**Minutes**

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Mu Chapter**

**January 20, 2018 – First Lutheran Church ~ Bemidji, Mn**

**Submitted by Kathy Van Wert, Recording Secretary**

**47 Mu Chapter Members attended**

**9:30 Grab n Go Continental Breakfast**

 Welcome and Pledge

 President Kate Pearson thanked the Hostess Committee

 Geri Nynas – Chair, Bonnie Bredenburg, Merrily Burmeister, Angie Dahlberg, Karie Hougard,

 Arlene Mullranin, Margaret Thorson

 President Kate Pearson thanked the Program Committee

 Miriam White – Chair, Susan Flicek, Beata Grantier, Ruth Howe, Heidi Krause, Gail Reff, Audrey

 Tollefson

 Inspiration – Angie Dahlberg – Laughter is the Best Medicine

 Mixer – Angie Dahlberg – Yarn strand and share about yourself with small group

 Bag of Fun – Gail Reff/Kate Pearson; Kathy Palm won the Bag of Fun filled with many delights

**10:15 Business Meeting Called to Order by President Kate Pearson**

 **Secretary’s Report** – Minutes from December 2, 2017 meeting were submitted, approved and filed by

 Kathy Van Wert, Recording Secretary

 **Treasurer’s Report** – Deb Rossman

 Meeting Collection: Bemidji Food Shelf $77.00 and Schools for Africa $ 87.00 and

 Bag of Fun $ 88.00, Deb Rossman also went through the Finance Report for Jan. 2018

 Chari Bauman’s membership was dropped based on Chapter Rules

 **Corresponding Secretary’s Report** – substitute – Kathy Van Wert

 Note of Sympathy from Nu Chapter

 Note of Sympathy from Alpha Rho

 Note of Sympathy from Ann Vanvick & Nancy Knoell, Alpha Kappa

 Note from Coletta Wierson regarding “Feed my starving children” meal donation in memory

 Of Jewell Mendenhall

 Executive Board decided to substitute Schools For Africa basket for Hurricane

 Relief in Texas and Puerto Rico for March, April, and May meetings

 Note of Thanks from Ruth Howe for support during her hip replacement and recovery

 Note of Thanks from Bagley Public Library for donation

 Note of Thanks from Sara Mitchell, Bemidji High School English teacher for a bag of

 Classroom supplies

 **Joys and Concerns**

 November 5th Pioneer news article shows Libby Underhill of the Bemidji Garden Club presenting

 A check to Michael R. Ruffenach of Mother Earth Sanctuary. Great job, Libby!

 Shirley Deno stated Anne Fluora’s 90th Birthday will be celebrated on February 9th, for more

 Information, contact Shirley

 Carol Grimes praised DKG organization for the swift monetary grant from emergency funds to help repair her home in Florida that was damaged by the hurricane

 Kate read about a program of letter writing to thank military men and women for their service. Her

 2nd grade class was involved in sending letters this year.

 **International News**

 \*DKG Int’l Convention – July 16-20, 2018 in Austin, TX

 \*Check out the Educational Foundation which gives scholarships to members for special projects

 **MN Tau State News**

 \*Volunteers are needed to fill the following positions: State Webmaster, Legislative Chair,

 Scholarship Chair

 \*Summer Retreat – June 19-20, 2018 – Leadership Retreat and New Officer’ws Training

 \*February 1, North Star News Deadline-please submit photos and articles to Libby Underhill

 **Mu Chapter News**

 \*2017 Italian Tea Thank You

 Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2017 Italian Tea so wonderful.

 Thank you to Deb and Megan Rossman for the excellent program on Megan’s trip to

 Italy, to Carol Ann Russell for sharing her poetry, to Felice Dickey for singing

 Italian arias, and for all committee members who decorated, cooked, prepared

 Treats, served, hosted, provided tech support, arranged for music, took photos and

 Cleaned up afterwards. Your efforts were very much appreciated.

 \*We are looking for suggestions for the 2018 Tea. We need a speaker and a country theme.

        \*  Lost and Found: A ring of value was found after our meeting September 9 at the Fireside Grill and  Patio

 in Bagley. Contact Kate Pearson with a description if you think it may be yours.  The Executive Board along

 with the Finance Chair decided that if the ring is not claimed by the March 10th meeting, we will put it up

 for bid. The funds raised will be split between the Memorial Grant in Aid and the Presidents’ Recruitment

 Grant. The owner of the Fireside Grill did not want the ring back and was pleased with this idea.

 \*\* Several days following this meeting, Hallie Baldwin claimed the ring.

 \*Hazel Shimmin Scholarship Fund

 Balance July 1, 2016 $12,752.41 Balance June 30 2017 #13, 627.01

 Scholarship recipient – Miranda Carlson received $400

 \*Jewell Mendenhall Scholarship Fund

 Is currently being set up

 \*Chapter Elections Timeline

 Is it your time to serve?

 March – elected officers and nominations committee slates presented

 April – election by secret ballot

 May – installation of 2018 – 2020 elected officers and nominations committee

 \*Committee Reports

 Music Committee - Diane Wahl, chair – after the March meeting she would like committee to

 Stay after for a short meeting

 \*Memorial Grant-In-Aid – Presenter: Miriam White

 Recipient – none this year

 \*Outstanding Service Award – Presenter: Joyce Siegert

 Recipient – none this year

 \*New Member Recruitment – Presenter: Delphine Jacobsen, Membership Chair

 Six names were read and a ballot was distributed: a unanimous yes decision for all six

 Christina Baltes Nancy Hanson Patricia Marquardt

 Tiffany Palmer Charlotte Schullo Molly Turner

 \*Woman of Achievement Award – Presenter: Joyce Siegert, Chair of Personal Growth and Services

 Recipient – Libby Underhill

 Phots taken by Pam Murray

**11:00 Program: File of Life**

 Presenter: Officer Tabitha Carrigan, Police Department – City of Bemidji

 Introduced by Kate Pearson

 Very informative program on file of life and how to spot a scam

**11:45 The DKG Song and Adjournment**

**Dates to Remember:**

 Available now and due after Jan. 1 Presidents’ Recruitment Grant applications

 Grants awarded at May 2018 Meeting (see M. White)

 Available Jan. 1 and due Sept. 1 Brune-Parker Legacy Scholarship for Special Projects

 Applications will be available Jan. 1 and due Sept. 1. Awarded

 At our Oct. 2018 meeting

 Feb. 3 Mn Tau State Go-To-Meeting

 March 10 Regular chapter meeting: Evangelical Covenant Church, Bemidji

 Program: Duck Therapy by Joni Armstrong

 April 14 Regular chapter Meeting: Calvary Lutheran Church, Bemidji

 Program: Past, Present, Future

 May 8 Regular chapter meeting: Bemidji Town&Country club

 Program: the Benefits of Laughter by Kevin Cease

 -Founders Day and DKG Birthday Celebration

 -Installation of 2018-2020 Officers

 June 19-20 Mn Tau State Leadership Retreat and New Officers’ Training

 St. Benedict’s College