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

**March 12, 2016 – Evangelical Covenant Church ~ Bemidji, MN**

**Meeting Minutes**

**9:00 Executive Board Meeting**

**9:30 Welcome**

 **Collect** – *Judy Dvorak*

**Pledge –** *Nancy Gallagher*

**Thank You**

 **Hostess Committee**

Susan Flicek – Chair, Ellen Anderson, Marie Chandler, Linda Frost, Chris Yingling, Karen Berg

 **Program Committee**

Nancy Gallagher – Chair, Nancy Goudge, Pat Zea, Jacqueline Olson, Sue Feeney

**Thought for the Day** - *Kim Kusler* – “50 Things You Can Toss”

 **Mixer** – *Judy Dvorak;* Members shared their favorite Easter memories at each table.

**9:45 Brunch -** Sweet rolls, fruit, juice, coffee, tea – provided by the Hostess Committee

**10:00 Business Meeting**

**Secretary’s Report** - Minutes from January 23, 2016 - *Tami Wesely* Minutes were accepted with additions and corrections as submitted through email. The minutes will be filed.

**Treasurer’s Report** - *Bonnie Bredenberg*

Today’s Collection:Village of Hope\_\_\_\_\_\_$48.50\_\_\_\_ Schools/Africa \_\_$39.50\_\_\_

 Checking Account $2156.03

 President Grant in Aid 1516.73

 Memorial Grant In Aid 966.46

 Savings Account 2762.66

 CD 2500.00

 Brune Parker 1249.29

 Mytie Hunt 1510.75

 Total $12,661.92

 Bonnie reported that the CD is due next year. The Treasurer’s Report will be filed for audit.

 **Corresponding Secretary’s Report** - *Kathy Van Wert*

 A Thank You was submitted from the Education Foundation for a $96.00 contribution.

 A Thank You was read from Sharon Hokuf for the Woman of Achievement award.

**Joys and Concerns**

* Chari Buhman’s father passed away in February – contributions will go to the Legion
* Judy Comstock-Magness’s father and uncle passed away in February, Judy is having health concerns
* Chris Yingling’s infant granddaughter is having health issues
* Geri Nynas’s mother passed away
* Jewel reported that Mary Ann Atkinson has cancer and is not doing well. She is staying with her daughter
* Kate Pearson announced that the 34th Annual 2nd Grade Musical, Character Street will be held May 5 and May 6
* Pam Murray reported that there are 2 books left from the Convention and are for sale for $18

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

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

* DKG Int’l has updated its website. Member login is required for many features. Refer to my January 16 email for directions to set a personal password. Your user name

 is the number on your membership card.

* 2016 International Convention ~ July 5-9, 2016 ~ Gaylord Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee
* Tau State Past President, Barb Whiting, has been nominated for Int’l 1st VP
* Collegial Exchange – Articles can be submitted for publishing

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

* Tau State Conference ~ April 15-17, 2016, City Center, Mankato, Hosts: Pi, Beta Alpha, Nu
* Registration deadline: March 20th - go to [www.dkgtaustateconvention.weebly.com](http://www.dkgtaustateconvention.weebly.com)
* Registration link available at [www.dkgmn.weebly.com](http://www.dkgmn.weebly.com)
* Marianne Skardeus from Skovde, Sweden is the Int’l representative for the conference
* Photo greeting cards – please bring all cards to the April 9th meeting
* Silent auction baskets / items / crafts needed by April 9th meeting. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the Mankato “Read and Feed” program; Joyce Siegart and Sharon Hokuf will put together baskets.
* MN Tau State Retreat – June 21 & 22 - Theme “Communication Styles” – On the campus of St. Benedict’s in St. Joseph, MN

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

* **Congratulations:**  Sharon Hokuf – 2015 Woman of Achievement. Sharon will be recognized at the 2017 State Convention along with next years Woman of Achievement.
* **Thank you:** Deb Rossman - for purchasing our new tech equipment now in use (projector, cords, screen, etc.)
* **Thank you:** Geri Nynas - for our new Mu Chapter Webpage - Signed permission is required from each member to use her photo on our webpage. There will be a sign-in sheet on the registration table at each meeting for this purpose. Signatures are good for one year.
* **Vote required:** Revisions to Mu Chapter Rules**.** Revisions to the MU Chapter Rules were read by Kate Pearson. These notes were emailed to members. Members moved to accept the revisions and a motioned carried. Guidelines for the Brune Parker Scholarship for Special Projects was removed from the MU Chapter Rules.
* **Vote required:**  The balance in the Brune-Parker Special Projects Scholarship account is $1249.07. A request for funds to pay for the printing of “Mu Musings” has been made. Scholarship guidelines allow for up to $1000 to be given in even numbered years. The Scholarship Committee proposes using the entire amount for this project. We need a vote from the membership to allow for the additional $249.07 to be used and the account closed. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close out the Brune Parker account and use the funds to cover some of the costs of the MU Musings publication. A description of the (*Ruth*)Brune (*Mabel*)Parker funding will be published in all future yearbooks.
* **Mu Musings:** The presale starts today – Please help us sell out. Books should be available at the April meeting. THANK YOU Jewell Mendenhall, Sue Bruns, and all members who submitted anecdotes. You made this Mu Chapter book possible. Suggestions for distribution of profits welcome. 115 books have been pre-ordered. There will be $1,115 profit if all 200 book are sold. Hopefully, books will be available at the April meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to put any profits into programming costs for the chapter.
* **New Member Recruitment & Initiation Update –** *Presenter: Sharon Hokuf*

There was a new member meeting on February 25. All paid fees including the cost of pins. Initiation of the following new members will be held in April: Stacy Bahr, Kathleen Conger, Susan Eichstadt, Julie Ann Kerrigan, Pamela Roiger, Julia simons, Kathleen Sloan, Teri Strandlien, Patricia Townsend, and Cindi Wiebe.

* **Member Benefits Brochures:**Insurance and Planned Giving brochure were presented to members
* **“Coffee With the President”** - Special event for 2005-2015 initiates to review

 Sustaining the Big Picture, to network, and to review procedures and policies.

 Time and place TBD

**10:45 Program:** Organize, De-Clutter, De-Stress!

 **Presenters:** Tammy Schotzko, “We Love Messes?”

 **Introduced by:** *January Program Chair – Nancy Gallagher*

 **Dates to Remember**

 **March 20** Registration deadline for Tau State Conference - Mankato

 **April 9** Regular chapter meeting at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Bemidji

 **April 9** Silent Auction baskets/items/crafts due

 **April 9** Photo greeting cards due

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

 **May 10 (Tuesday)** Regular chapter meeting at the Lesnoe Ozero Russian Concordia Language Village in Bemidji

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

 **Early June** Program planning meeting – TBD

 **June 21-22** Tau State Summer Retreat – St. Benedict’s in St. Joseph, MN

 **July 5-9**  DKG Int’l Convention – Gaylord Hotel ~ Nashville, Tennessee

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Tami Wesely**

**Recording Secretary**