

DKG Gamma Gamma Chapter Minutes of the meeting
September 19, 2019
Prince of Peace Church

Set up and social time was from 3:15-3:45.

Parliamentarian, Linda Szymkowiak, called the meeting to order at 4:00.

President Mary Wrobel welcomed everyone. She will be giving the challenge speech at the upcoming Executive Board meeting of DKG Illinois State organization. The theme for this biennium is "Making a Difference." Illinois State president Bev Johns is collecting stories about members who are making a difference. Mary stated that she will be mentioning names of some of our chapter members who have made a difference in their communities and in DKG. The biennium pin will be a starfish.

Deb Hopp gave the Reflection. She read the story of the starfish and how a person made a difference for that starfish by throwing it back into the ocean.

Mary told us that Debbie Goodman has been dealing with some health challenges recently. Please reach out to her with a card or a call.

Corresponding Secretary Sharon Froehlich reported the following: Carol Cowan has submitted her resignation for personal reasons. Gail Poisson has resigned because she has moved to Tennessee. Jackie Rothman sent a thank you card for well-wishes she had received.

The Care Team reached out to Carol McHale and John Fussel and heard back from them. Both were grateful for our support. Our chapter sent John a blanket with words of encouragement on it.

Treasurer Linda Stolt reported that we have 80 active members, 4 reserve members and 4 collegiate members.

The minutes must record the following: Carol Cowan, Joyce Dunne, and Britt Moran (collegiate Member) have resigned their membership in DKG.

Linda reminded us to please pay our dues in Spring. This new dues payment schedule became effective in Spring, 2019 for the 2019-2020 dues year.

Linda reported that lots of money was moved around in Spring. Leftover budget money is swept into the general fund.

If you need printing, please contact Linda. She has a discount through AAUW.

Kris moved and Linda S. Seconded to approve the bills payable and to file the treasurer's report for audit. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Society Business chair, Joan Gazdic, reviewed the budget details. Honie Q. moved and Linda S. seconded to approve the budget as detailed. The motion carried. Please see budget form for more details.

Programs co-chair, Honie Quinn reviewed the year of programs. They used the Free Speakers bureau to identify programs of our liking. Our November social outing is to see "Anything Goes" at the Metropolis Theater. Please make your payment to Dayna Prochaska today.

Our annual auction will be in December. We are encouraging members to consider working with another member to put together a basket of consumable items for the silent auction. We will not do "Elf on the Shelf" this year but, instead, will have a wine pull.

Communications chair Cheryl Keifer informed us that the yearbook is now online.. Kathy Muench has done a marvelous job as our webmaster and has made this possible. All members have been sent an electronic copy of the Programs at a Glance and of our Member Data sheets. Please keep them handy. Cheryl provided us instructions on how to access the directory online.

Membership chair Rose Karner reported that the Nominating Committee will meet a few times regarding officers for the new biennium.

Please begin considering new members. We have a new membership brochure to distribute.

Thanks go out to Madelynn Broussard for revising our previous brochure.

We had invited SEA president, Lori Mobley, to today's meeting, but she was unable to attend.

We are asking her to tell active teachers about DKG in hopes of attracting new members.

Please complete the short membership survey today. We want to have more relevant programs and activities for our members.

Educational Excellence chair, Denise Pawelczyk, thanked everyone for the donation of gift cards to send to our college girls. The girls have told her that they love to receive "snail mail," so do consider dropping them a card or letter via US mail.

Lauren Haman, previous collegiate member, will be formally introduced to our members via a short pinning ceremony as she bridges from collegiate member to active membership.

Many scholarships are available from DKG-Illinois State. Please refer to the website or ask a board member for more information.

Karyn Baldwin and Sandy Cook reported on the Reading Garden at Huff School. It is to be planted on Friday, September 20 and Tuesday, September 24.

Service and Special Projects chair, Kris Beaudette encouraged members to refer to their "Programs at a Glance" sheet for a list of all of this year's service projects. Thank you to all for donating all of the school supplies today that will go to Huff School. Karyn Baldwin will deliver them.

The state Legislative Seminar is October 26 in Springfield. Please register by October 14 to Janet Kilgus. Information is on the website and has been sent.

The Cupcakes with Friends event will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 11-2 at Hoffman Estates High School. Please come out and support this event which raises funds for Special Olympic activities at the 211 high schools.

Katie Garvey has notified us that Special Olympics is having a basketball game on Friday, February 28 at 6:30 (time is not definite.) The schools that will be playing are Hoffman Estates,

Palatine, and Kirk School. Please come out to cheer on the teams. We have been asked to donate raffle baskets and/or raffle prizes for this event to raise funds. Please consider this. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Pinning Ceremony for our newest member, Lauren Haman. Congratulations and welcome to her!

Program: Get and Stay Organized with Erin Kelly. Introduction by Honie Quinn.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Beaudette, Recording Secretary, Gamma Gamma Chapter of DKG Society International