

Kappa Chapter
March 5, 2019

Fourteen members and two guests were in attendance at this meeting held at Stewart Middle School. Linda Petzke and Emily Kilgore, both affiliated with the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, were welcomed by President Susan Schuckman after she called the meeting to order.

Program: Margaret Shifflett, Program Chair, introduced Emily Kilgore as the Director of Educational Engagement at the WWPL. She has been in this position for the last seven months. Emily's presentation focused on Women's Role in the Great War, very timely as March is women's history month. Wilson had many strong women in his life which impacted his beliefs and actions. Women played an important role in propaganda themes, coordinating activities on the home front and to a limited degree overseas during WWI. Emily explained that most of the pictures she was using in her PowerPoint are available to the public on the WWPL website. At the end of a very educational talk, Emily announced there would be a teacher workshop this Saturday at the WWPL from 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Braggin' Time: Susan Schuckman recognized hostesses for this evening's meeting and March/April birthdays.

Care and Concern: Cards for Sandy Proctor, who is recovering from knee surgery, and Shelly Moore, suffering a pinched nerve in her neck, were signed by members. Bea Morris announced that Sylvia Moore is in RMH.

Minutes: Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Newsletter: Scarlett Kiser reminded members that the May newsletter will come out two weeks prior to the May 7 meeting and that there will be an email reminder about the deadline to submit information.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Perdue shared this report on behalf of Sandy Proctor. Anne highlighted the following information and then said she would email the budget document to members in the next few days.

There is a line item in the budget for conference expenses, so anyone who plans to attend the state convention in April can fill out a voucher to be reimbursed for the registration fee of \$35.00

The chapter has a \$6,000 CD that on March 21st will automatically renew for two years unless we take action. Margaret Shifflett moved to renew and Julia Van de Water seconded. The motion passed.

There has been a change in the membership year (now July 1 – June 30) and now dues are due by June 30th for 2019-20. Members are welcome to pay at the May meeting or mail Sandy Proctor a check by June 30th. Members can also pay in two installments if it is worked out with Sandy. New members, those joining between July 1 and December 31, would pay the induction fee, dues, and scholarship fee for the current year. Those

joining from January 1 to May 31 would pay one-half the international membership dues, \$41.50. This year Kappa will induct in May as scheduled and turn in names in July so they won't have to pay half a year's dues.

Membership: Heather Cooper and Amy Cerminara will join Kappa. Kim Collett must confirm her intention to join. Janice Converse has not replied. Susan Doughty moved to accept these four candidates as members, and Julia Van de Water seconded. The motion passed. The Membership Committee will send a formal letter to these ladies including date of induction and dues.

Legislation: Bea Morris reported that 23 registered for Lobby Day but two could not attend. There were a few glitches but overall the day went well. Her legislative update included the following: gerrymandering is prohibited and electoral boundary lines will be drawn by a committee, not the legislature; the vote by the legislature will be up or down and can't be amended on the floor of the House or Senate; education is getting more funding and will include grant money for safety upgrades and school counselors; counselors will spend 80% of their time counseling students; a school calendar bill passed allowing schools to start before Labor Day with two days off during the holiday weekend; the age cap was removed for insurance coverage of children with autism; funding is included in the budget for teacher salary increase; the primary election date will be changed to when school is not in session, the health insurance credit for all retired school employees was defeated as was holding a cell phone while driving; no legislation was submitted this year to allow home schooled students to participate in sports. Bea also alerted members that Delegates Bell and Landes are retiring and that Senator Hanger will have a challenger in the next election. Bea did a PSA on WSVA in January and will do several more throughout the rest of the year.

Projects and Fundraisers: Anne Perdue has not received information about Belk charity days for the spring but will let us know what she needs.

Convention silent auction gift – Susan Doughty will be responsible for this project but needs ideas. Lottery tickets in a frame was suggested since that had been successful in a previous year. Anne will get tickets and coordinate with Susan Doughty about getting the frame. BBCC funds will be used for these purchases. Headquarters will still have expenses for some time even if selling it is approved at the state convention. All members attending the convention will vote on this issue and on 2019 proposed amendments to the Bylaws.

Name change – IOTA will no longer be the state name. The accepted name will be Virginia State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International or DKG Virginia State Organization.

Conferences will no longer have a regional name. All conferences will be international conferences just held in different areas.

State Convention April 26-28: Anne Perdue is serving as convention chair and will announce later help that is needed. The theme of the convention is “The Circles of Excellence – Cheers to 90 Years.” Registration deadline is April 5. Registration and payment may be made online. Members may attend only selected events but the registration fee must be paid when attending any event.

Blue Ridge Coordinating Council: Anne Perdue reminded the group of Rho Chapter’s dissolution which was voted on by the state leadership team and will be voted on at convention. There was discussion about Kappa’s willingness to be a one-chapter council. It was agreed to consult the new state membership chair about colonizing a new chapter in Rockingham Co., a fertile ground for new members, before Kappa makes a recommendation. Susan Schuckman will survey members in May about meeting in June to discuss reaching out to prospective members.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dates to Remember:

May 7 – dinner meeting at 6:00 – induction of new members and recognition of GIA recipient

June 21-23 – DKG Leadership Academy – Randolph-Macon College

June 27-29 – International Conference in Ashville, N.C. – Arts & Humanities

Respectfully Submitted,
Scarlett Kiser