

Gamma Gamma Chapter
Delta Kappa Gamma
Minutes
October 10, 2017

Call to Order/Welcome – 4:15 President Gerie Kay called the meeting to order.

Reflection - Glenda Klein-Mali read three inspirational poems by Mary Oliver.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the September 14th meeting were sent by email and are available on the chapter website. Joan Gazdic moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of the September 14th meeting. Members voted to approve the minutes as written. Joan Gazdic will be taking minutes for today's meeting in the absence of secretary, Kris Beaudette.

Correspondence - Mary Roeing reported that our Chapter President, Geri Kay, was honored to be asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the September Lambda State Executive Board Meeting this past September in Bloomington.

The new Lambda State president was impressed with our beautiful directory.

As was promoted at the Lambda State Executive Board Meeting, and was modeled by Geri Kay as an addendum to her current chapter newsletter, DKG members have been encouraged to share stories of making a difference in the life of a student. In keeping, Linda Szymkowiak read a thank you letter from a former student who is currently student teaching this fall.

Treasurer's Report –Linda Stolt presented the Treasurer's Report of June 30, 2017, the end of our previous fiscal year. It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report and to file the report for audit.

Linda stated that 59 of our current 80 chapter members have paid their annual chapter dues to date. Deadline for payment of dues to Linda is 10/31/17.

Linda shared that the Credit Union used for our chapter financial holdings is under new management. Changes in their accounting system have posed recent difficulties in handling transactions and chapter financial records in an expedient manner. We may need to consider moving our accounts to a different financial institution.

Reports of Standing Committees

Society Business – Adrienne Rovin, chair, indicated that the Gamma Gamma budget for 2017-18, approved at the September meeting, has been submitted to Lambda State.

Membership – Mary Wrobel, chair, mentioned that little gifts of support were distributed at the September meeting to chapter members who are currently active in their educational areas. Gifts for those not in attendance September’s meeting or today were given to other chapter members to deliver to those individuals.

Mary initiated a brief “Guess Who” activity to help members get to know each other better. Members wrote a little known fact about themselves on a slip of paper and placed their entry in a little box. When a “Guess Who” statement was pulled from the box and read, those present attempted to guess who had written that fact about herself.

The newly developed Care Team is inviting chapter members to submit the name of another chapter member who could communicate any special circumstances to the membership when support is needed or when cards and emails would be appreciated. Examples might be illness, hospitalizations, death in the family, personal or family emergency, or needing a ride to a DKG meeting or event.

The Membership Committee is also working on creating a Facebook page for our chapter. Mary Wrobel will be managing the Facebook page. “Friend” her.

In response to Mary’s request, a few more members volunteered to serve on the Nominations Committee this spring.

Program – Honora Quinn reported for Rose Karner, chair.

Those planning on attending the Holiday Auction are being asked to submit their \$5 in advance to help pay for food and decorations. Members that would like to get involved in planning for the December 5th auction are requested to attend a meeting on Tuesday, October 24th at 10:00 am at the Panera in the Arboretum Shopping Mall. RSVP to Rose Karner by phone or email if you are interested.

Jane Kennedy reported on her participation at the Lambda State Creative Arts Retreat this September.

A hostess is still being sought for the All About Chocolate event on November 7 at 4:30. This event is also a fundraiser for Anne Fussell’s Scholarship fund. Please contact Rose Karner if you can offer your home for the event.

Arrangements are being made to attend the Laugh Out Loud Comedy Theater on November 10. RSVP to Mary Balk by October 30 if you are interested in attending. If more than 10 people register in advance, the discounted ticket price will be only \$15. Otherwise, tickets will be \$20. Also, let Mary know if you are interested in having dinner before the theater at Seasons 52. The group will meet at 5:15.

Communications - Cheryl Keifer, chair, reported that information contained in the Yearbook will be available on our chapter website.

Educational Excellence - Service Projects – Sandy Cook, chair

This month, Sue Wadkins collected new and gently used children’s books to be donated to Bernie’s Book Bank. This organization provides free books to children in under-resourced communities, mostly in Chicago.

Unfinished Business: Chapter Profile – Joan Gazdic shared highlights of the results of our Chapter Profile. In answer to both questions: “What factors prompted you to accept the invitation to membership in DKG?” and “What factors encouraged you to remain a member of DKG?” members responded most often to the options: “the honor of membership,” and “fellowship and networking with other key women educators.” Most of our chapter members earned Masters Degrees, have spent more than 30 years in education, and are currently retired. A more detailed summary report will be made available to chapter members.

Gerie Kay will reset a date to pay our respects to Felicia Cichy at St. Michael’s Cemetery in Palatine. Felicia, who was one of our founding members, passed away last spring. Memorial services were held before members had the opportunity to attend.

New Business - none

Meeting Adjourned - Gerie Kay adjourned the meeting at 5:00.

Program – Honora Quinn introduced our guest speakers, Jessica Edwards, Katy Flatau, and Jen Wille for their informative presentation, **Thriving in Work and Life**.