**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*