**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society Int’l, MU Chapter Minutes**

**April 11, 2015 – Turtle River Chophouse, Turtle River, MN**

Submitted by Kathy Van Wert for Tami Wesely/Recording Secretary

**9:00 Executive Board Meeting**

**9:30 Welcome** –Kate Pearson

Thought for the Day - *Kim Kusler*

Collect – *Joyce Siegert*

Mixer – Joyce Siegert-Purse Packing Pedagogues and Professors

**Thank Hostess Committee:**

**Thank Program Committee:**

**10:25 Business Meeting**

Secretary’s Report & Minutes of January 2015 meeting - *Kim Kusler read minutes submitted by Tami Wesely. The minutes were approved as read and will be filed.*

Treasurer’s Report - *Bonnie Bredenberg; will be filed for audit. Bonnie reminded members that dues sheets will be available at the April meeting.*

*Today’s Collection:* Local Library\_\_$71.25\_ Schools/Africa\_\_\_$59.50\_Convention Pig “Rosie” \_\_$15.86\_ for a total of $153.37

A $50.00 memorial for Grace Bovee was provided by a cousin Arlene Pickard.

Correspondence - *Kathy VanWert read cards from Pauline Shouts and Carol Sorenson.*

Joys and Concerns

* Jewell Menenhall’s husband passed away.
* Janine Wahl’s father passed away.
* Carol Sorenson’s sister passed away
* Janine Wahl’s father passed away.
* Bev Labraaten’s father passed away.
* Linda Frost is opening a new shop with a Grand Opening April 24-26.

**President’s Report - *Kate Pearson***

**Mu News**

* A vote on MU paying initiates first lunch has been tabled until the May 2015 meeting.
* Deb Rossman will continue to check on the cost of a projector and screen.
* A strategy meeting will be scheduled during the summer to discuss a process for streamlining the calling tree system. Suggestions are encouraged. If some members are not getting calls, please contact Kim Kusler.
* Winners of the drawing to pay first time convention attendees registration fees: Sherry Minske and Julie Paulson.
* Rosie, the Convention Pig, drawings for the convention’s evening banquet fees: Tami Wesely, Sharon Hoverson, Marie Chandler, Sherry Minski, Pam Murray, and Jay Sargent.

**Tau State News**

* 4th Annual Summer Retreat June 23-24 at St. Ben’s near St. Cloud Theme: **Attitudes and Altitudes.** Registration information will be available on the Tau State website and at the spring convention.

**Convention News**

* Kim Kusler announced that there are currently 172 convention registrations, with 143 full conference registrations.
* Delphine Jacobson’s team raised $3800 for program booklets; includes logo on glossy paper.
* Hallie Baldwin’s group will stuff folders, bags, registration packets. They will meet Monday, April 13 at 4:00 at JW Smith media center.
* Mary Ann Atkinson’s group announced the promotional bags are ready and are very nice.
* Kate Pearson announced that the setup groups and teardown groups have been set up. Setup is scheduled for noon on Friday, April 17.
* Gail Reff’s group for the registration table is set. Easels will be set up for a message center.
* Michelle Luby and Village of Hope: 14 beanbag chairs will be donated as well as 100% of the silent auction money raised statewide.
* Teresa Galloway will set up the founder’s table at the convention.
* Libby Underhill displayed an example of the signage for the convention: one for each session, lost and found, welcome, and hospitality room.
* Merrily Burmeister announced that 12 baskets will be available for silent auction.
* Diane Sizer’s group said the door prizes will be wrapped and ready. Drawing will take place at every ballroom event.
* Lynn Baird’s group announced that there will be 3 tours: 19 for the Concordia Language Camp, 18 for the Downtown Bemidji Tour, and 26 for the wine and chees tour.
* Janine Wahl was able to borrow, without cost, flags representing all DKG countries from BSU. Kate put in an order for Netherlands and Puerto Rico and they should arrive just in time.
* Joy Barclay’s group announced that 4 DKG banners with stands were made special for the convention.
* Kate Pearson informed members of the 9:40 Saturday morning procession with flags and candles. Kate also requests that as many battery operated candles as possible be brought to the convention for the procession. The procession will be led by Kathleen Preece who will be playing bagpipes.
* “Ask Me” pins were made and donated by Karen Valentine for all committee chairs to wear at the convention to provide information to guests.
* Jay Sargent made corsages for honored guests.
* Hallie Baldwin and Carolyn Hegland will be hostesses for our International guest, Jeannette Zuniga.
* Julie Paulson will provide the inspiration at the Saturday luncheon.
* Kathy Patton has made a special request to make our convention very welcoming. We will provide a greeter at each ballroom event.
* Joyce Kleven will be taking pictures at the convention and will put them on a jumpdrive to expedite showing.
* Deb Rossman will act as the go to person at the convention.
* A hospitality room will be open to offer beverages and snacks to convention goers.
* Heidi Kraus is in charge of all hotel things.
* Kathy Plam is the convention treasurer. We received many donations.
* Michelle Dahlby’s team has speakers lined up and are in the midst of stuffing envelopes for the speakers. Non-member speakers receive $50 and member speakers receive a small gift.
* Joyce Siegert is in charge of décor. 100 table centerpieces have been gathered and bouquets for the lobby.
* Lois Falk’s group worked on table hostesses. There is a need for 25 with 12 from Chi chapter, extra may be needed.
* Entertainment for the convention was announces: Friday-Cass Lake High School Men’s Native American Drum and Dancers and the Bemidji Chorale. Saturday-Jive, La Voce Bollo, Vocamotive, Happy Warlers, and a string Quartet.
* Diane Wahl obtained a pianist, Joan Muehlbrek.
* Kate Pearson expressed joy of the exciting energy of the members and looks forward to the convention.

12:00 **Adjourn**

Respectfully Submitted by

Kathy Van Wert