**Minutes**

**DKG Mu Chapter**

**May 16, 2017 - 5:30 pm**

**Skogfjorden Norwegian Language Village of the Concordia lange Villages, Turtle River, MN**

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

**5:30 Pledge**

President Kate Pearson welcomed all members and new initiates: 60 members in attendance

President Kate Pearson thanked the Hostess Committee, Diane Sizer – Chair, Lynn Baird, Joyce Holmstrom, Lois Falk, Karen Valentine, Pam Roiger ; the Program Committee, Diane Wahl – Chair, Jewell Mendenhall, Co-Chair, Judy Dvorak, Michelle Luby, Nancy Gallagher and also our special piano accompanist, Carol Johnson

**Inspiration** – was given by Julie Paulson on “Teacher Appreciation”

Jewell Mendenhall gifted each person in attendance with a handmade beautiful lady slipper necklace: she made each out of clay. They are beautiful! Thank you, Jewell!

**Bag of Fun** Theme: “Spring” – Diane Sizer and Diane Wahl: Angie Dahlberg was the lucky winner. The bag was filled with spring items: plant, candles, plates, placemats. The Bag of Fun donations are split between Myrtie Hunt fund and Brune Parker fund

**Mixer**: provided by Julie Paulson with a theme of “Who inspired you to become a teacher?”

**6:00 Dinner** – provided by Skogfjorden Norwegian Language Village

**6:30 Business Meeting**

**Secretary’s Report** from the April 2017 meeting was given by Recording Secretary Kathy Van Wert: there were two corrections: 1) Minutes need to be the heading at the top of the filed minutes and 2) International does not allow us to print the default password to International website on any document that will be posted online. Please delete the password that was included in the April 2017 emailed minutes. Minutes were then submitted, approved and filed.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Deb Rossman – Meeting’s collection:Village of Hope at $87.75 and Schools for Africa at $73.75, Bag of Fun: $112.00, General Checking: $7398.03, Myrtie Hunt : $650.72, Brune Parker: $331.34, President’s Recruitment Grant: $1563.23 (and just gave a $500 scholarship), Memorial Grant in Aid: $962.96,

**Corresponding Secretary Report** – Linda Frost – a thank you from Michelle Dahlby

**Joys and Concerns**: Pam Roiger – 2 deaths in her family and 1 new grandson: Duncan Mather, Lynn Baird: William Kirkland family donated books to be distributed to DKG members, he is a local author and wrote on his life, Pam Murray: retiring after 35 years of teaching, she is a 3rd time grandma, Michelle Dahlby: a colleague’s son has a genetic cancer gene, family is searching for help so she can return to work in the fall, Diane Sizer: Merilee Burmeister’s husband recently had surgery, any words of encouragement will be appreciated and finally; three DKG Mu Chapter members are retiring at the end of the 16-17 school year: Pam, Murray, Chris Yingling and Deb Rossman

**President’s Report: Kate Pearson**

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

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

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

2017 Tau State Convention news – Attendance 98 (8 spouses)

Convention special Projects fundraisers:

Silent Auction Baskets: $1170 Boutique: $332

Youthlink: 41 giftcards + cash $450 Checks made out to LEAF: $470

**Votes Passed**

1. Amendments to Tau State’s By laws and Standing rules:
2. Rename State: MN Tau State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society Int’l
3. Allow for stipends of $500 per person for up to 3 members to attend the Legislative National Seminar in Washington DC held every two years. Funds shall be given only to those who have not received this award in the past
4. Newly Elected MN Tau State Officers for the 2017 – 2019 Biennium

\*President - Ann Vanvick

\*1st Vice President – Michelle Dahlby

\*2nd Vice President – Julie Stauber

\*Recording Secretary – Myra Madsen

\*Nominations Chair – Kathy Van Wert

1. Future of Conferences and Conventions

Discontinue conferences in even numbered years and continue holding conventions in odd numbered years \*\* possibly regional conventions

**MN Tau State Retreat** – June 20-21 at St. Ben’s in St. Joseph, Mn

Theme: Women Moving Forward: Learning and Laughing

Registration information was emailed to all and is available on the state website

See Kate for First Timer’s Coupons - $30 registration fee

Coupon expires Thursday, June 1

**2019 Convention**

Hosted by sigma, Iota and Alpha Omega

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

Recipient of the President’s Recruitment Grant for a $500 scholarship is Jessica Harmon. Miriam White shared that Jessica is from Hibbing, Mn, will be student teaching in the fall and is pursuing a K-6 elementary education license

**Election of Nominations Committee Member**

Janine Wahl’s vacancy will be filled by Miriam White

**Dues Forms Now Available in Hardcopy and Online**

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 Sept. 9: categories of membership: active, reserve and honorary

**Spring Surveys Due Now**

Mail your completed survey to Kate Pearson at 419 Kay Ave. SE, Bemidji, Mn 56601, be sure to respond to the “yes” or “no” question right under your name.( This is to give permission to use your picture in publications)\*\* Your input is vitally important as we plan for next year’s programming this summer.

**Summer Fundraising Opportunity**: presented by Linda Frost, Julie Paulson and Marie Gary. A flea market at Linda Frost’s store: Treasures on the Mississippi: Bring items on Firday, June 17, the flea market will be held on Saturday, June 18 from 8am – 4pm. Workers will be needed. Donate: household items, antiques, gardening items; you may price your own or Linda Frost can assist as well. Linda states she receives 100-200 visitors at her flea markets. All proceeds will go to DKG.

**Next Chapter Meeting** : Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 at Fireside Grill and Patio in Bagley, Presenter: Barb Whiting

**Dates to Remember**

June 1 Deadline to submit article for North Star News

Early June Program Planning Meeting

June 21-22 MN Tau State Summer Retreat – St. Ben’s

June 28-July 1 Regional Conference – Spearfish, SD

Summer Meeting Executive Board, Finance Committee, Booklet Committee,

Summer Fun Event

By August 1 Auditing Committee meeting

**Meeting Adjourned**

**7:00 Program**

Birthday and Founders Celebration: MuChapter is 65 years old and MN Tau is 81 years old, DKG is 88 years old

Musical Celebration: “Celebrating the Past and Embracing the Future” – lead by Jewell Mendenhall and Diane Wahl; the Happy Warblers sang “It’s a Wonderful World”

Display of Founds set up by Joyce Siegert and developed by Teresa Galloway

Kate read a passage from “The Power of Attitude” by Glenn Cunningham; focus on perserverance

**7:55 Adjourn**