

Minutes

Kappa Chapter September 15, 2015

Twenty-one members of Kappa Chapter met Tuesday evening, Sept. 15, 2015 at Wilson Middle School for a social time and business meeting.

President Anne Perdue called the meeting to order with the announcement of the birth of Kristin Quinn's baby girl, Cora. Anne went on to tell the funny story of how she visited her in the hospital because Kristin was very concerned about getting her assigned school supplies to the meeting. On behalf of Kappa Chapter Anne presented Kristin and her husband with some children's books. As a chapter we would like to shower her with cards. Her address is 1313 Blandford St., Staunton, VA 24401.

Anne shared two thank you notes received over the summer. First, the teachers at VSDB made and signed a card thanking members for providing them with goodies during Teacher Appreciation Week last May. Secondly, Susan Doughty thanked the chapter for its contribution to Iota State Headquarters fund in her name in honor of her biennium as IOTA State President 2013-15.

Memorial - LuDean Withers passed away June 17. Susan Doughty represented the chapter by attending the funeral and taking the rose to the cemetery and giving it to her daughter, Dell Taylor, who at one time had been a member of DKG herself. Susan quoted the minister who summarized LuDean as quirky, blunt and direct. She had come to the Valley 60 years ago bringing her pedigree, talent and passion. She met her husband here and would go on to raise three children in addition to being an Art teacher. She was a member of Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church, DAR and DKG. Her grandchildren remember having weird things to eat at grandma's house but where else could you go out in the back yard and have art camp and learn about Monet. She saw the world through an artist's eyes.

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

Treasurer Report: Sandy Proctor passed out a proposed budget for 2015-16 and it was voted on and accepted.

15 minute committee meetings and then the following reports were given:

Program - Shelly Moore thanked the hostess committee (Lynne Carson, Marcia Elliott, Margaret Shifflett and Shelly Moore) and distributed the proposed meeting information. Bea Morris moved to accept the programs and members voted to accept the 2015-16 proposed programs. Additionally, chapter members will be helping with Breakfast with Santa Dec. 12 at The Stonewall Jackson Hotel in conjunction with the MaDee Project.

Membership: Christi Almarode shared a new idea from International with respect to using "prospect cards" which would be filled out by members, a vote taken and the chapter would then mail an enthusiastic letter inviting then prospective members to an orientation meeting. Discussion ensued as to how this was actually different from our current process. Our timeframe for new member orientation will still need to be decided upon. Anne announced that the 2014-15 first year teachers would be invited to our November meeting. Furthermore, the Membership and Initiation committees put together envelopes with information about DKG. The intent is for each one of us to take at least two and give them to perspective members.

Publicity: Scarlett Kiser announced the deadline for the October newsletter is Sept 25th.

Legislation: Bea Morris reminded members of the election Nov 3rd and to be sure voter registration is accurate. 140 General Assembly members, School Board and Board of Supervisors are among the many positions elected this year. Wednesday, Feb 3, 2016 is Lobby Day. Bea will be sending out information for the Holiday Inn on Carey Street for the night of Feb. 2nd. Parking is free and there is a bus to the Capitol that you can ride. Bea also encouraged us to read her email of the analysis that Rob Jones did on Standards of Quality and funding for public schools. Bea announced that the VEA pre-legislative workshop on Oct 28 is \$15 if not a VEA member and free if you are a member. Lastly, Bea informed us that VRS has a special power of attorney if needed and can be downloaded from its website that can be fill out but you have to get it notarized.

Nominations: Lynne Carson has some ideas and will be making calls but if you have an interest in serving as an officer feel free to contact her as well.

Coordinating Council - Lynne Carson shared that she has not gotten any response from Rho Chapter regarding a possible meeting at Blue Mountain Brewery which would be centrally located between Augusta County and Charlottesville.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Doughty facilitated a craft project to be used as a fundraiser at Fall Board. Proceeds will go to the Grant-in-Aid.

Respectfully submitted,
Scarlett Kiser, Acting Recording Secretary