**Minutes**

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

**October 14, 2017 – Salem Lutheran Church ~ Turtle River, Mn**

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

9:30 Members helped themselves to a Grab n Go Continental breakfast

9:52 Kate welcomed members and the pledge was recited

 **Kate thanked the Hostess Committee**: Marie Chandler-chair, Chari Buhman, Robyn Edwards, Susan Eichstadt, Darlene Schultz, Carol Sorenson

 **Kate thanked the Program Committee**: Delphine Jacobson-chair, Julia Simons, Sue Feeney, Lori Hildenbrand, Sharon Hoverson, Carol Ann Russell

 **Inspiration** – by Julie Paulson – humorus teacher poems

 **Red Bag of Fun** – Marie Chandler – filled with numerous autumn items. Kate Pearson won

 **Mixer** – Lindsi Shanahan – a dice game to promote communication. It was fun and a good networking game.

10:05 (approximately) Kate called the business meeting to order

 **Secretary’s Repor**t from September 9, 2017 was given by Kathy Van Wert: a few additions from Kate Pearson were sent to recording secretary prior to meeting, no additional corrections were provided at meeting

 **Treasurer’s Report** was given by Deb Rossman: meeting collection: Blackduck Public Library $69.20 and Schools for Africa $74.00

 **Corresponding Secretary** – Linda Frost – Jackie Olson’s daughter is asking for visitors for her mom who is living at Assisted Living in Blackduck

 **Joys and Concerns**

 Marie Kistler has a new grandson, Bea Knodel shared Ruth Howe is at Havenwood, Carol Steighauf shared information about Judy Comstock, Carol Close fell and broke her neck and is wheelchair bound, Kim Kusler shared Eileen Nistler has broken her hip and Kathleen Sloan was at the meeting and expressed her gratitude for the well wishes while she was healing. She shared how important cards and emails were to her well being. The Power of a Card! Two members have recently experienced loss of parents; Libby Underhill lost her mother and Lynn Baird lost both parents.

 **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

**Mu Tau State News**

 \*Kate Pearson and Michelle Dahlby attended the Mn Tau State Fall meeting October 7 held at the Great River Public Library in St. Cloud. Newly elected President Ann Vanvick led the meeting.

 \*MN Tau State Chair positions still open: Legislation and Scholarship – contact Kate if you are interested or call Ann Vanvick

 \*The State Membership Committee’s theme is “Bridging”. They will focus on Expansion and Revitalization.

 \*Deadline to submit photos and articles for the North Start News, Oct. 15 ( see Libby Underhill)

 \*Summer Retreat – June 2018 – Tau is considering revamping the format to include officers’ training and a Society Representative to be a guest speaker

 \*3 members will be attending the National Legislative Seminar in Washington D.C. this March

 \*Delta Chapter in Hibbing dissolved, Alpha Iota has dissolved. Members may join the online chapter, Alpha Meta

 **Mu Chapter News**

 **Committee Reports**

 **Scholarship**s – Lois Falk – Mim White and Lois Falk attended the Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast to award recipient Marie Brezinski the DKG Int’l Hazel Shimmin Scholarship of $400/year

 **Others** – Kathleen Conger – DKG membership – need to update by email

 Italian Christmas Tea

 Saturday, Dec. 2 at Beltrami Electric

 Italian arias and opera by Felice Dickey and Dr. Cory Renbarger

 String ensemble to be arranged by Nancy Gallagher

 Program by Deb and Megan Rossman – “3cities, 3 weeks, 3 credits: Studying History and Community Health in Italy”

 This is our recruitment effort, so invite a potential new member. Invitations will go out in mid to late October, RSVP’s are due November 19. Seating is limited.

 Social Event: Cheese and wine event is being planned

 Membership – Delphine Jacobson – look for colleagues, for new members. January 15 applications are due; may get applications online, Kate Pearson will email. Look for new members to keep DKG vibrant!

 Hurricane victim/members – brochure available for funds; contact Kate Pearson

 Special Project Funds – Educational Foundation and Educational Excellance

 Activity – New Teacher Supply Bags – filled 70+ bags with school supplies to give to new female teachers. Thank you to Miriam White for securing a $250 Thrivent Grant for this project and for getting donations of school supplies from various sources. Thank you to Julie Paulson and the Networking Committee for organizing and setting up the materials.

 11:00 Program: Social Media and Internet Safety – NetSmartz

 Presenter: Kathleen Hotakainen, FBI Community Outreach

 Introduced by: September Program Chair – Delphine Jacobson

 11:55 Adjourned

 Dates to Remember:

 Available Now Memorial Grant in Aid applications. Grants will be awarded at our January mtg

 Due Nov. 1

 Nov. 19 RSVP due for Italian Christmas Tea

 Availble Now Women of Achievement and Outstanding Service Award nomination forms (see Joyce

 Due Dec. 1

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 December 2 Italian Christmas Tea

 Available Now Presidents’ Recruitment Grant application (see Miriam White)

 Due after Jan. 1

 Available Now New Member nomination forms (see Delphine Jacobson)

 Due Jan. 15

 Available Jan. 1 Brune- Parker Legacy Scholarship for Special Projects ( see Lois Falk)

 Due Sept. 1, 2018

 January 20 Regular Chapter Meeting: First Lutheran Church in Bemidji

 Program change: “File of Life” – Beltrami County Sheriff’s Departm**ent**