

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society Int'l, MU Chapter Minutes**  
**New Salem Church in Turtle River, MN**  
**September 12, 2015**

Submitted by Kathy Van Wert for Tami Wesely/Recording Secretary

**9:00 Executive Board Meeting**

**9:30 Welcome and Pledge**

**Thank Hostess Committee:** Darlene Schultz, Jay Sargent, Lois Falk, Kathy Cyr, Dianne Sizer, Bev Labraaten

**Thank Program Committee:** Diane Wahl, Hallie Baldwin, Kathleen Sonstreng, Carol Ann Russell, Karen Valentine

**Thought for the Day - Kim Kusler**

- (Food for thought for all those headed back to the classroom) *One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.*- Carl Jung
- *There are three things to remember when teaching: know your stuff; know whom you are stuffing; and then stuff them elegantly.* – Lola May
- (And as we consider the program topic today—Mentoring New Teachers) *What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.* –Pericles

Collect – *Joyce Siegert*

Mixer – Joyce Siegert-“Calling All Members!” Met with calling chair members, Susan updated members on the process and indicated that it went well the for the first meeting with only a few glitches. Kate Pearson demonstrated the process of Program and Hostess Committees and new chairs for calling.

**9:45 Brunch**-catered by the New Salem Luthern Women’s Group

**10:15 Program:** Mentoring new teachers

Presenter: Chari Buhman

Introduced by: Diane Wahl, September Program Chair; the program indicated the need for induction and mentoring for new teachers.

**11:05 Business Meeting**

- Secretary’s Report & Minutes of May 2015 meeting - *Kathy Van Wert read minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read and will be filed.*
- Treasurer’s Report - *Bonnie Bredenberg; will be filed for audit.*
  - *Today’s Collection: Local Library\_\$93.00\_ Schools/Africa\_\_\$81.00\_*
  - Bonnie reported that 55 members have paid dues.
- Auditor’s Report – Delphine Jacobson-Books were audited on 8/4/15 and were fine. A motion by members adopted the audit.
- Convention Finances – Kathy Palm-The audit has been completed and the checking account has been closed.
- Historical Records – Pam Murray-presented a 21<sup>st</sup> Century scrapbook of the convention A Convention/Snaphish Photo Book is available to members. Let Pam know if you would like a copy.
- Correspondence - *Kathy VanWert*
  - Letter of thanks: Village of Hope, UNICEF-Schools for Africa, ISD#31 Bemidji Area Schools

- Card from the family of Dorothy Millar, \$25 Memorial Grant in Aid, Dorothy passed away July 15. A white rose was sent to the funeral by DKG in her honor.
- Reminder: Kate reminded members that a Rose Ceremony is available to all members-make your wishes known to your family.
  
- A Letter of Resignation was submitted by Maggie Carlson. Members voted to accept the resignation.
  
- A Request for Reserve Status was submitted by Karly Sorenson Ackerman, who is now in Brookings, South Dakota. Members voted to accept the request.
  
- A Request for Reserve Status was submitted by Shirley Severson, who is now in Happy Valley, Oregon. Members voted to accept the request.
  
- Joys and Concerns –
  - Teresa Galloway expressed her thanks and all for all the support from members. She stated that she would like a Rose Ceremony at her funeral. She requested that members bring a red rose if they are able to attend the ceremony.

### **President's Report - *Kate Pearson***

Kate passed around fun sunglasses and encouraged the membership to “view DKG through a different lens” and watch for new ideas and changes as the International, state, and chapter news are discussed.

#### **Mu News**

- MU Chapter members are encouraged to submit news articles at any time to Kate for the MU Chapter Newsletter.
- Kate thanked members for their spring survey responses, and shared that members responses drove programming and planning decisions for the new year.
- The new chapter yearbook will be ready for publication and dissemination within the next 2 weeks. The yearbook will include updated member contact information, new calling lists, new committees of work listings, and new meeting information.
- Kate illustrated the new calling tree process by having the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, the Hostess Cahir, the calling tree chair (Susan Flicek), and the callers stand to show the chain of communication for each meeting. Kate explained that the callers will serve in this position for a full year. Members who do not receive a call with information about a meeting should contact their designated caller as listed in the new chapter booklet. If the designated caller can't be reached, the member should contact their Hostess Chair.
- Many chapter committees met during the summer:
  - Auditing – Bonnie Bredenberg shared that the chapter audit was completed with no issues or problems.
  - Programming – Kim Kusler described the program listings for the new year, which will include several venues, topic presentations, the awarding of clock hour certificates, when appropriate, and a continental breakfast alternative. The program can be reviewed by members as soon as the new chapter booklet is published. Kim thanked the program committee for their work this past summer.
  - Budget – Heidi Kraus presented the new proposed chapter budget, which included the use of Murtie Hunt funds for Christmas Tea expenses and the new teacher supply bags. After the budget was reviewed, a motion to accept the budget was made by Jean Slickman, and seconded by Shirley Deno. The motion carried.
- Joyce Siegert reminded members to bring school supplies for the new teacher bags to the Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Fireside Restaurant in Bagley. We will need to make at least 50 bags, so many supplies are needed.
- The Christmas Tea will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at Beltrami Electric, and it will have a Scottish theme. Emilie Moravec, Kim Kusler's daughter, will share about the year she and her husband spent in Glasgow. There will be a charge of \$3.00 per attendee in order to fund musicians. RSVPs must be submitted to Kate between October 19<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>. DKG women are encouraged to bring Scottish items to display and to consider inviting potential new members to join us.
- “New Lens” opportunities for members to consider include:
  - A MU Chapter Writing Day (date and time TBA), lead by Sue Bruns, which will provide an opportunity to submit a writing for the book Sue and Jewell are working on.
  - An Adopt-a-School project, encouraging members to volunteer at a school of their choice (more information later).
  - DKG International Email Pen Pals, organized by the Research Committee (Contact Karen Berg if interested).

- Chapter Fundraising – Kate will be receiving a list of DKG-allowed fundraising activities, and members are asked to consider what we may want to do as a chapter to raise funds. Because we have 501 C6 status, we are limited in what we can do. More information on this topic will be discussed at a later date.
- International Refugee Relief – Members are asked to consider whether our chapter could in some way contribute aid to support the refugee issues in the Middle East, Europe, and the United States.
- Suzy and Hondo are willing to offer a just-for-fun dance class for members outside our regular meeting times.
- Many state chair positions have yet to be filled, including music, finance, scholarship, and membership. Please contact Sally Nyhus, Tau State President, if you are interested
- Joyce share that she is serving on the state committee whose responsibility is to select the author (s) who will receive awards and recognition from Tau State DKG. If you like to read, please contact Joyce to join the committee.
- The state website has a new look. It can be found at [www.dkg.weebly.com](http://www.dkg.weebly.com). The International website is still [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

### **International News**

- Kate shared that the 2016 International Convention will be held on July 5-9 in Nashville, TN. Anyone wishing to present may apply by February 1, 2016, at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). <=Members wishing to share their ideas regarding constitution and standing rules amendments are encouraged to attend. Members are responsible to update their contact information with Tau State and International.

### **Tau State News**

- The Tau State Executive Board will meet in St. cloud on October 3, 2015. All members are welcome.
- The Tau State Conference will be held in Mankato April 15-17, 2016. Conference information and registration may be online.

### **MU Chapter News**

- Mu Newsletter: Communicate, Collaborate, Cooperate, and Celebrate! Submit news anytime.
- Spring Survey: great return, results drove decisions when planning for new year.
- Summer Meetings: Audit, Programming, Yearbook, Budget, Executive Board, Safety Deposit Box
- Programming: New venues, new menus, new events, Kim Kusler
- Calling committee: Newly formed communication system-Susan Flicek, chair, 10 callers
- Yearbook: New this year are cellphone #s, calling lists, committee duties, will be ready mid-Sept.
- Networking: Stock up on school supplies, we will assemble supply bags for all new teachers in our chapter area at the Oct. meeting-Joyce Siegert
- Christmas Tea: Scottish Christmas Tea, 9:30, Dec. 5, Beltrami Electric, invites out Oct. 19, RSVP by Nov. 20, bring Scottish items for display, invite a potential new member
- Finance/Budget Committee: Heidi Kraus-Proposed budget and use of Myrtie Hunt funds for Christmas Tea expenses (\$250) and new teacher supply bags (\$200) (Vote is required to accept)
- Technology: Equipment request-Deb Rossman
- Sunglass Opportunities:
  - Mu chapter Writing Day- Paul Bunyan Kindergarten Center, Time/Date TBD-Sue Bruns
  - Adopt a School Project: Adhoc planning committee needed-Joyce Siegert and volunteers
  - DKG Penpals-Research Committee
  - Sanford Concession Stand: Joe Phelps contact, 10% of net sales, guaranteed minimum \$150, could make \$200-\$400, need to be a 401 3c organization, could possibly use our EIN# or have the check run through the NWMF, 10-12 workers, Adhoc committee needed, Finances involved-Vote required to accept
  - International Refugee Relief: What can we do? What should we do?

### **Important Reminders:**

- Memorial Grant-In-Aid applications are available now and due Nov. 1 Grants will be awarded at our Jan. 2016 meeting. (See Janine Wahl)
- President's Recruitment Grant applications are available now. Grants will be awarded at our May 2016 meeting.
- Brune-Parker Scholarship applications for special projects are available Jan. 1, 2016 and are due Sept. 2016. The scholarship is awarded at our Oct. 2016 meeting. (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 DKG Song and Adjourn**

Respectfully Submitted by

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