**AGENDA**

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

**April 8, 2017 ~ Calvary Lutheran Church, Bemidji, MN**

Submitted by Kate Pearson, President

**9:00 Executive Board Meeting**

**9:30 Welcome**

Kate called the meeting to order at 9:30

 **Pledge –** *Kathy VanWert, Recording Secretary*

**Thank You**

 **Hostess Committee**

Kim Kusler - Chair, Kathleen Ferrin, Carol Grimes, Clare Kupcho, Janine Wahl,

 Julia Simons, and Libby Underhill

 *Kate thanked the Hostess Committee*

 **Membership and Initiation Program Committee**

Sharon Hokuf - Chair, Hallie Baldwin, Marie Chandler, Bea Knodel,

 Delphine Jacobsen, Gail Reff, Carol Carpenter

 *Kate thanked the Membership and Initiation Program Committee*

 **Introduce & Welcome**

 Tau State President - Sally Nyhus

 *Kate introduced Tau State President, Sally Nyhus, and thanked her for attending*

 *Our meeting. A song entitled “Hello Sally” (sung to the tune of Hello Dolly)*

 *Written by Diane Wahl, was sung by the membership to Sally. A gift of Bemidji*

 *Items (chocolates, Paul Bunyan postcards) was given to Sally.*

 Initiates - Beata Grantier, Tamra Ragan, Lindsi Shanahan

 To be initiated at another date: Deanna Nichols and Sandra Smith

 *Initiates were introduced by President Kate Pearson*

 **Inspiration –** “The Power of Attitude” - *Julie Paulson, 2nd VP and Networking Chair*

 *Inspiration was given by Julie Paulson: series of great comics and quotes*

**Bag of Fun –** *Julia Simons & Sharon Hokuf, Hostess and Program Chairs*

 *The Bag of Fun’s winner was drawn and the winner was Kate Pearson! The*

 *Contents were gardening items, spring cleaning items and grilling items*

 **Mixer** – D-ICEBREAKER - *Julie Paulson, 2nd VP and Networking Chair*

 *Angie Dahlberg presented the icebreaker: share experiences from your*

 *Professional past.*

**9:45 Brunch –** Hosted by Calvary Lutheran Youth Group

 *Brunch was served at 10:05 and was delicious. The youth attended to our every*

 *Need!*

**10:15 Business Meeting**

*The Business Meeting was called to order at 10:22*

 **Secretary’s Report** - Minutes from March 11, 2017 - *Kathy VanWert*

 *Kathy reported on the minutes from the March 11, 2017 meeting. Deb*

 *Rossman reported one correction to the March minutes Treasurer’s Report: it is a*

 *4 year 1 up CD not a 4year CD with a one up option.*

**Treasurer’s Report** – *Deb Rossman*

Today’s Collection:Cass Lake Food Shelves\_\_*$68*\_\_ Schools/Africa \_$58\_\_\_

 *Bag of Fun collection was $53.*

 Update on Brune-Parker CD

 *The Brune Parker fund has $326.59*

 **Corresponding Secretary’s Report** – *Linda Frost*

 *There was no correspondence report this month.*

**Joys and Concerns**

1. *Libby Underhill shared Ellen Anderson has recently finished chemo therapy*
2. *Deb Rossman shared she is retiring this year;with a total of 36.5 years in education*
3. *Lois Falk shared she saw Jewell Mendenhall at Windson with a very funny, creative hat!*
4. *Kate Pearson shared Delphine Jacobson has had knee surgery and would love cards and notes from her DKG sisters*

 **President’s Report** - *Kate Pearson*

 *President Kate Pearson provided information on DKG International password.*

 *The default password is: dkg2014society and the username is the 6 digit*

 *Number on your membership card.*

 **International News** [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

DKG Int’l has updated its website. Member login is required for many features. Your user name is the number on your membership card, but you will have to set a personal password.

**Northwest Regional Conference**, Wednesday, June 28 – Saturday, July 1, 2017. Spearfish Holiday Inn Convention Center, Spearfish, SD.  Optional local/regional tours may be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 26 and 27.

**2017 Regional Conferences – Attendance open to all DKG members**
**Southwest** **Regional Conference**, Tuesday, July 4 – Friday, July 7, 2017 Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and Resort Honolulu, HA

**Northeast** Regional Conference, Wednesday, July 12 – Friday, July 14, Caesars Resort and Convention Center, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

**Southeast** Regional Conference, Wednesday, July 19 – Saturday, July 22, Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC

**Europe** Regional Conference, Wednesday, July 26 – Saturday, July 29, Nordic Hotel Forum, Tallin, Estonia

**DKG GoAhead Tours:** June 2-14, Lisbon, Seville, Madrid, & the Basque Country

 **MN Tau State News** [www.dkgmn.weebly.com](http://www.dkgmn.weebly.com)

 **2017 Tau State Convention** ~ April 21-23, Holiday Inn, St. Cloud/Waite Park.

 More news to follow from Sally Nyhus

 *President Sally Nyhus reported on the theme for the 2017 Tau State Convention: “Building on a Strong Foundation”. Six Mu chapter members are attending the convention and 87 from the state are registered to attend.*

 **Convention Special Projects Fundraiser**

 Proceeds go to YouthLink and the St. Cloud Homeless Student Services Fund

 **Proposed Tau State Slate of Officers for the 2017-2019 Biennium**

 To be voted on at the convention. Floor nominations will be accepted.

* + - President – Ann Vanvick
		- 1st Vice President – Michelle Dahlby
		- 2nd Vice President – Julie Stauber
		- Recording Secretary – None at this time
		- *Nominations will be taken from the floor at the convention*
		- Nominations Chair – Kathy VanWert

**Proposed Changes to the Tau State Bylaws**

To be voted on at the convention.

1) Rename “Tau State” to “MN-Tau State”

2) Change the budget to allow for stipends of $500 per person for up to 3 members to

attend the Legislative National Seminar in Washington D.C. held every two years.

**Funds shall be given only to those who have not received this award in the past.**

**Leadership Retreat** - June 20-21 at St. Ben’s in St. Joseph, MN

*This will be the sixth year for the Leadership Retreat*

Theme: Finding Joy **-** Registration information will be available on the Tau State

website and at the spring convention.

 *The theme will be Learning and Laughing*

 **Mu Chapter News** [**www.dkgmnmu.weebly.com**](http://www.dkgmnmu.weebly.com)

**Dues Forms Now Available**

Please help our treasurer by paying your dues early. Mail your dues form and a check to Deb Rossman at 2300 Carol Drive NE, Bemidji, MN 56601 OR bring your dues to our next chapter meeting on Tuesday, May 16.

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**Spring Survey and Invitation to Join the Mu Chapter Singers**

These two documents will soon be mailed out to everyone.

**Membership Committee**

Delphine Jacobsen has graciously agreed to serve as Membership Chair from

May 2017 to May 2018. Thank you Delphine. Thank you, Sharon Hokuf, for your

6 years of dedicated service to this committee as its Chair.

**Today we are collecting donations for the upcoming convention**

Mu Chapter silent auction basket items – Give to Joyce Siegert & Sharon Hokuf

Checks/Gift Cards – Give to Deb Rossman

Individual baskets, clothing, or gift donations – Give to Kate Pearson

**Next chapter meeting** Tuesday, May 16, 5:30 p.m. – Founders’ Day and DKG Birthday

Celebration - Skogfjorden Norwegian Concordia Language Village, 8607 Thorsonveien

NE Bemidji \*NOTE: This is ONE WEEK LATER than usual.

 *Announcements: on May 9 at 6:30pm at Calvary Lutheran Church all singers*

 *Are welcome to join to perform for the May 16 Mu Chapter meeting*

 **Adjourn Meeting**

*Libby Underhill made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Diane Wahl; motion carried.*

**10:45 Program**

*Program began at 10:40*

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

 Presider: *Delphine Jacobsen, Necrology Chair*

 Today we celebrate all Mu Chapter sisters who have gone before us

 and we rejoice that, in this past year, our members have enjoyed the light and blessings of each new day.

 *Please take a moment for silent prayer and reflection.*

 *Kate gave explaination of the program; addressed those that are at the beginning*

 *Of their career, the middle, a veteran, retired : we are all DKG sisters*

 *DKG International booklets were given to families of those of our chapter that have passed*

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

 Presider: *Kate Pearson, Mu Chapter President*

 Introduction of Tau State President and Presentation of Gift

 *A biography of our State President, Sally Nyhus, was given*

 Guest Speaker: Tau State President, Sally Nyhus

 *Sally spoke on: “The small things we do can have big effects.” She went*

 *Through the state convention, Leadership Retreat, NW Regional*

 *Conference, DKG website: my DKG, book club*

 Song: “A Welcome to Sally” – Sung by the Membership

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

 Presider: *Sharon Hokuf*, *Membership Chair*

 **Initiates:**

 Beata Grantier

 Deanna Nichols *(unable to attend)*

 Tamra Ragan

 Lindsi Shanahan

 Sandra Smith *(unable to attend)*

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

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

 *Initiation was beautiful as it always is. Sharon and the Membership Committee*

 *Did an amazing job of creating a beautiful ceremony.*

**11:30 Receiving Line & Photos of New Initiates**

**11:45 Adjourn**

*We adjourned at 11:25*

 **Dates to Remember**

 April 21-23 Tau State Conference – Waite Park, MN

 April 22 a.m. Tau State Exec. Board meeting – Waite Park, Holiday Inn

 May 16, Tuesday Regular chapter meeting: CELEBRATE at Skogfjorden Norwegian Concordia Language Village, 8607 Thorsonveien NE, Bemidji

 Early June TBD Program Planning Meeting

 June 1 Deadline to submit articles for the June North Star News

 June 20-21 Leadership Retreat – St. Ben’s

 July 5-9 International Convention, Nashville, Tennessee