

Gamma Gamma Chapter Agenda and Minutes

October 13, 2018

Our October 13th meeting took place at the Elgin Country Club with a lunch included. Twenty members were present at this luncheon meeting. Members arrived and perused the collections displayed by some of our members. Members donated items, such as pajamas, books and bathroom items to the CASA Kane County Luggage of Love for children in foster care.

Parliamentarian: Linda Szymkowiak called our meeting to order and asked that everyone take their seats.

Mary Wrobel welcomed the group and made a few announcements about upcoming Lambda State and Gamma Gamma events.

Honora Quinn gave a reflection about the beauty and enjoyment of Fall.

We conducted our business meeting after our lunch.

Business Meeting and Committee Reports:

Program Committee: Mary Balk urged members to sign up to volunteer for the holiday auction and reminded us of the various donations we can make toward the auction. Members present signed up for some of the auction jobs. Mary Wrobel gave details about the wine tasting and Anne Fussell scholarship fund-raising event on Nov. 16th.

Communications: Cheryl Keifer reminded members to pick up their yearbooks, if they haven't done so yet. She also told us that the yearbook is on our website, if we need to check on anything from our directory and yearbook.

Membership: Rose Karner reminded us to invite friends to our meetings, especially to our auction. Rose gave explicit instructions on how to sign-up for the Woodcrafters' DIY Studio social event on Nov. 3rd, and urged members to sign-up for this fun event. Those instructions will be sent out in a separate email. Rose also reminded members that we need to think about and invite potential nominees to become members of our chapter. The Membership Application is on our website.

Educational Excellence: Denise Pawelczyk thanked us for our donations to Luggage of Love. She told us about our chapter's mentoring program and that Dr. Debbie La Blanc reached out to Sandy Cook and Denise to meet with her about our mentoring program. Denise and Sandy will participate in a GoToMeeting with Deb La Blanc on Oct. 15. Denise and Sandy will be writing up information about that program in the DKG Newscaster. Denise and Sandy also plan to present this information at our convention in April.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Froehlich shared that our chapter sent cards to several chapter members who are in need of support, encouragement and get well wishes. Sharon read an email from Amy Bouchard which stated that Amy has enjoyed her years in Gamma Gamma Chapter but due to her busy schedule with teaching and family she is unable to attend our meetings and is resigning from Delta Kappa Gamma until further notice.

Mary Wrobel presented Joyce Dunne and Gretchen Mahin with their 40 year DKG membership certificates.

New Business: Lambda State changes discussion

Mary Wrobel presented the following changes to be explained and discussed with regards to our chapter:

1. Lambda State is now opening membership to college juniors and seniors who are majoring in education or education related fields. These college students will pay a \$20 membership to DKG International and will need to be mentored by members in the chapter. The members present responded to this information with enthusiasm. Denise Pawelczyk and Sandy Cook volunteered to reach out to our grant recipients to invite them to join. Any nominees will be voted in by our members at the December auction meeting. Denise and Sandy will also reach out to members to recruit mentors for these potential college members. We will learn more about these potential college members in November.
2. Lambda State has opened membership to all women who are paid to teach in any capacity. This opens the doors to instructors in businesses, trade schools, and religious organizations. There were many questions regarding this initiative, but it was accepted by the members present since ultimately it is up to each chapter to determine if a person is a nominee and to vote that person into the chapter.

Member Collections Program:

Four of our members displayed their beautiful collections and talked about items they brought and how they got started collecting. **Honora Quinn** displayed her exquisite collection of plates, some of which are antiques. **Glenda Klein-Mali** brought her huge collection of foreign coins from the many countries she has traveled to. **Joan Gazdic** showed her beautiful needlepoint pieces, many of which are framed, and the quilts she has lovingly made over the years. **Marge Fox** talked about her doll collection, including her many “topsy-turvy” dolls. It was an outstanding “show and tell” by these talented members.

Mary Wrobel announced the close of our meeting and thanked everyone for coming.