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

**March 14, 2015 – Calvary Lutheran Church, Bemidji, MN**

Submitted by Tami Wesely/Recording Secretary

**9:00 Executive Board Meeting**

**9:30 Welcome**

Thought for the Day - *Kim Kusler*

 Collect – *Kathy Palm*

 **Introduce**

 Tau State President **Kathy Patton**, Tau State Music Chair **Sally Nyhus**

New Initiates: Marie Blumhardt (not in attendance), Angie Dahlberg, Susan Flicek, Linda Frost, Julie Paulson, Janelle Saiger (not in attendance), Karly Sorensen, Miriam White, and Carol Sorensen *(honorary)*

Norway Student guest

 **Thank Hostess Committee:**

Sue Bruns**,** Heidi Krause, Jacqueline Olson, Lori Hildenbrand, Pat Welte, Kim Kusler

 **Thank Program Committee:**

Sharon Hokuf, Deb Millar, Julie Fairchild, Marie Chandler, Avonel Kjellberg, Marie Kovar

**Mixer: Hand Care** – *Each table has available conversation starters for member to answer and share at their tables*

**9:45 Brunch -** Catered by “Minnesota Nice”

**10:15 Business Meeting**

Secretary’s Report & Minutes of January 2015 meeting - *Tami Wesely, minutes were approved as readand will be filed*

 Treasurer’s Report - *Bonnie Bredenberg; will be filed for audit*

*Checking Account Balance $1,540.59*

*Savings Account Balance $4,923.63 (includes Schools for Africa)*

*President’s Grant In Aid $1,353.23*

*Brune Parker $730.00*

*Myrtie Hunt $2,022.00*

*Memorial Grant In Aid $1,767.96*

*Paid Out: $150 Budget Committee, $25 Grace Bovee Memorial*

* + - *Today’s Collection:* Local Library\_\_$69\_ Schools/Africa\_\_\_$51\_Convention Pig “Rosie” \_\_$15\_
		- Banquet drawing to be held APRIL 11 for proceeds collected in the Piggy Bank
		- 2 Memorials for Grace Bovee; Grace’s cousins sent money to be placed in the Memorial Grant In Aid Fund, $25 was also donated from MU Chapter
		- Balance in the Hazel Shimmin account at BSU; ($1,422.76, which is an increase of $1,329.66)
		- IRS 990 e-Postcard System – hacked into – new password was set

Bonnie reminded members that DUES are due in May.

Courteousy Committee-Diane Sizer sent around the JINGLE jar for members to donate if they were not wearing their pin or name tag.

 Correspondence - *Kathy VanWert*

* + - Letters from Grace Bovee’s cousins (death)
		- Card from Heidi Krause to the membership (illness)
		- Card from Jackie Olson (illness)
		- Card from Kim Kusler (thank you for Woman of Achievement award)

Joys and Concerns

* + - Carol Close – fractured hip, now home and daughter is staying with her
		- Jacqueline Olson – surgery
		- Sheri Minske-new grandson
		- Jewel Mendenhall-request for members to join chorus
		- Michelle Dahlby-new grandson
		- Sue Bruns reported that Pauline Shouts was in the hospital and a card was sent
		- Jean Slinkman reported that she talked to Heidi Kraus and Jackie Olson

 President’s Report - *Kate Pearson*

 **Mu News**

* + - Newsletter – Submit information you would like to have included to Kate Pearson
		- Grace Bovee’s Funeral *(18 members attended. We held the Ceremony of Remembrance.)*
		- April 11 - regular chapter meeting - Chop House in Turtle River – last convention report
		- Members were asked to submit any ideas for next years Christmas Tea

 **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
		- NW Regional Conference - Regina, Saskatchewan, July 29 – Aug. 1, 2015

**Convention News**

* + - REGISTER NOW - April 17-19, 2015 - Forms available today – invite non-members
		- Registrants as of today - *Kim Kusler (\_\_\_\_\_73\_\_), 33 from MU Chapter, Goal 150*
		- Late fees start March 22
		- Silent Auction basket – *Merrily Burmeister*
		- Door Prizes – *Diane Sizer*
		- Plans to stuff bags, folders, registration packets, etc. – *Hallie Baldwin*
		- Sue Bruns and Jewell Mendenhall – Stories needed for booklet
		- Needed: Photographer & Piano player
		- Grand Prize for the Convention has been donated by Ken K. Thompson

**10:45 Program**

 **PAST** **Ceremony of Remembrance**

 Presider: *Deb Millar*

 Amy Ihle ~ Eulogy by *Sheri Minske and Marie Gary*

 Judy Ross ~ Eulogy by *Anna Mae Floura*

 Grace Bovee ~ Eulogy written by Donna Hickerson, read by *Kate Pearson*

  **Place Roses and Ring Bell** *rung by Libby Underhill*

 **Song:** “One White Rose” *sung by Diane Wahl*

 **PRESENT** **Tau State Happenings**

 Guest Speakers: President Kathy Patton and Music Chair Sally Nyhus

 Song: “Kathy, Kathy” – *sung by the membership*

 **FUTURE**  **New Member Initiation**

 Presider: *Sharon Hokuf*

 Marie Blumhardt

 Angie Dahlberg

 Susan Flicek

 Linda Frost

 Julie Paulson

 Janelle Saiger

 Carol Sorensen *(Honorary member)*

 Karly Sorensen

 Miriam White

 **Song:** “Symbols of Delta Kappa Gamma” *sung by Diane Wahl & Gail Reff*

 **Song:** “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song” *sung by the membership*

 **Receiving Line**

 **Photos of new initiates**

**Dates to Remember**

 **March 22** Registration late fees begin

 **March 23** Convention Chairs last meeting 6-9 PM Double Tree meeting room

 **April 2** Last day to cancel convention registrations

 **April 11** Regular chapter meeting: Turtle River Chophouse / Convention Updates

 **April 17** Convention set up

 **April 17-19** Tau State Convention at the Sanford Center in Bemidji

 **April 19** Convention tear down

 **Tuesday,** **May 12** Regular chapter meeting: CELEBRATE at Bemidji Town & Country Club

**11:45 Adjourn**

**Thought for the Day**

*"Anytime women come together with a collective intention, it's a powerful thing.  Whether it's sitting down making a quilt, in a kitchen preparing a meal, in a club reading the same book, or around the table playing cards, or planning a birthday party, when women come together with a collective intention, MAGIC HAPPENS!" --Phylicia Rashad*

*"Be the kind of woman that when your feet hit the floor each morning, the devil says, "Oh, crap.  She's up." -- Unknown*