**Minutes**

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

**April 9, 2016**

**Calvary Lutheran Church, Bemidji, MN**

Submitted by Tami Wesely, Recording Secretary

**9:00 Executive Board Meeting**

**9:30 Welcome**

 **Pledge**

**Thought for the Day** – *Read by Kate Pearson*

* + “A sister is a gift to the heart, a friend to the spirit, a golden thread to the meaning of life.” - Isadora James
	+ “Friends come into our lives and friends leave our lives.  But friends never leave our hearts.  And best friends always get to stay in the best places in our hearts.”  - [John M. Simmons](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2820543.John_M_Simmons)*, The Marvelous Journey Home*
	+ "Here's to our enduring sisterhood. May it bind us together more tightly than the Lycra in my Spanx underpants."  - [Susan McBride](http://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/41316.Susan_McBride), *The Cougar Club*

 **Collect** – *Joyce Siegert*

 **Introduce**

Tau State President **Sally Nyhus** and initiates**:** *Stacy Bahr, Kathleen Conger, Susan Eichstadt, Julie Ann Kerrigan, Pam Roiger, Julia Simons, Kathleen Sloan(unable to attend), Terri Strandlien, Patricia Townsend, Cindi Wiebe*

 **Thank Hostess Committee:**

Robyn Edwards - Chair, Lynn Baird, Marilyn Gandrud, Lisa Bollinger, Joy Barclay, Janine Wahl

 **Thank Program Committee:**

Sharon Hokuf, Delphine Jacobsen, Marie Chandler, Miriam White, Avonel Kjellberg, Deb Millar

 **Thank Guest Accompanist:** Shar Paquette – from Calvary Lutheran Church

**Mixer**  – *Joyce Siegert; Discussion questions were placed on table for members to answer and share with members from their table.*

**9:45 Brunch -** Calvary Lutheran Church

**10:15 Business Meeting**

Secretary’s Report & Minutes of March 2016 meeting - *Tami Wesely, No additions or questions to minutes. They will be filed.*

 Treasurer’s Report - *Bonnie Bredenberg*

 *Today’s Collection:* Local Food Shelves\_\_\_\_\_\_\_$133\_\_\_\_\_ Schools for Africa\_\_\_\_$71\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Current Balances

 Checking Account $2,373.03

 Memorial Grant in Aid 966.46

 President Grant in Aid 1,516.73

 Total 4,856.22

 Brune Parker($460 book sales) $1,709.52

 Bill from Arrow -1,897.34

 Total -187.82

 Myrtie Hunt $1,049.50

 Savings Account 2,803.40

 CD (renew April 2017) 2,500

 Total 6,352.90

 Correspondence - *Kathy VanWert*

Letter from Joan Bernstrom – Requesting resignation (Vote by the membership). A motion was made, seconded, and a vote carried to accept the resignation.

Joys and Concerns

* + - Bea Knodel – hip replacement March 24
		- It was Diane Wahl’s birthday and members sang “Happy Birthday.”
		- Chris Yingling thanked membership for the many cards and kind thoughts. Her granddaughter is doing better.
		- Sue Bruns announced that Ruth Howe’s selection in the Mu Musings was also published in the Historical Society Newsletter.
		- Libby Underhill reported that Linda Frost is experience health issues but is doing better than she was.
		- Heidi Kraus announced that her daughter is getting married and also, Miriam White’s daughter is getting married.
		- Diane McKeon has a new granddaughter.
		- Carol Ann Russell’s son is graduating from college.

 President’s Report - *Kate Pearson*

 **Tau State News**

 2016 Conference News - Mankato -Registrants as of today – *95 - 5 Mu members attending*

 5th Annual Summer Retreat June 21-22 at St. Ben’s near St. Cloud Theme: **Communication Styles**

Registration information will be available on the Tau State website and at the spring conference. Gift baskets and silent auction items will be donated.

 **Mu News**

 “Mu Musings” – book sale on now – see Sue Bruns

 Conference silent auction baskets and photo greeting cards will be collected today

 Tuesday, May 10, 5:30 - Chapter meeting – Lesnoe Ozero Russian Concordia Language Village

 (Election of officers and nominations committee for the 2016-2018 biennium)

Kate Pearson will be sending out a survey for members to complete and send back. She asks that members, please put some thought into it and send it back. Results of the survey are used to plan for the next years programming.

Jewell invited members that would like to sing at the May meeting to a practice session on May 3, 7:00 PM at Delphine Jacobson’s house.

 Committee Reports:

Nominations – *Kathy Palm, Nominations Chair* , Nominations were read by
Robyn Edwards

President Kate Pearson

Vice-President Libby Underhill

2nd Vice- President Paula Brown

Recording Secretary Kathy Van Wert

Correspondence Secretary Linda Frost

Treasurer Deb Rossman

Present slate for 2016-2018 biennium, taken nominations from the floor; no nominations were presented from the floor.

The nominations will be posted online for consideration or acceptance of the nominations.

**10:45 Program**

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

 Presider: *Delphine Jacobsen, Necrology Chair* Honoring Teresa Galloway

 ~ *Tribute written by Hallie Baldwin read by Libby Underhill*

Honoring Dorothy Jean Millar

~ *Tribute written by Bea Knodel read by Delphine Jacobsen*

~ *Tribute written by Sharon Hokuf read by Sheri Minske*

Place Roses in vase - *Libby and Sheri*

Ring Bell  *- Kate Pearson*

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

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

 Presider: *Kate Pearson, Mu Chapter President*

 Introduction of Tau State President and Presentation of Gift

 Guest Speaker: Tau State President Sally Nyhus

 Song “Enter Our Company” – *sung by the membership*

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

 Presider: *Sharon Hokuf* , *Membership Chair*

 **Initiates:**

 Stacy Bahr

 Kathleen Conger

 Susan Eichstadt

 Julie Ann Kerrigan

 Pam Roiger

 Julia Simons

 Kathleen Sloan

 Terri Strandlien

 Patricia Townsend

 Cindi Wiebe

 Song: “Symbols of Delta Kappa Gamma” *duet - Diane Wahl & Michelle Luby*

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

 Receiving Line

 Photos of new initiates

**Dates to Remember**

 **April 15-17** Tau State Conference – Mankato, MN

 **April 16** Tau State Executive Board meeting - Mankato

 **May 10, Tuesday** Regular chapter meeting: CELEBRATE at Lesnoe Ozero Russian Concordia Language Village, 11380 Turtle River Lake Road NE, Bemidji

 **Early June TBD** Program Planning Meeting

**June 1** Deadline to submit articles for the Summer North Star News to Libby Underhill

 **June 21-22** Leadership Retreat – St. Ben’s

 **July 5-9** International Convention, Nashville, Tennessee

**12:00 Adjourn**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Tami Wesely/ Recording Secretary**