

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society Int'l, MU Chapter Meeting Minutes October 10, 2015 – The Fireside Grill and Patio ~ Bagley, MN

Submitted by Kathy Van Wert on behalf of Tami wesely

9:00 Executive Board Meeting

9:30 Welcome

Collect – Joyce Siegert

Pledge – Marie Gary

Thank Hostess Committee

Marie Gary – Chair, Diane Whalen, Clare Kupcho, Karen Berg, Nancy Goudge, Carol Grimes

Thank Program Committee

Kathy Van Wert – Chair, Margaret Thorson, Judy Dvorak, Tami Wesely, Bea Knodel

Thought for the Day - Kim Kusler

"Fall: bright flame before winter's deadness; harvest; orange, gold, amber; cool nights and the smell of fire. Our tree-lined streets are set ablaze, our kitchens filled with the smells of nostalgia: apples bubbling into sauce, roasting squash, cinnamon, nutmeg, cider, warmth itself. The leaves as they spark into wild color just before they die are the world's oldest performance art, and everything we see is celebrating one last violently hued hurrah before the black and white and silence of winter. Fall is begging for us to dance and sing and write with just the same drama and blaze."

- Bittersweet: Thoughts on Change, Grace, and Learning the Hard Way by Shauna Niequist.

Inspiration

"Embraced" the story of Maureen Ohman's granddaughter, Annika www.kalaport.org (12 min.)

*Embrace you membership in DKG

9:45 Brunch - Catered by The Fireside Grill and Patio in Bagley

10:15 Program: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's)

Presenter: Joyce Siegert

Introduced by: Kathy Van Wert, October Program Chair

- Joyce presented information in regards to Bemidji Public Library; information on donated books and how the Bemidji Public Schools benefit from donated books from the library.
- Special music was heard from Jewell Mendenhall and Diane Wahl.
- Diane also gave a plea to the membership for a relief piano player. If you are interested, please contact Diane or Kate Pearson.

10:45 Project: Assemble New Teacher Supply Bags – Joyce Siegert

There are 52 new female teachers in our area schools. Teacher Supply bags were assembled as part of the mission to support Early Career Educators. Members will disperse bags to area schools.

11:15 Business Meeting

Secretary's Report - Minutes from September 12, 2015 - Read by Kathy Van Wert on behalf of Tami Wesely

Two corrections were made and with the changes, the minutes were approved. Kate Pearson requested approval from the membership for future minutes to be emailed to members or mailed to members instead of reading them aloud at meetings. Corrections can be sent to Tami Wesely. This change was overwhelming approved by membership.

Treasurer's Report - Bonnie Bredenberg

Last day to submit dues Today's Collection: Local Library ___\$77_ Schools/Africa ___\$98__

Bonnie reminded members to please get dues paid.

Corresponding Secretary's Report - Kathy Van Wert

- Card: From the family of Teresa Galloway -Teresa passed away Friday, September 25. Thirty-five Mu Chapter members attended her funeral and honored her with the Rose Ceremony of Remembrance.
- A thank you card was read from Bemidji Public Library for the \$93 donation.

Joys and Concerns

- Nancy Gallagher had a stroke 6 weeks ago (in August), but is doing very well

- Ellen Anderson's husband, Orville, passed away Sept. 16. A celebration of life will be held Oct. 31th at Ellen's home.
- Lorna Sullivan's brother-in-law, Jack, passed away Sept. 10th and she shared a story about him.
- Judy Comstock-Magness fell and broke her arm.
- Geri Nynas has a new granddaughter.
- Pam Murray mentioned that Joyce Siegert was named Lay Educator of the Year By Bemidji Schools for her volunteer work in the schools.

President's Report - *Kate Pearson*

- **Nomination & Election of Nominating Committee** – *Diane McKean*
The following nominations were made for the committee: Kathy Palm, chair; members-Robyn Edwards, Marilyn Gandrud, Judy Magness, Mary Anderson, Diane Wahl, Kathy Van Wert. A motion was made by Diane McKeon, seconded by Libby Underhill, and approved by membership to elect these members to the committee.

International News

- 2016 International Convention ~ July 5-9, 2016 ~ Nashville, Tennessee
- Presenter applications can be found at www.dkg.org and are due Feb.1, 2016
- You are responsible to update your contact information with Tau State and Int'l
- New DKG travel opportunities: GO AHEAD TOURS, Inaugural Tour 12 days plus 2-day extension, July 18, 2016, England, Ireland, and Scotland. For information, contact Charlie Thurston at 617-619-1133 or go to dkg.grouptoursite.com.
- Kate Pearson showed a video to encourage members to attend the International Convention being held in Nashville, TN.
- Chapters are encouraged to participate in creating items to sell. The idea is to create photo greeting cards to sell at the convention. The money will help support Tau State special projects.

MN Tau State News

- State Chair positions yet to fill: Music, Finance, Scholarship, Membership
- Tau State Conference ~ April 15-17, 2016 ~ City Center, Mankato ~ Hosts: Pi, Beta Alpha, Nu
- An ad hoc committee has been appointed to look into whether to revamp or eliminate conferences
- Chapters across the state are being asked to provide photo greeting cards (blank inside) to be sold at the Int'l Convention July of 2016. Proceeds from the sale will benefit a state project of the president's choice. How can our chapter support this effort?
- Our new Technology/webmaster, Angie Kalthoff, is constantly updating the Tau website. Go to www.dkgmn.weebly.com to find out what is happening at the state level.

Mu Chapter News

- **Mu Newsletter:** Please be sure to read it in its entirety. There are many details.
- **Mu Website:** Geri Nynas, Deb Rossman, Libby Underhill are working on creating a weebly site.
- **Yearbooks:** These have been delivered. Report errors/corrections as soon as possible. Thanks to Kim Kusler and Deb Rossman for their work on this detail-laden project. Arrow Printing did a beautiful job and did not increase our costs although we ordered more than last year. 5 corrections were found in the new yearbook.
- **"Coffee With the President"** – Oct. 13, 6:00 p.m., Double Tree Hotel meeting room, Special event for 2010-2015 initiates to review "Sustaining the Big Picture, to network, and to review procedures and policies. Kate will meet with small groups to talk about various items. She will meet with new teachers first, then program committee chairs, then finally other groups.
- **New Member Recruitment** – Int'l has posted a new recruitment plan to encourage membership growth at all levels. Mu chapter's plan is very similar. We have a written document describing the process. New member nominations are due January 16, 2016 – See *Sharon Hokuf*
Members are reminded to read the DKG Bylaws if you are interested in nominating a new members. Form 11 needs to be filled out by the nominating member. When talking to prospective new members, remember to emphasize the honor in membership.
- **Networking:** When you recommend a new member – you become their sponsor or "Rose Buddy" for their first year. Networking and staying connected with all members is important.
- **20/20 President's Challenge:** 20 stories submitted to Sue Bruns by Oct. 10 for a chance at a \$20 gift certificate to First Impression Salon Spa. All submissions are needed by 12/1/2015. This is the final deadline. There have been 60 submissions by 35 members.
- **Women of Achievement and Outstanding Service Awards:** *Diane McKean*
There is a nominating form from Tau State for non members volunteering in schools

- **Scottish Christmas Tea:** Planning meeting for the Executive and Networking board members and other volunteers as listed on page 23 of our booklet, Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 p.m. Bemidji Public Library. Invitations to the tea will be sent out Oct. 19, RSVP by Nov. 20, Bring Scottish items for display to Beltrami Electric on Fri., Dec. 4 by 4:00, Invite a potential new member.
- **Technology:** Equipment request - *Deb Rossman*-is in progress
- **Viewing Mu Through a New Lens:**
 - Mu Chapter Writing Project and the President's 20/20 Challenge** - *Sue Bruns*
 - Adopt a School Project:** Adhoc planning committee needed, - *Joyce Siegert & volunteers*
 - DKG Penpals** – Research Committee-Karen Berg reported that there have been no requests yet. If you are interested, please contact Karen.
 - International Refugee Relief:** What can we do? What should we do?
 - Other suggestions?**
 - Pam Murray: will take orders for convention books.
 - Joyce Kleven: Watermark Nature Showing at Northern Town Hall on 10/24
 - Jewell Mendenhall turns 92 in November.

Dates to Remember

October 13

“Coffee With the President”: An event for all members initiated 2010-2015 6:00 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel conference room in Bemidji.

October 20

Christmas Tea planning meeting at the Bemidji Public Library 6:00 p.m.

November 1

Memorial Grant-in-Aid applications due (See Janine Wahl)

Presidents' Recruitment Grant applications are available now. (See Janine Wahl)

December 4

Set-up for the Tea starting at 2:00, Beltrami Electric, Display items may be dropped off by 4:00. Label all items, please.

December 5

Scottish Christmas Tea, 9:30 a.m., Beltrami Electric Cooperative in Bemidji

January 1

Brune-Parker Scholarship applications for special projects: Available January 1, Due Sept. 2016, Awarded Oct. 2016. (See Lois Falk)

January 16

New Member Recommendation forms due (See Sharon Hokuf)

January 23

Regular chapter meeting at the NW MN Foundation in Bemidji

**11:30 The DKG Song
Adjournment**