**Minutes**

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

**January 21, 2017 – First Lutheran Church ~ Bemidji, MN**

Submitted by Kathy Van Wert – Recording Secretary

**9:00 Executive Board Meeting**

**9:30 Grab-and-Go Brunch -** Muffins, juice, and coffee – provided by the Hostess Committee

\*Meeting called to order at 9:35 by Kate Pearson, President. Kate asked members to help themselves to the grab and go brunch. Kate reviewed the agenda and mentioned a few revisions

**9:40 Welcome**

**Pledge –** *Libby Underhill*

**Thank You Hostess Committee**

Joy Barclay – Chair, Merrily Burmeister, Bonnie Bredenberg, Lynda Jordan, Kathy Cyr, Margaret Thorson Kate thanked the Hostess Committee

**Thank You** **Program Committee**

Tami Wesely – Chair, Pat Welte, Ellen Anderson, Sherri Minske, Marilyn Gandrud, Audrey Tollefson Kate thanked the Program Commmittee and welcomed guests: Karen Sevior, speaker and Heather Brown; recipient of scholarship

**Inspiration/Collect** – *Julie Paulson*

Julie gave the inspiration/collect: topic was Malala Yousafiza – 2014 Noble Peace Prize recipient . Julie read portions of her acceptance speech: strength of education and unity. Kate offered to loan her copies of the book and movie of Malala.

**Bag of Fun –** *Hostess Chair, Joy Barclay*

Kate thanked the Hostess Committee and Program Committee for working together to put together the Bag of Fun: proceeds are equally split between Myrtie Hunt and Brun Parker. The theme was a “Basket of Upset”! Deb Rossman was the lucky recipient!The Bag of Fun brought in $78.00.

**Mixer** – *Julie Paulson*

The mixer was an activity honing our detective skills. We had to write down one item that most people didn’t know about us and the table mates had to guess who the item belonged to. A great way to get to know each other. Kate reminded the research committee to have members write their bios

**9:50 Business Meeting**

The business meeting began at 10:10

**Recording Secretary’s Report** - Minutes from December 3, 2016 - *Kathy VanWert*

*The recording secretary did not have the minutes from the December 3, 2016 meeting but will report on the finance information brought forth at that meeting: The scholarship total at our December 3, 2016 meeting was $369.00. My apologies for not having meeting minutes.*

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

Today’s Collection:Cass Lake Public Library$61.25\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Schools/Africa $51.00 Deb Rossman reported on the finances: Her accounts balanced with the bank statement. She showed the bank statement, excel spreadsheet she uses to us and also thanked Kathy Palm for all her help in creating this document.

**Corresponding Secretary’s Report** – *Linda Frost/reported by Kathy Van Wert*

*A number of thank you cards were read pertaining to the Christmas Tea.*

Resignation*: Sharon Yeager – With letter. A resignation letter from Sharon Yeager was read to the members. The Executive Committee voted to accept the letter and to allow Sharon to return if she desires. A vote was offered the membership. Marilyn Gandrud motioned to accept the letter of resignation with regret and it was seconded by Diane Wahl. The motion carried.*

Tea thank you notes: Multiple: Read to the membership. Kate thanked all the women involved in putting on the Christmas Tea.

**Joys and Concerns**

Joan McGuire underwent surgery for heart valve replacement on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Members are encouraged to send cards to Joan.

Diane Sizer mentioned that Jean Slinkman told her that Jewell Mendenhall has moved to Windsong; her address is 1010 Anne Street #103 in Bemidji. Her phone number is 444 0611.

Carol Grimes is in Florida and has planted a Red Sister Tree in her yard in honor of the women in Mu Chapter

Helen Winge has a new granddaughter to celebrate.

Merrily Burmeister mentioned Margaret Thorson’s husband is not well. They have recently moved to Windsong and she would appreciate cards or communication

Judy Magnuson is taking back her surname of Comstock and is going through a divorce.

Tami Wesley mentioned that Ellen Anderson is going through cancer treatment.

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

*Kate made updates on the following topics.*

**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.  
  Kate provided a half sheet of how to easily access the Int’l website.
* **GoAhead Tours:** 13 days, June 2-14 Lisbon, Seville, Madrid, & the Basque Country

This GoAhead Tour begins at a cost of $2599, but check the Int’l website for details

* **DKG and The Girl Scouts**

DKG Girl Scout Patch – not a badge, but a council patch

Is there interest in getting involved with this?

The program began in Texas and was designed to help girls work with women. Information is on the website. Kate asked if the Mu Chapter would be interested in the program and said we would form an Ad Hoc Committee to look into it.

* **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.

Kate may attend as well as Michelle Dahlby, with a possible presentation! There are many regional conferences: at this time conventions are during odd years and conferences are during even year.

* **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

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

* 2017 Tau State Convention ~ April 21-23 Holiday Inn, Waite Park, MN (suburb of St. Cloud)

There is a GoTo Meeting on Feb. 4. 2017 of the Executive board.

Members are encouraged to attend the MN Tau State Convention this year. They are utilizing Mu Chapter’s Founders Table Flags and Banner

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

* **Sanford Center – February 4th**

Kate thanked the members that have been participating in the Sanford Center fundraising effort. Funds earned go to Northwest Minnesota Foundation as our fiscal agent, then they return to us as a donation. We have 15 members to work on the4th of February entitling us to the “big” concession stand.

**Pat Welte was honored with her 40th Year Pin**

* **Memorial Grant In Aid Recipient** – *Presenter: Janine Wahl*

Grant Recipient, BSU Student: Heather Brown

*Photos taken by Pam Murray*

Janine Wahl awarded a scholarship to Heather Brown. She is an elementary education major. She homeschooled her children; then decided to go into teaching.

* **Outstanding Service Award** – *Presenter: Joyce Siegert*

Award Recipient: Sandi Smith

*Photos taken by Pam Murray*

Joyce and a small number of members from her committee of 9 made presentation to Sandi Smith. Sandi was nominated by Ruth Howe. She was honored with a placque and a rose.

**Diane Wahl wrote a song about Technology to the tune of “My Favorite Things”: she distributed the song and it was sang by the members.**

**10:20 Restroom Break Restroom break was at 10:50**

**10:30 Program - Introduced by:** *Tami Wesely – January Program Chair*

**Topic:** Social Media and Internet Safety

**Presenters:** Kathleen Hotakainen, FBI Community Outreach Specialist and

\*\*Kathleen was unable to attend due to health concerns.

***\*\****Karen Seviour, FBI Victim Specialist - Minneapolis / Bemidji provided an informal talk on the Victim Assistance Program, Crimes in Mpls. and Bemidji, Human Trafficking, and Forensic Interview Strategies.

Karen offered a great deal of information about the Victim Assistance Program, Crimes in Bemidji, Human Trafficking. Her biggest take away: make sure you know what your children or grandchildren or students are looking at on the internet. Predators can hide in games. Know passwords and check often.

**11:30 Mu Business Meeting continued**

* **New Member Recruitment –** *Presenter: Sharon Hokuf*

Presentation of recommended new members followed by a vote

Kate called a closed meeting at 11:55 for the New Member Recruitment portion of the meeting.

Six new members have been recruited

Beata Grantier Bemidji Early Intervention– recommended by Angie Dahlberg

Deanna Nichols - Retired Bemidji Special Ed.– recommended by Joyce Holmstrom

Tamra Ragan - Clearbrook Gonvick K-12 Music –recommended Kate Pearson

Lindsi Shanahan – Bemidji Horace May recommended by Kate Pearson

Sandra Smith – Retired Crookston – recommended by Ruth Howe

Miriam Brack Webber – BSU Music prof – recommended by Janine Wahl

Members cast their votes

As an aside: Sharon Hokuf can make new name tags if you need one!

* **Committee Reports**
* **Woman of Achievement Award** – *Presenter: Joyce Siegert*

Recipient: TBA

*Photos taken by Pam Murray*

Joyce Siegert and her committee provided 9 or so clues as to the recipient. Deb Rossman has been given the Women of Achievement Award: Congratulations, Deb, it is very well deserved!

**Dates to Remember**

**February** No regular chapter meeting

**February** **TBA** New Member Orientation

**February 4** Sanford Center Concessions – 5:00 p.m.

**March 11** Regular chapter meeting: Eagles Aerie 351 Bemidji

**April 8** Regular chapter meeting: Calvary Lutheran Church, Bemidji

**April 21-23** 2017 Tau State Convention – Holiday Inn, Waite Park, MN

**May 16**  Regular chapter meeting: 5:30 p.m. at the Skogfjorden Norwegian Concordia Language Village \* ONE WEEK LATER than usual

**May/June** Program Planning Meeting – Date and place TBD

**11:50 DKG Song and Adjournment**

**Adjournment was at 12:10**