

**Kappa Chapter January Meeting, Virginia State Organization**  
**The Delta Kappa Society International**

Nineteen members of Kappa Chapter and one guest, Shawn Smith, met Saturday morning, January 27, 2024 at Third Presbyterian Church, Staunton for a program and business meeting.

President Cheryl Sams called the meeting to order at 11:02 am and welcomed everyone.

Anne Perdue introduced the speaker.

**Program:** Shawn Smith is the State Director of the Senior Medicare Patrol, Virginia Association for Area Agencies on Aging. Shawn presented an informative session on the following topics: Can I Trust That Email? and Internet Healthcare Fraud.

Bea Morris led the Collect. Lunch was served by members of Third Presbyterian Church.

**Business Meeting**

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Minutes:** The minutes for the October meeting had been sent electronically. The minutes were accepted as written.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance:** Sandy Proctor presented the Treasurer's report \$7679.61 in checking. It will be filed as presented. The checking account balance is \$7809.61.

**Programs:** Scarlett Kiser reviewed the programs and arrangements for the March and May meetings.

- Our next meeting will be held March 19 at 6:00 pm Wilson Memorial High School, 189 Hornet Rd, Fishersville, VA 22939. The program, Memoirs Your Way, presented by Nadine James, Alpha Nu Chapter, will be shown virtually at our meeting. Since our speaker will use Zoom, Kappa will purchase a one month subscription (\$16) to Zoom. Journey Bags will be assembled following the program.
- Our May meeting will be held May 7 at 6:00 pm at Panera Bread, Waynesboro. A boxed dinner will be offered (orders will be taken prior to the meeting). The Downs-Ryerson Grant In Aid will be awarded and the Installation of 2024-26 Officers will be conducted. Dues will be collected for 2024-25.

**History/Archives:** Scarlett Kiser reported that the website has been updated. The website serves as Kappa's archives.

**Grant-in-Aid:** It was reported that the Downs-Ryerson Grant In Aid applications have been sent to high schools in Harrisonburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro cities as well as the counties of Augusta, Rockbridge, and Rockingham. Completed applications are to be postmarked March 15.

**Membership:** Julia Van de Water reported that we have no inductees for 2023-34.

**Music/Cards:** Dee Hoy reminded everyone to let her know if someone should receive get well/sympathy/thinking of you cards.

**Legislative:** Bea Morris gave a brief report on the 2024 General Assembly. Virginia State Organization held a Lobby Day earlier in January. Members were reminded to continue to read information sent via email from Bea. Anyone interested in writing emails to Delegates or Senators during the session are asked to contact Bea.

**Newsletter:** The March newsletter articles are due to Susan Schuckman by February 23. The goal is to disseminate the newsletter by March 3.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Journey Bags:** Anne Perdue reported that items for six Journey Bags have been promised. Monetary donations have been received and will be used to offset costs of bears and perhaps purchase more Journey Bag items to donate.

**Margaret Shifflett Educational Stipend:** No applications were received by the December deadline. The application will be revised and disseminated with a deadline of April 30. In addition to notifying members and reposting on website, copies will be sent to Personnel Directors in Rockingham and Augusta County with a request to be disseminated to educators. Accepted applicants will be notified by May 24. Submitted receipts will be due no later than September 30, 2024.

### **New Business**

**Nominations:** Susan Doughty, Bea Morris, and Anne Perdue comprise the Nominations Committee. The slate will be emailed to members once it is complete prior to the vote to approve at the March meeting.

### **Announcements**

February 1, 2024: The Bridge articles due

March 2, 2024: Leadership Seminar, ECPI Newport News

March 9, 2024: Leadership Seminar, Randolph Macon Ashland

March 10-13, 2024: National Legislative Seminar, Arlington, VA

April 17, 2024: Leadership Seminar, UVA Wise

May 1, 2024: The Bridge articles due

June 30: Member dues are due to chapter treasurer

July 9-13, 2024: International Convention, National Harbor, Maryland

Cheryl Sams adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Perdue, Acting Recording Secretary