

**MINUTES**  
**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society Int'l, Mu Chapter**  
**October 10, 2020 – Zoom Meeting**

Submitted by Susan Flicek, 2nd Vice President

**9:00 Executive Board Meeting**

**9:30 General Membership Meeting**

**Motion to accept the Agenda by Gloria Collyard - 2nd by Miriam White - Motion passed**

**Welcome Guests:** Mr. Tim Lutz – Superintendent of Bemidji Area Schools, Vanessa Pulkrabek – Education Minnesota Representative

**Welcome All Members**

**Thank you – Susan Flicek:** for taking meeting notes in place of our secretary, Kathy Van Wert

**Thank You:** Rules Committee – aligned chapter rules with state and international rules and constitution – a vote to accept changes will be taken today, Networking Committee – worked on the New Teacher Welcome Program – a report regarding gift cards will be given today

**Thank You - Zoom Committee:** Kate Pearson - Host, Tamra Ragan – Attendance Manager, Susan Flicek – Chat Manager, Geri Nynas and Gloria Collyard – Tech Support Managers  
(Contact Geri [218] 368-4129 or Gloria [218] 766-3182 for tech support before, during or after any meeting.)

**10:00 Program Part 1:** The State of Bemidji Area Schools and the November referendum

**Presenter:** Mr. Tim Lutz, Superintendent

**Introduced by:** First Vice President – Tamra Ragan

**10:30 Program Part 2:** Teaching Safely During COVID-19

**Presenter:** Vanessa Pulkrabek, Education Minnesota Representative

**Introduced by:** First Vice President – Tamra Ragan

**10:55 Stretch Break**

**11:00 Mindful Minute** – Susan Flicek – *Networking Committee* **Angie Dahlberg read a Mindfulness poem from Geri Wilimek 4 times. Each time she read, we keep a different person in our thoughts - Yourself, someone you care for, someone in a leadership role, and someone with whom we have conflict.**

**11:02 Business Meeting Call to Order**

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes from September 12, 2020 - *Kathy Van Wert*

**Kate noted a change in the Committee Report that was needed.**

**Motion to accept the September Minutes with the change by Miriam White, Second by Deb Rossman - Motion passed.**

**Treasurer's Report** – *Deb Rossman*

- April/May/Sept/Oct Voluntary Donations - Kate
- **Kate reported that \$4,015 was raised.**
- **Funds were distributed as indicated by each member.**

- November/December Scholarship Drive – Kate **At the December Christmas Tea the donations will go to the Memorial Grant in Aid and President’s Recruitment Scholarships**
- October Report -Deb **Deb Rossman reported on the Budget**

**Corresponding Secretary’s Report** – *Miriam White* **Miriam shared 4 letters/cards she had received.**

- Letter from Carol Ann Russell-Wething, Ph.D.
- Thank you cards from Delphine Jacobson and Avonel Kjellberg
- **Michelle Dahlby - Thank you card**

**Joys and Concerns** **Were shared**

**International News** **Please remember to access the site for information**

- Be sure to update your contact information with MN State Organization and Int’l

**MN State Organization News**

- Executive Board meeting October 3 – Kate Pearson **Kate attended**
- Application forms for Special Projects Grant, Membership Mini Grants, Bernice Gestie Education Grant, and Grant Honoree Nomination Form - Deb Rossman **Deb shared the application which is on the State website and will be due on October 1 and Feb 1. Grants are for up to \$500. The Bernice Gestie Education Grant comes with a 1 year DKG membership.**

**Mu Chapter News**

- Discussion/Decision regarding September 2020 presentation **and Dr Kennedy’s request to sign the Divestment Resolution.**
- Review of DKG’s 2017 Neutrality Statement
  - **DKG’s Neutrality Statement indicates we cannot “speak” on behalf of all of the DKG members. To do so may risk the 501c status**
  - **Members are encouraged to individually support desired legislation, projects, etc, following their personal beliefs.**
  - **Based on conversations with, and emails from, Int’l President Becky Sadowski, the Executive Board voted unanimously that Mu Chapter will not sign the Divestment Resolution. Mu Chapter members are encouraged to speak or act on their own behalf on any topic of interest.**
- Vote on revisions to chapter rules – Kathy Palm (*2 poll questions*) **Review of changes to chapter rules. Motion by Shirley Deno to accept the Chapter Rules as written with changes, 2nd by Sharon Hokuf**
  - **Motion passed 33 - yes, 0 - no**
- **Did you receive the emailed North Star News? - 27 Yes, 2 No - Kate will check on the 2 who didn’t receive their copy.**
- Virtual Christmas Tea – photos needed - **Please email your photo card for the Tea to Libby Underhill**

## Committee Reports

- **Program** – Tamra Ragan
- Tamra asked that members ID themselves in the meeting and changing their name, if needed, by using the 3 dots in their photo box on the upper right hand corner
- **Music** – Diane Wahl, Tamra Ragan They are working on getting the White Rose song on multiple formats.
- **Yearbook** - Kim Kusler (Discuss changes \*Note pages 57 & 58 are determined by vote) Kate shared revisions. They will be sent to members.
- **Personal Growth & Services** – Joyce Siegert Turn in your nominations for Woman of Achievement (for a member) and the Outstanding Service Award (for a non-member) to Joyce.
- **Professional Affairs** – Miriam White Nothing to report
- **Legislation** – Pam Roiger You are encouraged to watch the debates. You can see them on Lakeland PBS - Search “Debates” on the website to access them.
- **Research** - Michelle Luby Nothing to report
- **Communications** – Gloria Collyard, Karie Hougard Gloria reported we need to take pictures when we present checks. She would like to be in attendance. Kate and Deb Rossman will arrange this.
- **Networking** – Susan Flicek, Julie Paulson There are approximately 54 new female teachers in the area who will be receiving a letter and an \$18 Target gift card.
- **Scholarships and Fellowships** – Lois Falk Nothing to report
- **Technology** – Geri Nynas Things are working well.
- **Finance** – Deb Rossman Already Reported
- **Courtesy** – Dianne Sizer Nothing to report
- **Auditing** – Pat Welte Nothing to report
- **Chapter Rules** – Kathy Palm (vote on revisions today)Vote taken
- **Calling Committee** – Libby Underhill Nothing to report

**Inspiration** – Song “In Your Hands” by Ronno– Julie Paulson This song was written as a thank you to teachers. It emphasized how the caring nature of teachers impacts students’ lives.

*\*Practice Break-Out Session* - After the breakout session, one group came back with a plan to explore members being able to volunteer virtually, such as listening to children read, etc. Colleen Cardenuto and Miriam White will be exploring this. Any members who are interested should let them know.

## 11:45 Adjournment

### Reminders:

- **Due November 1:** Memorial Grant-in-Aid applications. Grants will be awarded in January 2021. (See Miriam White)
- **Due December 1:** Woman of Achievement and Outstanding Service Award nominations. Awards will be presented in January 2021. (See Joyce Siegert)
- **Due January 15, 2021:** New member nomination forms. (See Pam Murray)
- **Due any time:** Presidents’ Recruitment Grant applications. Grants will be awarded in May 2021. (See Miriam White)
- **Due any time:** Brune-Parker Legacy Scholarship for Special Projects applications. Scholarships will be awarded in October 2021. (See Lois Falk)

**Dates to Remember:**

**November** Reminder: There is **no** regular chapter meeting in November.

**November 23** Deadline to submit a photo of yourself or your family to Libby Underhill to be used during our Christmas Tea. Current or old Christmas card photos or family photos taken at a special event are welcome.

**December 5** A "Virtual Christmas Tea" - to be held online via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. Be sure to bring your favorite tea cup!

**November - Dec. 10** Voluntary donations towards our annual scholarship drive will be accepted. A contributions form will be mailed out along with the Tea invitations. Please send your Tea RSVP and scholarship donation in the enclosed envelope to Kate Pearson by December 10. Make checks payable to DKG Mu Chapter. \*Please make note if your donation is in honor of a favorite teacher or a DKG member who has passed away.