

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MINUTES

November 8, 2023

The Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Lenape Elementary to pack for Blessings in a Backpack before the meeting.

President Trisha called the meeting to order. She thanked the hostess committee consisting of Ang Shupe, Trisha Foust, Megan Eroh, Krista Simcik, and Patti Meixelberger for the Subway snacks. She welcomed Becky Johnen, Tracey Dusch, Stephanie Benson, Zoe Akhtar, who were our guests for the evening.

The Minutes will be sent out and will be approved at the next meeting.

There was no correspondence.

For the Treasurer's report, there is \$3212.34 in the checking account, \$1268.54 in the savings account, \$4199.80 in the scholarship account, and \$4199.80 in the scholarship account.

At this moment, there aren't any other committee reports.

Under membership, Anna is starting to plan the February event. If anyone has any prospects, please fill the papers or email Anna Smith. Currently there are no members at Armstrong High School. Give Anna their name, so Anna can reach out to someone. It can be anyone who teaches, like a coach, dance instructor, or anyone who gets paid to teach. We want to see our chapter continue to grow. If they are retired, please give an email address.

Anna and Trisha went to Connie's house to talk with Becky Johnen. Becky is very knowledgeable on membership.

Under communications, Denise is communicating with the paper on our activities. Connie took pictures of tonight's Blessings packing session.

Trisha thanked all that helped packing for Blessings in a Backpack. We service 267 in elementary and this year we expanded to Armstrong where there are 30. We received a grant from Taco Bell. We plan to expand to West Shamokin. Currently, we do 6 elementaries.

Under scholarship, Natalie Harmon applied for a grant to pay for her art studies at PennWest. Megan Meyer who works at WHI, she wants to do flexible seating, comfy chairs in classroom. Both applicants received \$500.

Under unfinished business, we looked at the Standing Rules of Alpha Theta Chapter. Trisha went through all the changes. In red, that was changed at the state level. In yellow were our chapter changes. The group voted on all the changes. Lorelei motioned to accept, and all voted to pass the changes.

There is no new business. We are looking at new locations because Bonnie will not be cooking at the church anymore. She is changing her cooking locations. Exec board will discuss our options.

Connie showed us the original book of handwritten minutes from earlier meetings in a historical documentation of our chapter.

Under sister news, Sandy Quartz' mother passed last night. Friday, Connie is headed to Texas for the International Next. Lorelei Smathers talked about Kentucky Knob and Falling Waters where she took a group of NHS students on a field trip. Krista Simcik took a field trip to see a nuclear reactor around Penn State.

Announcement, January 22 our birthday celebration will be at the Craft House.

Our next meeting is March 19. We do not know the location

State convention is in Cranberry on June 19-21.

International convention is in National Harbor on July 9-13.

Trisha adjourned the meeting.