



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Psi State, Alpha Delta Chapter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello DKG Sisters!

I hope this message finds you in great health and enjoying this cooler weather! Fall is finally here! If you missed our September meeting, you missed a great time! Even though we had to reschedule due to Hurricane Irma, we had a great turnout at Hand-in-Hand Primary School. Thanks so much HnH teachers for hosting us! You can check out the attached minutes for specific details, but we had a great attendance, a great program, and a great response to our new fund raiser – Belk Charity Sale tickets. Our members purchased \$325 worth of tickets to sell or give away to friends and family. That's \$325 profit for us! We will be able to increase the amount of our scholarships for next May, which is our major way of supporting early career educators. We will also be able to fund other projects to support local educators. Thanks Alpha Delta sisters who stepped up and participated in this fund raiser!

I was unable to attend the Executive Board meeting in Macon due to a death in my family. I am including the minutes to that meeting for those of you who are interested. Notice the dates for upcoming state events. Delta Hostel will be held in March, 2018, in Jonesboro with a "Gone With the Wind" theme. Sounds fun, doesn't it? Put it on your calendar and let's plan to take a group. More details will be released by Psi State in the coming weeks. Spring Leadership Training will be held April 20-21, 2018, in Warner Robins. This event will have lots of professional and personal development opportunities, so make plans to attend!

I am excited about our program for our November 14 meeting to be held in Cairo at Washington Middle School Media Center. A representative from the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) agency will present the program. This is a very worthwhile agency that is always in need of dedicated volunteers. I hope you are planning to be at this meeting and hear all about this agency.

We will also initiate our remaining new members who weren't able to attend the September meeting. Please be there to support these new sisters. It is also time to turn in names of prospects to be considered for membership in Alpha Delta. If you have someone in mind, go ahead and share with them what we are all about and fill out a Prospect Card. If you need one of those, let me know, or you can fill it out at the meeting. You can even invite them to attend our November meeting so they can get to know us!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting,

Lisa Gilligan

Alpha Delta President

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES - ALPHA DELTA

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Monday, September 18, 2017 at Hand In Hand Primary School, Thomasville, Georgia. President, Lisa Gilligan, opened our meeting and welcomed everyone.

Reports:The minutes were presented and accepted. Deborah Fiveash gave the treasurer's report. The balance in our chapter account is \$1,063.42 as of July 1, 2017. A printed copy of the treasurer's report was distributed at the meeting. It is also time to pay dues for 2017-2018. Dues are \$71 and may be mailed to Deborah Fiveash at 618 Crabapple Dr., Thomasville, GA 31757 or email her at dffiveash@gmail.com to make arrangements to pay your dues.

Membership/Attendance:Twenty five members, one prospective member, and one guest were in attendance. We collected twelve children's books to be donated to the Thomas County Food Bank for distribution.

Program:We had a great program presented by Ashley Finch, one of our members. Ashley is the coordinator for Project Search in Thomas County, a program that works with developmentally disabled high school students and places them in internships around our community where they get hands-on training and job experience. One of her students, Brian Odom, was her guest. Many of these students end up with jobs at the places where they intern.

We initiated one new member, Kristen Langley, who is a sixth grade Language Arts teacher at Shiver Elementary in Grady County. President, Lisa Gilligan, also gave us a report of her trip to Southeast Regional Convention this past summer.

Upcoming Event:We kicked off our new fund raiser - Belk Charity Sale tickets. Many members who were present purchased 5 of the tickets for \$5.00 each to sell or give away to friends and family. This fund raiser gives us 100% profit and spreads the effort across our entire organization. If you were not present at the meeting and would be willing to help us out with this fund raiser, please let me know and Lisa will get the tickets to you. You may pay the \$25 up front or you can turn in the money after you sell the tickets. With the profits, we plan to increase our scholarships for early career educators and also provide support for all new teachers in our area. Please help us out with this! The sale is Saturday, Nov. 4, so you still have plenty of time to sell your tickets!

Next Meeting:Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at the Cairo High School Media Center. We will begin by having our refreshments/social time from 4:30-5:00, with our meeting being from 5:00-6:00.

It is also time to begin thinking of key women educators to invite into our chapter. We will collect prospect cards at our November. Lisa will send out an email with the prospect card that members can print. Our chapter also has brochures introducing DKG to prospects. If you would like one of those, let Lisa know and she will get them to you.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after singing our Delta Kappa Gamma song.



Georgia State Organization Executive Board and Members Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2017

Call to Order

Virginia McChesney (Iota), Georgia State Organization President, welcomed all to the Georgia State Organization (Psi State) Executive Board Meeting as she called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM.

Inspiration

Betty Richardson (Beta Kappa) gave an inspirational message written by Alpha Kappa member Patty Ireland.

Pledge of Allegiance

Gail Springstead (Delta) led the members in the pledge to the flag.

Rules of Order

Parliamentarian Dr. Patti Newman (Beta Theta) provided the rules of the day.

Registration/Credentials Report

Helen Kress (Epsilon) reported that 124 members were registered and 118 members present. Newman shared that 46 of 58 voting members are present, making a quorum.

Officer Reports

Treasurer

Dr. Lynn Skinner (Mu) reviewed the source of funds and reported that the books had been reviewed and approved. Available fund total balance and receipts are \$ 28,288.14 with a cash balance on \$36,066.14 of March 15, 2017. Dues, fees, and contributions of \$104,454.60 were collected and sent to International. As of September 16, 2017, assets include cash, savings, and CDs totaling \$572,130.97. Form 990 was filed with the IRS.

Corresponding Secretary

Missy Collins (Alpha Omega) shared that notecards were being passed around during the meeting for signatures. She read a thank-you note from Denise Klesick (Alpha Tau).



Committee Reports

Communications Compliance

Missy Collins (Alpha Omega) listed members of the newly-formed committee and explained the reason for its creation as well as its purposes, which include assisting with chapter compliance and planning to create gallery of pictures for use by members to avoid copyright problems.. A handout was distributed for use by all, particularly presidents in their respective chapters.

Strategic Plan

Dr. Debbie Ball (Epsilon) reviewed the strategic action plan which articulates society's vision for the future. She shared the completed actions of the previous biennium and the newly-created objectives, and she stated that action steps will be created and progress will be routinely monitored. Virginia McChesney (Iota) and Gail Springstead (Delta) reminded attendees that a chapter's plan will not exactly replicate the state's plan.

New Business

Upholstery Proposal

Dr. Kathy Brown (Mu) recommended that the sofa donated by Betty Matthews (Lambda) and housed at International Headquarters be recovered in consideration of the upcoming International Convention in Austin.

Motion 1: Dr. Kathy Brown (Mu) moved that the Georgia sofa located at International Headquarters in Austin be recovered, the budget not to exceed \$2,500.

Voice vote--carried.

Motion 2: Anne Banaszak (Epsilon) proposed an amendment to the motion so that the plaque placed above the sofa be updated to include the name of Dr. Hanna Fowler for her various services to the Society. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Lunch and Networking

Virginia McChesney directed all to lunch and networking time after a blessing.

Invitations

Spring Leadership Training

Dr. Kathy Brown (Mu) invited members to Warner Robins Middle School on April 20-21, 2018, particularly incoming officers and chairs. A registration link will be forthcoming shortly.

Leadership Development Opportunities

Dr. Patia Rountree (Eta) shared that on a Saturday in February a speaker from International would be coming (with date and name soon to be announced). In addition, applications for the June 1-3 Leadership Seminar would be available soon. The committee was holding a raffle drawing during the meeting.

Standing Committee/Officer Reports

Membership

Alice Bass (Mu) introduced committee members and shared the use of 3-R member recruitment plan, the remembrance ceremony at state convention, the Order of Rose for increased membership, and the work with other standing committees.

Professional Development Committee

Lola Bell (Alpha Theta) asked members to complete and submit the distributed survey.

Achievement Awards

Jane Holmes (Beta Delta) reminded that forms can be filled out online from October 31 to January 31, 2018 for the Achievement, Legacy, and Rosebud Awards.

Boylston Foundation

Gail Ford (Alpha Omega) recognized committee members, explained the purpose of the grants, and directed members to the online application and available brochures for dissemination of information.

Webpage

Sandra Yerby(Xi) requested that members avoid embedding to-be-posted information in emails and that appropriate file titles be created. Yerby demonstrated navigation of the website, including an "immediate" button for important items and shared that she is available to help with chapter websites. Copyright awareness was stressed as was the need to update prior-posted items on chapter websites.

First Vice-President

Dr. Kathy Brown (Mu) demonstrated how to update one's DKG profile online.

Second Vice-President

Tina Marsh (Mu) shared that the Delta Hostel would be held on March 16 - 18 in Jonesboro with "Gone With the Wind Experience" theme.

President

Virginia McChesney (Iota) reminded that the Emergency Fund Form was available on the International website for natural disaster.

Recording Secretary

Leslie Giraldo (Tau) gave the Attendance Awards by district: 1, Iota; 2, Gamma Epsilon; 3, Alpha Iota; 4, Delta; 5, Xi; 6, Alpha Omega.

Drawings/Song

Dr. Patia Rountree conducted a raffle drawing, and Linda Woodall (???)

Adjournment

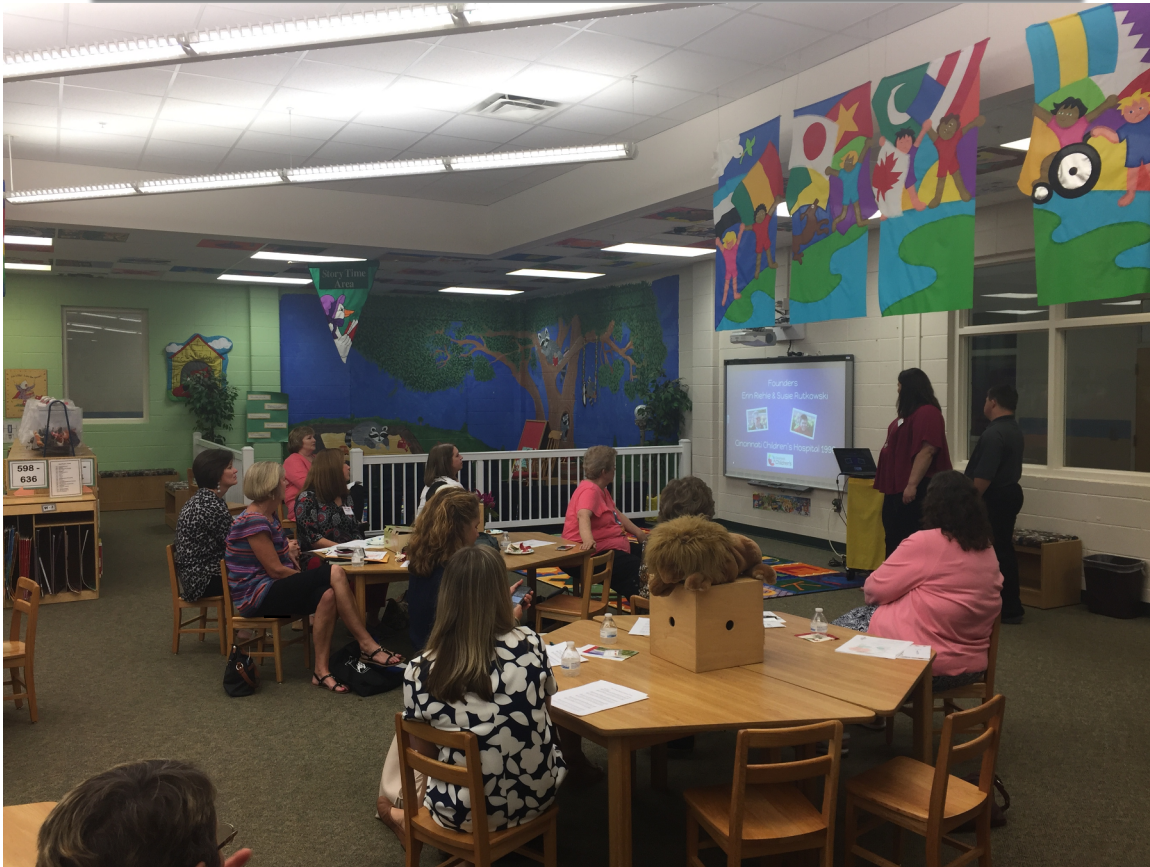
Hall adjourned at 2:00 PM.

UPCOMING DATES

Alpha Delta Meeting -February 6, 2018

Delta Hostel -March 16-18, 2018- Jonesboro

Spring Leadership Training -April 20-21- Warner Robins



Don't forget to bring children's books to donate at our next meeting!