

**January Minutes**  
**Saturday, January 30, 2021**  
**10am**

**WELCOME:**

The Kappa brunch and birthday meeting was called to order by President of Kappa Chapter, Margaret Shifflett at 10am. Brunch and birthday meeting.

**PROGRAM:**

There was one welcomed guest present for the meeting: Dr. Mary Mehaffey, Virginia State Organization President who presented the program “Tail lights & Headlights”

She held time after her presentation for questions. Dr. Mehaffey discussed the convention moving to a virtual format on April 24<sup>th</sup> and reported that Gail Goolsby will be the keynote speaker for the convention.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

Marcia Elliott and Cassy Maxon Whittaker were welcomed. Marcia is a former Kappa member, and Cassy was included as a new Kappa member in May.

A motion to accept the meeting agenda was made, seconded, and adopted by the members in attendance. The November 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Margaret Shifflett shared that today is Kappa’s 74<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The following reports were presented during the meeting:

Sandy Proctor gave the treasurer’s report which included December and January.

Donations for grant in aid totaled \$197 from Belk sales and mask sales.

Margaret Shifflett asked if the money in the CD was for any specific purpose.

Sandra stated that it makes slightly more in interest than other account types.

Miscellaneous funds from the treasurer’s report come from the amount of interest earned from the CD account.

The Program Committee announced that the program for the March meeting will be a presenter from the Library of Virginia who will provide some information on the pandemic of 1918. Margaret Shifflett thanked the program committee for planning the virtual Christmas recipe exchange. Margaret Shifflett invited ideas and suggestions for events or professional development.

Cheryl Sams presented Membership and Induction updates. Members in attendance were asked to share names of prospective members by emailing Cheryl Sams (csamsmathlady@gmail.com).

The state legislative committee is planning virtual lobbying in the last week of January 2021. Bea Morris attached lobbying materials to the Thursday email and asks that Kappa members consider contacting their senators and delegates. The materials include information on school funding from The Commonwealth Institute and on VRS and retirement legislation. She encouraged members to share these documents with anyone who might benefit from them. February 13 is the estimated end date for the General Assembly session.

Susan Shuckman, Chair of the Excellence in Education Committee, reminded members who have "adopted" a classroom teacher that a good time to encourage them would be Valentine's Day.

In new business, Sandy Proctor moved to increase the grant-in-aid an additional \$1000 this year. Seconded by Anne Perdue, the motion passed with the understanding that the committee would have the discretion in allotting the money to more than one recipient. Julia C. Van de Water recommended that a second recipient receive the additional amount. Scarlet recommended that the reviewers have discretion on who receives the scholarship amount based on the number of applicants. Motion was moved by all members in attendance.

Anne reported that Belk Charity Days, a source of revenue for the grant-in-aid may be impacted by the recent news of Belk's filing for bankruptcy.

Ideas for fundraising for the grant -in-aid next year were considered, and members were encouraged to donate to this fund in lieu of selling items. The committee will develop plans for accepting donations in memory or in honor of someone.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

ISEF state deadline moved to February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Any members with information for the newsletter should submit it to Scarlett Kiser by February 26, 2021.

Emily Petkus and Martha Chew received the "Stepping Up" Award for braving the cold and dark to attend the October and November Zoom meetings.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Margaret Shifflett adjourned the meeting at 11:04am.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

January 31, Applications for 2021 Virtual Fine Arts Gallery

February 21, 4 pm Teachers as Readers--ZOOM

March 16, Meeting 7 pm—ZOOM Program by Library of Virginia  
The Pandemic of 1918

April 24, Virginia State Convention Virtual—ZOOM

May 4, Meeting TBD

June 30, 2021 Dues for upcoming year to be paid by this date

July 7-10 DKG International Conference, Portland, OR

July 21-24 DKG International Conference, San Antonio, TX

Secretary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Emily Petkus