

Kappa Chapter of The Virginia State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International recently met on May 9, at Fort Defiance High School. The chapter enjoyed a delicious catered meal.

Summer Wallace of Riverheads High School and Braxten Jones of Spotswood High School were recognized as the Downs-Ryerson Grant-in-Aid recipients. Each graduating senior received \$1000 towards their education. Both of these students will be majoring in the field of education. Congratulations to both of these students! They are going to be awesome educators!

A chapter memorial service was held for President Margaret Hastings Shifflett, who passed away in January 2023. Her husband and daughter were present. A white rose was presented to the family in her memory. Margaret was an inspiration to all Kappa members on the local and state level. She worked hard to make the Kappa Chapter a vibrant chapter. She is going to be missed by all of us.

President Cheryl Sams called the meeting to order and thanked everyone

for coming.

The March 2023 minutes were approved as printed and the budget was reviewed. Programs were discussed for the 2023-2024 year. Faye Cunningham, a prospective member, was present. Bea Morris discussed the legislative issues that are coming up in the House and Senate of Virginia. Bea noted all of us need to pay attention to the new districts that have been formed and what candidates are running for office in your district. There are a lot of vacancies in the House and Senate of Virginia for the 2023 November election. The chapter will be holding a fundraising event at Mount Crawford Creamery on June 17 for their 10th Anniversary Open House. Members signed up for various duties for this event. The funds will be used for scholarship and stipend purposes for educators.

Seven members of Kappa Chapter recently attended the Virginia State Delta Kappa Gamma Convention held April 29-30 in Natural Bridge, Virginia. Susan Schuckman, Blue Ridge Coordinating Council, was chair and all members enjoyed the convention. Many members came home with new ideas for the chapter. The chapter also earned the Gold Key Award from Virginia State DKG.

Marcia Elliott discussed the fundraising of the pocketbooks at convention, which were donated. The chapter raised \$550 and thanks to Marcia for collecting the pocketbooks. Funds will go to scholarships and stipends for educators. This fundraiser was in memory of Margaret Hastings Shifflett. Kappa Chapter will be doing another fundraiser at the September 2023 Virginia State Fall Board Meeting.

Pam Landes and Cassy Maxton-Whitacre won the raffle.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Club Notes