

Virginia State Delta Kappa Gamma - Kappa Chapter
September 14, 2021 - Zoom Meeting

President Margaret Shifflett called the meeting to order at approximately 6 pm with 13 members present as well as one guest, Marcia Elliott. Margaret welcomed everyone to the meeting.

No formal program was presented this evening. Margaret went over the Purpose of Delta Kappa Gamma and Who we are and why we are an organization. She read over the purposes of DKG and reminded the members we need to do this so we can keep our focus on the organization.

Approval of minutes: Bea Morris has the following corrections and additions to the May 2021 minutes. The corrections are as follows: Both parties are choosing nominees for the offices of Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General. Republicans are using rank choice voting for their primary. Democrats are having an open election primary. The August checks will have a VRS 1.23% increase. The VRS trust fund now has over a billion dollars.

It was also noted that Margaret Shifflett and Susan Schuckman's names were spelled wrong in various places in the minutes.

Minutes were approved with corrections and additions.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy presented the proposed budget. She noted that three members dropped out of the organization for various reasons. That is why the dues line is less. She also noted the name of the Alliance in Education has been changed to Just Children-Fund Our Schools. There was discussion that \$225 was carried over for the grand in aid, \$25 donation in memory of Susan Schuckman's mother, Carolyne, \$25 donation in memory of Eloise Franzysen was passed away in February 2021. She was a long time Virginia State DKG member, donation of \$145 for journey bags and \$100 donation for the speaker in November. A motion was made and seconded that the proposed budget for 2021-2022 be adopted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Program Committee:

- **October 12, 2021** Program & Business Meeting at 6 pm - Dinner at 5:30 pm
Panera Bread in Waynesboro will be the location.
Program will be Katie Bowman, BMMS Counselor, Move This World
The program will be about kids sharing, talking, discussing emotions and how to help the kids.
- **November 9, 2021** Program & Business Meeting at 6 pm - Dinner at 5:30 pm
Panera Bread in Waynesboro will be the location.
Program: Karen Gross, 2021 DKG Educators Book Award, Trauma Doesn't Stop at the Door
Laurie Niestrath will be giving the chapter a "heads up" on what will be discussed.
- **December 4, 2021** Volunteer Opportunity at Hotel 24
MaDee Project - Breakfast with Santa
Kappa will be responsible for the craft.
- **December 12, 2021** at 4 pm - Social Event

Holiday recipe Exchange. Format to be determined: Virtual or in Person.

- **January 28 2022** - 75th Birthday of Kappa Chapter @ 10 am
Program: Dr. Kimberly Beckerdite, 2021-203 Virginia State DKG President
Place to be determined, in Person or Virtual.
- **March 22, 2022** Program & Business Meeting at 6 pm
Place: To be determined.
Program: Augusta Medical Center Speaker on Compassion Fatigue
- **May 10, 2022** Program & Business Meeting at 6 pm
Place: To be determined.
Program: Recognition of Downs-Ryerson Grant-in-Aid recipient and Installation of 2022-2023 Officers

Finance & Grant-In-Aid

- No report was given, however, treasurer Sandy Proctor did present the proposed budget.

Legislative

- Bea Morris announced she is no longer the Virginia State DKG Chairperson of the Legislative Committee. Marica Elliott, who is a visitor this evening, is one of the co-chairs for the new biennium.
- Bea is going to continue to keep the chapter up to date in Legislative issues. She writes an article for the VRTA and will share with the chapter.
- Voting: Check your registration status. October 12 is the update deadline. Contact Bea for the website. September 17 is the first day of early voting. All seats in the House and Senate are up for election as well as the Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General. Please do research on the candidates. Also, around 114,000 people of Virginia have been recently removed from the rolls of voting as they have not been active.
- A program will be presented by the Rockingham County Registrar on Election Security on October 12th at 10 am. Contact Bea if interested in attending.

Membership

- Cheryl Sams wants names of any prospective members so she can send an invitation to a meeting, volunteer opportunity, etc. Please let her know of anyone who you think would like to be a member.
- Margaret Shifflett will be sending notes to the three members who dropped membership letting them know they are welcome to return when they can.

Excellence in Education

- Susan Schuckman reported the chapter will be collecting dimes only in a plastic water bottle. The dimes will be donated to what the chapter decides in May 2022.
- If any retired educator would like to adopt a working educator, Susan will be sending out information on how to adopt someone. A note was read by a member indicating it really helped this past year.
- Susan asked if anyone knows of an "Early Career Educator" who needs some help to let her know. She noted at the DKG International Meeting held this summer, many early educators leave after only five years of teaching.
- Working educators please take advantage of the stipend offered by Kappa Chapter of \$50.00. Applications are available in the newsletter and from Susan.
- Susan spoke about the scholarships and stipends available from Virginia State DKG. More information will be coming out once the Fall Board meeting is held in September 2021.

- Julia Van de Water spoke about the Iota State Foundation. \$500 dollar stipends are available for promotion literacy in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Julia has a wealth of knowledge on the foundation and would be glad to answer any questions.

Unfinished Business

- Susan Schuckman asked for anyone who plans to donate gift cards to be raffled off at the Virginia State DKG Fall Board Meeting to please mail them to her as soon as possible. The meeting will be next weekend, September 24 and 25, 2021.

New Business

None at this time.

Program by Margaret Shifflett

- KAPPA 2021-2022 - Our Visions for the coming year
- "Dare to Dream Mighty Things"
- What are our strengths? What challenges do we have? What would you like to be doing in Kappa?
- Margaret Shifflett will be asking for information to post on the above questions since we were not able to meet in small groups.

Announcements

- Scarlett Kiser asked that information for the newsletter should be given to her no later than September 28th. She would like information from the Fall Board Meeting and pictures also.
- Scarlett Kiser also noted that members should open and read the mail from Glenna Hensdill. She is the Virginia State DKG Executive Secretary and she sends out the newsletters, pertinent information to everyone within the organization. Margaret Shifflett indicated that she has no way of knowing who got what in email from Glenna so that is why she is sending it also. Sorry for the duplication of emails.
- Reminder of the Fall Board Meeting on September 23 and 24, 2021. Registration is still available online. Hotel room block information is also online.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7 pm with no other business.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Schuckman,
Acting Recording Secretary

