

Delta Kappa Gamma - Kappa Chapter

May 9, 2023 - Fort Defiance High School, Fort Defiance, VA

President Cheryl Sams welcomed the 12 members, Fay Cunningham, prospective member, Marcia Elliott, Gamma Gamma member and Grant-in-aid recipients Summer Wallace, Braxten Jones along with their parents as well as Gary Shifflett and his daughter, Emily Justice at approximately 6:00 pm.

Cheryl led the members and guests in Collect.

Bea Morris gave the blessing for the meal.

Members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by White Hill Catering.

Susan Schuckman introduced the Grant-in-Aid recipients who were Summer Wallace of Riverheads High School and Braxten Jones of Spotswood High School. Susan gave a brief summary of each recipient. Both recipients then spoke on education and why they wanted to be a teacher. Both young ladies are deserving of this grant-in-aid. Congratulations!

Cheryl Sams, Anne Perdue and Susan Schuckman presented the Celebration of Life in Memory of Margaret Shifflett. A white rose was given to the family. Cheryl and Scarlett Kiser did a wonderful job on the powerpoint presentation. Thank you to all who helped in this endeavor to remember Margaret and how she was dedicated to Delta Kappa Gamma.

Business Meeting:

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Approval of March Minutes: Cheryl Sams passed out copies of the March minutes. The minutes were approved as printed.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Sandy Proctor reviewed the budget, indicating money that was raised at the VSO DKG Convention will go into special projects until the executive committee meets.

Programs: Scarlett Kiser asked members to give her any ideas for programs for the 2023-2024 year. The program committee will meet this summer to discuss programs for the coming year.

Membership: Julia Van de Water introduced Faye Cunningham who is a prospective member. Faye was a member of the Charlottesville DKG Chapter. Also, Pam Landes and Erika Kancler re-introduced themselves as they had not been to a meeting for sometime due to health issues. Julia also discussed the membership status on the state level due to Covid and leadership. It was discussed to invite the teachers of the year for the local school districts that involve Kappa members.

Legislative: Bea discussed bills that will be coming up. It was indicated that lots of vacancies are happening in the House and Senate due to members not running for office and due to the redistricting. Pay attention to the candidates for the November election. Bea indicated to look at his website whosemy.virginiagenralassembly.gov for more information. This website will give

you information concerning your district, etc. Bea strongly emphasized to pay attention to the November election. She will have more information at the September meeting.

Publicity: Laurie Niestrath attended a publicity workshop as well as marketing at the VSO DKG Convention. She indicated that international has a new website. She indicated she received a lot of good information at the workshop.

Excellence in Education: Susan Schuckman indicated she will be attending the award assemblies of both recipients in May and June.

Susan discussed the upcoming fundraiser at Mount Crawford Creamery on Saturday, June 17th, 2023. A sign up sheet was passed around. The chapter will be selling hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, water, juice boxes, cookies, etc. Thanks to everyone in advance who will assist.

Susan also announced that at the VSO DKG Convention funds were asked for the Emergency Fund for the Kentucky teachers. If you want to contribute, look at the international website.

Also announced was NO members applied for the state stipends or scholarships for VSO DKG. If you would like to sign up to serve on a state committee, please see Susan for a form. Forms for the DKG shirts are available also from Susan.

The dimes Kappa collected for the 2022-2023 year totaled \$24.00.

Leadership Academy dates and applications are on the website as of May 9, 2023. Please consider attending.

A huge thank you to Marcia Elliott for doing 90% of the work in raising \$550.00 for future educational projects.

History/Archives: Scarlett Kiser indicated the website is current for this year and the archives are new. Thanks Scarlett for your work.

Music/Cards: Dee Hoy was absent due to illness. It was discussed that cards should be sent to members who are not coming to meetings, etc. Susan S. will talk with Dee.

Unfinished Business: None. Anne Perdue did indicate that Ronda Reames is still at the rehab center. Susan S. will send her address to Cheryl Sams so it could be distributed to members.

New Business: Cheryl indicated the chapter earned the Gold Key Award at the VSO DKG Convention. Congratulations to Kappa!

Announcements:

Marcia Elliott made a presentation to Cheryl Sams of a purse. Cheryl is very happy with her new purse!

Marcia also held a drawing from two purses. The lucky winners were Pam Landes and Cassie Maxton-Whitacre.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Schuckman - Acting Secretary

