

Delta Kappa Gamma

Kappa Chapter Minutes

February 11, 2012

Kappa Chapter celebrated its 65th anniversary with an Initiation and Birthday Luncheon on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at Third Presbyterian Church.

The initiation of four new members preceded the meeting. The following four ladies were initiated into DKG membership: Laura Deportes, Shelly Moore, Sharon Spalding and Brenda Walton. Cheryl Griffith was unable to attend and will be initiated at a later date. Kappa members had the opportunity to greet these new members prior to the beginning of the meeting.

President Scarlett Kiser called the meeting to order and welcomed new members. She opened with reading selections from Scarlett Rules, a book of life lessons noting the importance of charm, noting that Scarlett O'Hara was not beautiful but possessed Southern charm in abundance. The Collect was led by Becky Park and the music led by Dee Hoy and Susan Doughty. Scarlett thanked Bev Wise for the favors and Ginny Coffey and Bobbi Poats were thanked for being hostesses.

The business meeting followed luncheon served by the Ladies of Third Presbyterian Church. The minutes of the November, 2011 meeting were available to members and were approved as presented. Bobbi Poats presented the treasurers report and made copies of it available. The balance on hand was reported as \$3094.05. Scarlett reported on the Executive Board Meeting in January and was pleased to report that the Strategic Action Plan for Kappa Chapter has been completed. This SAP is on the website and available as a handout. Anne Purdue moved to accept the SAP as compiled. Bea Morris seconded the motion and the membership approved the motion.

Bobbi Poats proposed a new category of membership for Kappa chapter – Friends of Kappa Chapter. It would include those members whose age keeps them from attending meetings or who have dropped or become inactive for other reasons. Ladies holding this type of membership would receive the newsletter and electronic communications. The new category was carried on motion made by Bobbi and seconded by Bev Wise.

Shirley Crawford will be preparing a slate of officers for the next biennium to be presented at the next meeting. Sign-up sheets for committee assignments for next year were available and will be so at the next two meetings.

Concern was expressed for Betty Bennett's mother who is quite ill, Ellen Abernathy's mother-in-law suffering from a broken hip and Kim Norman whose mother passed away.

Susan Doughty announced the Leadership For Life conferences which will be held March 10 in Bowling Green, March 24 in Abingdon and April 21 in Tidewater. She promised "Presenters that will say what they mean and mean what they say."

Bea Morris reported that the 35 members who attended Legislative Day made an impact but that continued contact with legislators was critical regarding bills under consideration.

Ginny Coffey reported that all of the Kappa scrapbooks have been located and are now in one place. Plans to preserve the old ones are underway.

Anne Purdue informed members that the March meeting will be a fundraiser to raise money for Kappa's Grant in Aid. The theme this year will be "Kappa's Favorite Things" and members or member groups are encouraged to fill a "gift box" with items centered on a theme with a three word clue to be attached. The gift boxes will be auctioned off "sight unseen" at the March meeting. Information and word clue forms will be in the next newsletter.

DKG umbrellas are available for members who wish to purchase them – the cost is \$15.00

Liz Nicholson introduced the Program for the Day and its presenter, Susan Doughty. The program "My Mother's Charms" was based upon a book by Kathleen Oldford. Susan reviewed the history of the use of charms beginning with the amulets of cave dwellers to the neck bracelets of Egyptians, the Middle Ages charms of knights and kings and the charms made popular by Queen Victoria. The modern use of charms and charm bracelets came about during World War II as GIs brought their sweethearts inexpensive mementos of their world travels. After falling out of favor in the 1970's charm bracelets are now becoming collector items with "vintage" bracelets becoming valuable. The meaning of many of the charms frequently seen was shared.

Door prizes for different types of charms and charm bracelets followed the presentation. Following the announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Carson, Secretary