

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MINUTES

July 27, 2023

The Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at the First Baptist Church outside pavilion at Lenape for the annual picnic.

President Trisha called the meeting to order. She thanked her fellow officers on the beach theme decorations and the church ladies for the picnic lunch.

The Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

For correspondence, there was none.

The exec board met on July 14 at Justine's house. The scholarship account was opened. \$4000.00 was moved. The savings account is now the Bessie Ekas Barr account. The scholarship account was created to better know what we are giving for scholarships and grants. Our history will be ready for print in September. Connie Marr will be printing for those that want a paper version and we're hoping it will be limited number due to the cost of printing. Currently have 45 members. Of those 45, we have 22 actively teaching and 23 who are retired. We need a new communications chair due to the dropped membership. We also need a new second vice president. If we do not get a 2nd vice, we will need to do some reframing. We discussed about doing some more social activities and will need a chair and then a committee to organize. There are a lot of new standing rule changes, most are from international. We will be looking at them in September because we will have more members there at that time. The dates were set for next year's meetings.

For the Treasurer's report, there is \$2794.30 in the checking account, \$1268.22 in the savings account, and \$4000.00 in the scholarship account.

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

Under new business, we will need hostesses for the following meeting dates. On Tuesday, September 26, we will hold the auction. On Wednesday, November 8 Becky Johnen will be meeting with us at Lenape Elementary to give us a presentation on "Laughter" and we will be packing for Blessings in a Backpack. If we want Becky to present again in the spring, she will be willing to do that. Monday, January 22 will be our Birthday celebration tentatively set at the Craffhouse. On Tuesday, March 19, we will need a program. On Thursday, May 9, we will be holding installation of officers and induction of new members. And on Thursday, August 1st, we will hold the picnic.

Trisha and Connie went to International convention in Detroit. Next year's convention is in National Harbor just outside of Washington, DC. Twelve people from Pennsylvania attended Detroit. PA had the 2nd highest participation, with Michigan being highest. They were impressed with our labeled hand soap and Blessings in a Backpack projects.

Carolyn Smith and Trisha are adjunct or "Becky's angels" for state convention protocol. Connie Marr is the convention protocol "queen". Trisha knotted quilts to send overseas.

Next year's convention will be in the western part of the state and tentatively might be in Cranberry. We hope to have more members attend.

We are hoping to invite Royce to a chapter meeting and she will probably bring Lynn.

Under sister news, Connie Marr has been invited to DKG NEXT think tank in Texas where only 10 members nationwide are invited. Lynn Donnolly's daughter was hired as an art teacher in Lower Burrell. Lynn Sibly was injured playing Pickleball. At the Folk Festival, Val Wilson and the community band are playing.

Trisha adjourned the meeting.