**Minutes**

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

**September 10, 2016 – Evangelical Free Church ~ Blackduck, MN**

Submitted by Kathy Van Wert – Recording Secretary

**9:00 Executive Board Meeting**

**9:30 Welcome & Pledge**

***Meeting was called to order at 9:35***

 **Thank Program Committee**

Darlene Mathews, Diane McKean, Jennifer Parker, Kari Slindee, Marie Kovar

 ***Kate thanked the program committee***

 **Thank Hostess Committee**

Mary Lea Anderson, Shirley Deno, Avonel Kjellberg, Anna Mae Floura, Pat Zea, Jackie Barclay

***Kate thanked the hostess committee and made note that the program and hostess committees will work***

 ***together this year***

**Thought for the Day**

 *“When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit*

 *of talent left, and could say, I used everything You gave me.” - - Erma Bombeck*

 **Collect** – *Paula Brown*

***Paula Brown read the collect: “Why God made Teachers” by Huff***

 **Mixer: “**Heads Up!” – *Paula Brown*

 ***Paula Brown and Angie Dahlberg demonstrated the mixer, members participated at their tables***

**9:45 Brunch -** Catered by the Evangelical Free Church Women’s Group

  **During Brunch:** **Share information regarding the “Bag of Fun”** *– Jackie Barclay*

 ***Financial strength is focus for year: Bag of Fun will be part of each meeting. Bag of Fun is a mystery bag***

 ***filled with items by the hostess committee. Tickets are $1.00 and are sold at the meeting. Winning***

 ***ticket is drawn at the end of brunch and winner shows off the bag of fun items. The winning ticket***

 ***was 763118 and was held by one of the church brunch cooks! The amount made by the bag of fun***

 ***was $106.00.***

**10:15 Business Meeting**

 Call to Order

 ***Call to order at 10:24 by President Kate Pearson***

 Secretary’s Report & Minutes of May 10, 2016 - *Kathy Van Wert*

***Kathy Van Wert reported the May minutes were emailed by Tami Wesley at the end of June, no corrections or***

 ***additions were made. As submitted were approved and filed.***

Treasurer’s Report – *Deb Rossman*

Submit dues by September 23 Today’s Collection:***Food Shelves \_\_$88\_\_\_\_ Schools/Africa\_\_ $53\_\_\_***

 Auditor’s Report – *Pat Welte*

***A member of the Auditing committee (I didn’t catch the name) reported we passed the audit.***

 Corresponding Secretary’s Report – *Linda Frost (read by Kathy Van Wert)*

 (VOTE required to accept the following)

 Letter of Resignation: Lisa Bollinger, Alice Knutson, Kathleen Sonsteng

 ***Vote held to accept resignations. Kate will talk with Lisa to encourage her to write a letter of***

 ***resignation.***

Joys and Concerns

 Sharon Hokuf: Quilt on a Stick

 Judy Dvorak: Joy - Someone Special Volunteer, Concern – hospital stay

 Joyce Kleven: 15 of her largest pictures are on display at the Watermark Art Center through Sept.

 Debbie Miller is getting married today!

 Heidi Krause is waiting for cochlear implants

 Michelle Dahlby’s daughter got married in August

 ***Darlene Shouts shared Judy Dvorak is feeling better***

 ***Joan McGuire shared she attended her 65th class reunion***

 ***Joyce Kleven shared she did a radio interview for the Watermark Art Center display***

***Kate Pearson shared she just had her 60th birthday***

 ***Judy Comstock shared her child is earning her doctorate and was recently married***

 ***It was shared that Will Hart had a play in NYC***

 ***Marie Blumhardt shared she will marry next summer***

40-Year Pin

 Congratulations, Pat Welte! Thank you for your membership.

**10:45 Mu Chapter News**

 **Summer Happenings**

* + - Reviewed spring surveys – 60 returned! *Drives what we do this year*
		- Summer Meetings: MN Tau State Leadership Retreat, Mu Programming, Executive Board, Audit, Booklet, Finance, Transition of Treasurer, and Banking ***Programs will be aligned with our 7 purposes***
		- Summer Outing – Chi Chapter joined us for dinner at Tutto Bene and the play 9-to-5 at the Paul Bunyan Playhouse. ***18 members Three members from Chi Chapter***
		- Yearbook Update – *Kim* ***Kusler Acknowledged Teresa Galloway, thanks to Arrow Printing, Yearbook Committee, all membership for updating directory information, led through bookwalk: new language with Hostess Committee, page 27-28 where each member of Hostess committee needs to find own sub if unable to attend meeting***
		- ***Checks to MU Chapter to pay for meal***
		- ***Any changes in directory please email Kim Kusler***

 **Committee Reports – 2016-2017 FOCUS – Mu’s Financial Strength**

* + - Brune-Parker Legacy (vote) – *Kate Pearson* ***Passed Motion by Libby Underhill and second by Lois Falk***
		- Finance Committee and Budget (vote) – *Marie Chandler and Kate Pearson* ***Passed motioned by \_\_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Explanation of why we need funds:***
		- ***Pay for venue***
		- ***Convention expenses***
		- ***Deficit with our dues***
		- Treasurer and Banking changes (vote) – *Deb Rossman****Passed Motion by Bea Knodel and second by Paula Brown: Deb explained changes in our accounting procedures:***
		- ***One checking account to simplify***
		- ***Track accounts with spreadsheet created by Kathy Palm and Deb Rossman***
		- ***Pilot year, tweak if needed***
		- Fundraising (survey) – *Paula Brown and Karen Berg* ***and Marie Chandler Survey results:***
		- ***Go Fund Me***
		- ***Sanford Concessions***
		- ***All City Garage Sale in April***
		- ***Bake Sale at Craft Sales***
		- ***Consignment Stores set up an account***
		- ***Thrivent members account for special projects***
		- Sanford Concessions & NW Minnesota Foundation – *(Kate met with Lisa Peterson from the*

 *NW MN Women’s Foundation (501c3) and Joe Phelps from Sanford Concessions. NW Foundation will be our fiscal agent handling payment from Sanford. Dates to work are yet to be chosen.)*

* Schools for Africa – *Update from Libby Underhill* ***Wait for October meeting***
* Memorial Grant-in-Aid applications are available now and due November 1st. See Janine Wahl.
* ***Bag of fun: half of proceeds to Brune – Parker Legacy and half to Myrtie Hunt Scholarship Passed Motion by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

 **Upcoming Events**

* + - Bring school supplies to our meeting October 8th. We will fill school supply bags for new teachers in our chapter area. Plan for 70 people.
		- French Christmas Tea to be held Saturday, December 3rd at Beltrami Electric. Alyson Kriz will be our presenter. NEW this year – Members $10, Guests $5 – This is our recruitment effort, so invite a potential new member. Invitations will go out Oct. 17. RSVPs are due by November 18. Seating is limited.

 **MN Tau State News  *Kate will email information to membership***

* Executive Board meeting Oct. 1st in St. Paul, All members welcome 9:00 – 12:00
* Chapter Officers’ Training, Oct. 1st in St. Paul, 12:30 – 3:00
* Deadline to submit photos and articles for the NSN – Oct. 3rd, See Libby Underhill
* Tau State Convention ~ April 21-23, 2017 ~ Holiday Inn, St. Cloud ~ Hosted by: Alpha Kappa, Alpha Rho, and Beta
* Convention registration and information will be available online
* State Website: [www.dkgmn.weebly.com](http://www.dkgmn.weebly.com) International Website: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

 **International News**

* 2017 Northwest Regional Conference ~ June 28 – July 1, 2017 ~ Spearfish, South Dakota
* 2018 DKG Int’l Convention ~ July 16-20, 2018 ~ Austin, Texas
* You are responsible to update your contact information with Tau State and Int’l

**11:15 Program:** Diversity Trail – Horace May Elementary School in Bemidji

 **Presenter:** Kate Pearson

 Show Drone, Amphitheater, High Bush Cranberry, Erosion, Trailhead sign, 13 trail marker signs

**Important Reminders:**

 Memorial Grant-in-Aid applications are available now and due November 1. Grants will be

 awarded at our January 2016 meeting. (See Janine Wahl)

 Presidents’ Recruitment Grant applications are available now. Grants will be awarded at our

 May 2016 meeting. (See Janine Wahl)

 Brune-Parker Scholarship applications for special projects are available January 1, 2016 and are due

 Sept. 2016. The scholarship is awarded at our meeting Oct. 2016. (See Lois Falk)

**Dates to Remember**

 **October 1** Deadline to submit articles to the North Star News (See Libby Underhill)

 **October 3** Tau State Executive Board Meeting: St. Cloud, Time TBD, All welcome

 **October 10** Regular chapter meeting: Fireside Grill & Patio in Bagley

 **November 1** Memorial Grant-in-Aid applications due (See Janine Wahl)

 **December 5** Scottish Christmas Tea: Beltrami Electric Cooperative in Bemidji

**11:30 The DKG Song and Adjournment**

 ***Adjourned at noon***