

Minutes

Kappa Chapter October 13, 2015

Eighteen members of Kappa Chapter and one guest (Tamera Talley-Campbell) met Tuesday evening, October 13, 2015 at Wilson Middle School for a business meeting and program.

President Anne Perdue called the meeting to order and turned it over to Susan Doughty to introduce the program. Tamera Talley-Campbell, a former Kindergarten teacher, is speaking to us about the MaDee Project.

Program -

Talley-Campbell's daughter, MaDee Boxler, a graduate of Fort Defiance High School and Roanoke College, was diagnosed with cancer her sophomore year of college and would lose her battle by age 22.

The MaDee Project is a non profit foundation, providing support to pediatric cancer patients (up through 22 years of age) and their families in the Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County areas. Families receive \$250.00 each month to help offset the costs of food, lodging and gas until which time the patient goes into remission. A total of forty local families have been helped in the short time this foundation has been in existence. Talley-Campbell explained that families are identified mainly through word of mouth but that brochures have been distributed to local guidance councilors so they can inform families of this assistance.

One hundred percent of the money raised stays in Augusta County. Five fundraisers are held each year including a golf tournament, "Music for MaDee," a food truck battle, 5K run and breakfast with Santa. Furthermore, Kroger cards can be linked to the MaDee Project and a percentage of purchases on Smile Amazon goes to this charity.

Originally founded by Lynne and Dwayne Breeden, Boxler's former employers, in October of 2010, today the board of directors is composed entirely of family members. Boxler's determination, love for her family and friends, as well as her strong spirit while battling this disease, became the inspiration of this project. "This project is our way of showing the community that MaDee's legacy continues," said Talley-Campbell. Boxler started writing her story which was then finished by author Kimberly Fowler in the book *Dancing in the Rain*. This book has been donated to various local school libraries.

The project also makes an annual donation to Cure Search in Charlottesville, funding research in hopes of finding the cause and help to prevent pediatric cancers from reaching any other children.

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Minutes: The minutes for the September meeting had been sent electronically. The minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer Report: Sandy Proctor distributed the October Treasurer's report. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Unfinished Business: Susan Doughty announced that we made \$140 from selling our pins at Fall Board. They continue to be available for purchase for \$5.

New Business: Lynne Carson announced a Coordinating Council meeting Thursday, October 29, at Blue Mountain Brewery (9519 Critzer Shop Rd, Afton) at 5:30 PM. Anne Perdue announced that Kappa members can help with the MaDee Project by volunteering to help with crafts at the Breakfast with Santa event at Stonewall Jackson Hotel Saturday, December 12 (8-11 AM). Susan Doughty shared that she is recruiting members to go caroling later the same day at 1:30 at Baldwin Park where Jean Smith resides. Bea Morris encouraged members to participate in Lobby Day February 3, 2016 (registration form available at iota-state.org) and had a handout available of defeated 2015 legislation likely to be resubmitted in 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting, school supply bags were assembled and will be distributed by members at the beginning of second semester to local first year teachers.

Respectfully submitted,
Scarlett Kiser, Acting Recording Secretary