

Kappa Chapter

September 12, 2017

Fourteen members of the Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Wilson Middle School Media Center for a business meeting. Second Vice-President Shelly Moore called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. as President Lynne Carson was vacationing in Australia.

Shelly Moore welcomed all members and thanked them for coming.

Shelly reported on the following:

Members were asked to consider opting out of receiving a hard copy of The Bridge. A form was circulated to indicate willingness to receive newsletter via email. It will save the state a substantial amount of money if members received by e-mail.

If you would like to order a DKG IOTA State t-shirt, please sign-up on the t-shirt form that was passed around. Cost of the t-shirts are on the handout.

Kappa Directory Update: Anne Perdue asked to make any changes in the directory in red ink, which was circulated. The directory will be available at the November 2017 meeting.

2017-2018 Programs: Susan Doughty reported on the handout of programs for the 2017-2018 year. Susan did note to please wear yoga, comfortable clothing and bring a friend to the October meeting. This meeting will also be a Blue Ridge Coordinating Council meeting per Anne Perdue. Note the March 20, 2018 meeting will be at Stewart Middle School in the media center.

Officer Reports

Minutes: The May minutes were approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Scarlett Kiser asked for any member who has traveled this summer to give her an article for the newsletter. Scarlett also asked if you have not signed a media release, to please do so. This lets the newsletter and the websites print your picture.

2017 Budget: Sandy Proctor presented the proposed budget. She noted under Expenses, the Special Projects line went from \$200 to \$100. Pens for first year teacher did not need to be purchased this year. All other expenses stayed the same. Sandy noted the budget is based on 31 paid active members and 4 reserve members. The budget was passed after a motion and second was made.

Projects & Fundraisers

Journey Bags: Anne Perdue discussed the success of the journey bags the organization donated to social services last year. Anne has assigned committees to choose the age of child, gender and fill the journey bag with the handout of what is needed in each bag. They are due at the November 28, 2017 meeting. Also, Margaret Shifflett will be sharing directions on how to make a pillowcase for the bag.

Kappa Muffins for Fall Executive Board: Susan Doughty handed out recipes for muffins and chex mix for members to make for Fall Board. This will be a fundraiser for the chapter as the hotel does not have a large restaurant for breakfast. The items will be for sale to the DKG

members Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. See Susan if you have any questions or need further information.

Belk Charity Day: Anne Perdue reported she will be attending a training on September 30, 2017 so Kappa can participate in the Belk Charity Day. Coupons will be sold for \$5.00 prior to Saturday, November 4, 2017. None of the \$5.00 goes to Belk. All proceeds will be kept by the chapter. Anne will also assist with a table of other charities from 6 am to 12 noon on November 4th to sell the coupons. These proceeds will be divided among the charities that assist.

Membership: Shelly Moore reported Kappa Chapter is pushing membership for the 2017-2018 year. She plans to send out information to the Teachers of the Year for Harrisonburg City, Rockingham County, Staunton City, Augusta County and Waynesboro City. She passed out prospect information forms for any member to refer a prospective member.

Legislation: Bea Morris reported she did a Public Service Announcement on WSVB. This will air on the radio and the other radio stations that are owned by WSVB. She will be asking members to participate in other PSA announcements.

Bea is taking reservations for the October 25, 2017 Virginia Education Association Pre-Legislative Workshop to be held at the Verona Community Center from 5 pm to 7 pm. If you are interested, please make your reservations with Bea.

Bea also encouraged for any members to participate in candidate forums. Please go and hear the candidates that are running for elected office. Also, please vote in the election in November.

Bea reported Legislative Day will be January 23, 2018 in Richmond, VA. This day has been changed from Lobby Day. It will be an opportunity as time has been increased to have speakers, workshops, etc.

Other Business:

Blue Ridge Coordinating Council: Anne Perdue reported that a gift card was donated to DKG IOTA State to be raffled off on Friday evening at the state executive meeting in September.

Anne reported on the status of Rho chapter in Charlottesville. She and State President Vicki Newburn met with the Rho chapter members and a picnic will be held on September 26, 2017 to see if the chapter can be revitalized.

Anne reported there had been discussion of Kappa joining another coordinating council and dissolving Blue Ridge Coordinating Council. After some discussion with state officers, Blue Ridge Coordinating Council will continue with Kappa and Rho as the chapters represented.

Leadership Academy: Anne Perdue and Susan Schuckman reported they had participated in the weekend Leadership Academy at Randolph-Macon College. Both reported they had learned a lot and it was well worthwhile to attend. It will not be held again until the summer of 2019.

Myrtle Beach Southeast Regional Conference: Anne Perdue, Julia Van de Water, Susan Doughty and Marcia Elliott attended. The conference had excellent speakers. Susan Doughty reported on the speaker Elizabeth Huntley and how teachers were her salvation. Also, Anne Perdue and Susan Doughty presented a workshop.

Julia Van De Water reported on her experiences of training DKG presidents and members at the meeting in Hawaii. It was a very rewarding experience.

Tallinn, Estonia Regional Conference: Marcia Elliott reported on her travels to the Europe meeting of DKG. She reported the meeting was about supported learning environment with emphasis on technology and music. Marcia reported she had a wonderful experience.

Committee Meetings

Committee Comment Sheet: Shelly asked each committee to fill out the comment sheet she passed out and return to her. This was time for committees to meet and plan for the year.

Planning for Journey Bags: Committees met and worked on planning for the items for the journey bags.

Announcements: None

Dates to Remember:

Fall Executive Board: September 22 & 23 - Roanoke

October 15 - Dues deadline

January 20 - Scholarship and Stipend Applications Due

January 23 - Legislative Day, Richmond (Note: Renamed from Lobby Day)

With no other business, Shelly adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Schuckman,
Recording Secretary