Kappa Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting September 10, 2019 Beverley Manor Middle School

Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Beverley Manor Middle School. Chapter President Susan Schuckman called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Susan Schuckman welcomed everyone to the meeting which included 17 members and 2 visitors.

Guest Introductions:

Angela Wilson: Director of Teacher Education at Mary Baldwin University Kristin Quinn: Seeking reinstatement after taking time off to start a family

Announcements:

Cheryl Sams received a grant from Valley Alliance for Education for the purchase of tablets to aid in teaching coding to her students.

Scarlett Kiser gave instructions to help members set up or edit their international profiles.

It was announced that the 2020 scholarships can now be found online.

It was also announced that member Cheryl Perry is receiving treatment for breast cancer.

Kappa Directory Update: Current directory was passed around and necessary corrections made by members

Officer and Committee Reports:

<u>Margaret Shifflett</u> Programs for 2019-2020 were presented to members and passed as presented.

Cheryl Sams: Minutes from the May meeting were passed as printed.

Scarlett Kiser: Space will be reserved in the newsletter for those that attend the Fall Board.

The domain name has been changed on the chapter website to remove IOTA.

Scarlett would like to add care and concerns to the newsletter as well as any interesting activities members are doing within their classrooms.

Sandy Proctor: The budget for 2019-2020 was presented to the members. Currently the budget reflects 32 active members and 6 reserve members.

Shelly Moore: Membership is open and Shelly is once again sharing the spreadsheet for anyone that would like to add names of potential members.

Bea Morris: Bea emphasized the importance of voting in this election as all 140 members of the General Assembly are up for re-election. Bea also shared the good news that the VRA rate of return was 6.7% and the trust fund has the most money it has ever had.

Projects and Fundraisers:

Anne Perdue: Journey Bags: Kappa Chapter will once again be filling backpacks with essential items and donating them to Social Services. Anne will share an online sign-up sheet for those who would like to contribute items to the bags. Bookbags will also need to be purchased this year. All items should be brought to the October meeting.

Anne Perdue: Anne gave updates on three fundraising projects. All three of these projects contribute funds to the Downs-Ryerson Grant-In-Aid.

Kappa Cookies: Items are still needed for the Kappa Kookies sale to be held at the Fall Executive Board Meeting.

Bracelet Raffle: Anne presented the Alex and Ani Rose Bracelet that will be raffled at the Fall Executive Board Meeting. Tickets will be 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5.

Belk Charity Day: Sales at the August event totaled \$170. Anne has not yet received the total from working the tables at the event. The next Belk Charity Day event will be November 9. Anne reported she may have tickets at the October meeting.

<u>Susan Schuckman</u>: An attempt was made to welcome new teachers to the area schools with a letter and pen from Delta Kappa Gamma. However, Susan could not get a response from any of the superintendents or their secretaries when trying to set this up. She will attempt to contact the Chamber of Commerce as they recently had an **Education Appreciation Breakfast & Expo** and may be able to assist in our attempt to reach out to new teachers.

Other Business:

<u>Blue Ridge Coordinating Council</u>: We are the only chapter in the council. There are no plans in the immediate future to change this.

<u>Reflections</u> on the International Conference in Asheville NC: The conference was an Arts and Humanities conference and even though this was different, members reported having a great time.

Program:

Bingo

With no other business, Susan Schuckman adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Sams, Recording Secretary

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

MaDee Christmas Project - December 7, 2019 - Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Staunton, VA
Virginia State Scholarship/Stipends Due - January 20, 2020
Lobby Day - January 28, 2020 - Richmond, VA
DKG Scholarships Due - February 1, 2020