

Kappa Chapter Meeting, Virginia State Organization
The Delta Kappa Society International
September 19, 2023 - Wilson Memorial High School

Welcome: President Cheryl Sams called the meeting to order at approximately 6:10 pm. Fourteen members were present as well as Emily Petkus' new baby, Poppy.

Get to Know Your Members: Members enjoyed an ice breaker which helped the group to get know more about one another.

Emily Petkus thanked the chapter for the books she received for her new daughter, Poppy.

Approval of Agenda: Dr Stephanie Seabolt moved to approve the agenda with Cassy Whitacre-Maxton. Motion passed.

Approval of May Minutes: The following corrections were made: Faye Cunningham's name should be spelled Fay. Braxten Jones' last name was listed as Wallace. It should be Jones. The minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Proctor discussed the year end treasurer's report for 2022-2023. Dues collected for 2023-2024 are reflected in the End of the Year Report. Scarlet moved to accept the year end treasurer's report with Dr. Stephanie Seabolt seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

2023-2024 Programs: Scarlett Kiser presented the programs for the year. It was noted that the Kappa Callers have been eliminated as Anne Perdue or Cheryl Sams will email a flier and Dee Hoy will send a postcard reminding members of the meetings. Dr. Julia Van de Water moved to approve the programs. Motion carried.

Educational Excellence: Susan Schuckman reported the scrapbooks that Margaret Shifflett had at her home, have been returned to Kappa. Anne Perdue has them stored at her home. Also, Susan has been working on updating the former Grant-In-Aid recipients. Hopefully the updates will appear in the October 2023 newsletter. If you know of a former recipient, please let Susan know as some have not responded and some email addresses are no longer valid. The grant-in-aid application is ready to be distributed to local public school counselor offices.

Kappa will be having a pocketbook raffle at the VSO Fall Board meeting on September 29 and 30, 2023 thanks to Marcia Elliott. Funds raised will be used for the "Dollars for Scholars". Thanks to Anne Perdue for the funds to reserve the table for the raffle. A sign up sheet was passed around for members to assist.

Mt. Crawford Creamery will be having another fundraiser in May or June 2024. It will be on a smaller scale from 2023 and Frank Will would like us to have a food table. More information will be available in 2024.

Blue Ridge Coordinating Council: Susan Schuckman reported the Virginia Scholars had recipients for Eastern Mennonite University, Mary Baldwin University, James Madison University and University of Virginia. Bridgewater College did not submit a recipient as the professor in charge was on sabbatical even though several emails were sent and asked for another professor to nominate a recipient. The October chapter newsletter will have information about the recipients. Anne Perdue reported that the council has approximately \$238 in funds.

Membership: Dr. Julia Van de Water shared that Fay Cunningham had eye surgery and could not be at the meeting this evening. The reinstatement form has been sent to Fay. Julia hopes to receive the form and dues sometime this week.

Yearbooks: Anne Perdue hopes to have the yearbook to Staples, hopefully, by the end of September so they could possibly be ready for the October meeting. Anne still had a few changes as she received some changes this evening.

Belk Days: Anne Perdue reported Belk Charity Days will be held the weekend of November 5, 2023. She hopes to have the coupons at the October meeting. It was decided that members did not want to sell tickets at Belk before or during the charity days.

Unfinished Business

Teachers for Tomorrow Update: Cheryl Sams reported she has been in touch, but now playing “phone tag” with the “Teachers for Tomorrow” program teachers. Cheryl reported numbers are down in the program and only one student from Wilson Memorial High School is enrolled. She hopes with the chapter’s help to build the program and be helpful to the teachers, students. At this time, she is working with teachers so chapter members can be matched with a student in the program and be able to email them. It was also suggested that chapter members be able to mail a note to the student also. More information will be distributed as Cheryl receives it.

Raffle: Scarlett Kiser won the door prize.

New Business

Margaret H. Shifflett Stipend: Anne Perdue presented the stipend application. Margaret supported providing resources for active educators. The application will be sent to the 2022-2023 Teachers of the Year from various localities. Dr. Stephanie Seabolt moved to accept the stipend application and Anne Perdue seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of proposed budget: Sandy Proctor presented the proposed budget for 2023-2024. As of this date, Kappa Chapter has 32 active members and four (4) reserve members.

Due to donations, fundraising that has taken place, The Downs-Ryerson Grant-in-Aid has \$1986 and the Margaret H. Shifflett Stipend has \$1409.00. When the chapter raises funds, it will be called "Dollars for Scholars" as they will be split between the two funds.

Sandy updated that three line items were deleted due to one organization having changed hands, etc. as well as Kappa's last donation the check was not cashed, Blue Ridge Coordinating Council funds were deleted as Kappa is the only chapter in the council and officer supplies were not being used.

To date, the checking account has \$7201.34, Savings has \$266.42, CD is \$6000.00 and Money Market has \$5738.06.

Dr. Stephanie Seabolt made the motion for the money raised for the stipend and grant-in-aid will be split between the two funds. Seconded by Dr. Julia Van de Water. Motion passed.

Susan Schuckman moved to pass the 2023-2024 budget. Dr. Julia Van de Water seconded and motion passed.

Introduction to Journaling was postponed to the March 2024 meeting.

Announcements:

Kristin Quinn was hospitalized for a week with pancreatitis and has been referred to University of Virginia Hospital.

Ronda Reames is still at The Retreat. Anne Perdue is trying to find out if this is permanent.

Cheryl Sams wants to have the chapter meetings on zoom so members who can't come will be able to attend. Cheryl asked who is going to the VSO DKG Fall Board meeting as only 62 members have registered to date. Cheryl indicated to note the upcoming dates on the back of the agenda.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Schuckman - Acting Recording Secretary

