambda State Convention in Lombard

Annual Spring Celebration

Girls in the Game Revisited. We discussed volunteerism and ways to support this organization. They have a golf outing, an online auction, and other fundraisers.

Meetings/programs will now start at 4:15 to make it more convenient for active working members to attend.

We discussed if we want to provide Professional Development (PD) hours as a part of our programs. The state organization now has approval to give PD hours. We decided that we do not want to give PD hours as a chapter since the process is complicated and most of our membership no longer need these hours.

Membership – Maureen Briza for Mary Wrobel (First Vice-President)

We have 75 active members and 5 reserve members. The total is 80.

The committee stated it is important to reach out to members. We are making gift bags for active working members. We need new and innovative ways to connect members. The Book Club has 8-15 members and it has been a good way to connect members. Some suggestions to connect members were to have groups interested in wine, theater, a care team, and travel.

Encourage members to recruit and bring guests.

We need personalized outreach to current members who don't attend meetings.

We can use the monthly SEA meetings as an outreach tool.

Communications – Cheryl Keifer

Cheryl shared that the DKG website has a useful link called “50 apps in 50 minutes,” and is a good resource for tablet and smartphone users.

On the newsletter, we could have a section for recommendations for services and contractors. We have done this in the past.

We have 5 members who receive the newsletter via snail mail. All others are via email.

There has been talk about starting a Facebook page.

We discussed the yearbook. There will be a new format and more information will be on the website from now on.

Membership information for Lambda State is now online.

Jenny Morris, previous grant-in-aid recipient, and Pat Morris have expressed interest in joining our chapter.

Educational Excellence/ Service Projects – Denise Pawelczyk – for Sandy Cook

We are re-examining our scholarship criteria.

We are stepping up our efforts to mentor our grant-in-aid recipients.

We discussed grants that are available from the Lambda State Foundation. We have considered exploring this on behalf of Jenny Morris, who was our previous grant-in-aid recipient, and also on behalf of Girls in the Game.

Kris was in touch with Sylvia Olsen and Debra LeBlanc, past president and current president of Lambda State. Here is what they stated:

Hi Kris,

The Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc gives stipend awards for educational projects to chapters and/or individual members. The guidelines and application can be found on the Lambda State Website under the heading "Foundation" at the top of the home page. If Jenny has become a member of Gamma Gamma, she can apply for a stipend as an individual. If not, Gamma Gamma could apply for the stipend, but would have to be involved in the project in some way. At this time, Lambda State does not have stipends or awards for nonmember educators. However, several chapters have altered their chapter rules to give money to early career educators in lieu of, or in addition to, students.

Please let me know if I can answer any other questions.

Sylvia

Hi Kris,

I look forward to speaking with you in the morning. Is Jenny a member of your chapter? If so, fantastic, if not, we need to look at chapter support to provide the materials. Here are forms that will help you with this process.

Warmly,

Debbie LeBlanc

To summarize, it is easiest to apply and get a grant from the Lambda State Foundation if the applicant is a member. If the person or organization is not a member, then our chapter can apply for a grant only if we are going to be involved in some way via a special activity or program. The intent is to support DKG members and chapters. We can continue to explore this. There are many ways that can make this possible.

Special Projects – Kris Beaudette

Kris summarized the year's plans:

- Feed My Starving Children in January

- Collecting to support the Malawi clean water project
- Stay current with legislative information.
- Donate new literacy items to a local charity. Consider Gigi's Playhouse.
- Continue Book Club, book discussions at Lambda State, and monthly book swap at chapter meetings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Survey, etc - 47 Chapter profiles will be tabulated for report, other surveys- Program evaluations and update of information were helpful but few in number.

Venues for House Parties & New Member Tea are needed.. Kris has offered her home for an event.

Technology -Gerie attended the Taming Technology Seminar along with new members Karen Delvecchio and Pat Hanish. Karen and Pat will report on this at a chapter meeting.

Strategic Action Plan- We received copies of this from Lambda State for review and future discussion..

Ordering Name Tag Ribbons- We discussed ordering these and will present the opportunity to the membership .

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Beaudette

Recording Secretary

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