

Kappa Chapter Meeting, Virginia State Organization
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
October 17, 2023 - Wilson Memorial High School

Welcome: President Cheryl Sams called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone. Ten members were present as well as three members were on Zoom. Six guests were present.

Program: Kristan Dollar founder of the Magnolia Rose Organization gave a very informative program regarding resources for those suffering from abuse and human trafficking in the Shenandoah Valley. Kristan also had one volunteers from the organization with her. Brochures and Kristan's business cards were available also.

Business Meeting

Guests: Gayle Allen was introduced as a transfer member from Alpha Kappa Chapter in West Virginia. Prospective members attending were Lisa Roeschley from Mountain View Elementary School, Cynthia Morris from Beverly Manor Middle School and Emma Roten from Wilson Memorial High School.

Approval of Agenda: Dee Hoy moved to accept the agenda as printed with Erika Kancler seconding. Approved.

Approval of September minutes: Anne Perdue moved to accept the minutes. Scarlett Kiser seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Proctor, Treasurer, presented funds spent as well as received for the month of October. Refer to the handout and see Sandy if questions.

Committee Reports:

Programs: Scarlett Kiser presented the program to be held on November 11 at 3:00 pm. We will be meeting at the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum in Staunton. The cost is \$10.50 per person. We will have a guided tour, then we will be able to visit the exhibits. At 5:00 pm those who would like will go to a local restaurant for dinner.

Letters to Area Teachers of the Year: Letters were mailed to 2022-23 school Teachers of the Year from Augusta County, Harrisonburg City, Rockingham County, Staunton City and Waynesboro City. All were invited to our October meeting. In addition to explaining Kappa Chapter, a copy of the Margaret H. Shifflett Stipend was included.

Thanksgiving Boxes: On November 11th, please have the food boxes ready for Wenonah Elementary School. Anne Perdue will be taking the boxes and she provided a handout for those interested in donating a box.

The Secret Rose: Scarlett Kiser discussed the "Secret Rose" Christmas Toy to be held at Panera Bread, Waynesboro, VA at 12 noon. Bring your wrapped toy and after opening all toys will be donated to the WHSV TV3 Toy Convoy. A google form will be sent to each member and they can participate if they want.

Educational Excellence: Susan Schuckman reported that the chapter did not hold a fundraiser at the VSO DKG Fall Board due to the woman who donates the pocketbooks was in an automobile accident. We will have this fundraiser at the convention in 2025. Also, an update of the Downs-Ryerson Grant in Aid recipients was in the October newsletter.

Blue Ridge Coordinating Council: Susan Schuckman reported that the plaque for Bridgewater College for the Virginia Scholars was donated Heather and her husband Ryan Cooper. They are both graduates of Bridgewater College. Thank you so much for this donation.

Leadership Seminars for 2024 are as follows:

March 2, 2024 - ECPI - Newport News, VA

March 9, 2024 - Randolph Macon College - Ashland, VA

April 13, 2024 - University of Virginia at Wise - Wise, VA

Please consider attending one of these seminars. The time is usually 9 am to 2 pm. Help will be needed from the coordinating councils with breakfast, registration, setup/tear down and gifts for speakers, etc. A survey will be coming out for members to fill out as to what do you want to hear about or learn about.

Yearbooks: Anne Perdue gave members present the new 2023-2034 yearbooks. Thanks to Anne for taking on this project, updating the information, etc. and getting them printed. Members not present will receive the yearbook through the mail.

Unfinished Business

Belk Days: Anne Perdue reported that 37 tickets have been sold for \$185.00 and these funds will be equally divided between the Downs-Ryerson Grant in Aid and the Margaret H. Shifflet Educational Stipend. Anne explained to members how the coupons worked.

Teachers for Tomorrow: Cheryl Sams passed around a list of students that are seniors who are enrolled in the program. Members were encouraged to sign up for a student and email with them.

New Business:

Cheryl Sams presented the email that Bea Morris sent an email to clarify the Legal Aid Justice Organization. This was a fund that Kappa contributed to for several years..

At approximately 8:00 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Schuckman, Acting Recording Secretary