Beta Alpha of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society

September 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Simone Nance at 6:35 p.m. Twelve members were present. Simone gave the Treasurer’s report for Treasurer Marcia Onnybecker. It showed a balance as of February of $2,313.18 and after the dues were collected and the Grant-in-Aid scholarship was paid out, our current balance is $2,466.76. Three accounts separate from the working balance are the grant-in-aid fund of $484, a savings fund of $189.78 and an uncommitted fund of $1091.76. We received a Thank You note from the Schools for Africa fund from International for our chapter’s donation. Marcia received dues payments from all members except one this year and two members have not rejoined.

We have a new member who will be initiated at our October meeting. Angie Schonberger has agreed to read the initiation ceremony with Darlene Dycus’ assistance. If anyone else has a prospect, please contact Angie and Simone. It was reported that Kathy Reitz is recovering from Covid-19. We now have 24 members with the new member Jo Beth Bootz.

A discussion was held on what to do for our Support of Early Educators at Lincoln School. Carolyn Bucko agreed to contact the school to see what is needed and will contact Kerseclia Patterson to ask about her contacts with the principal.

Simone asked if we want to increase the amount of our grant-in-aid scholarship to $500 every year or $750 every other year as many chapters are doing. She stated that our fund is hefty enough to handle either way. Carolyn suggested that we wait until after the next Pound Auction this November to see how our fund grows this fall and make a decision as to the amount of the aid to be given in the spring.

A discussion of the Pound Auction logistics was discussed. The general consensus was that we each take a picture of our wrapped item to be auctioned and take them to Darlene’s home, where someone (we hope Carol DeVillez) will auction them. Members will then bring their checks to Darlene and pick up their items. Arrangements for the frozen turkey drop off will come later after Gwen Barnett finds out if she can do the project.

Darlene announced that we should have received an invitation for the October 7 YWCA Program and that donated items (see list in the September Beta Alpha Alphabits) can be dropped off at the YWCA at 118 Vine St. Evansville, or take them to Darlene and she will get them to the Y.

Simone reported from the Alpha Epsilon state executive board meeting that the state budget has been affected by Covid-19, especially the monies paid for the state meetings (held virtually, since the pandemic) and the lack of the members having access to buying items from the Rose Store. The state is trying to save costs by emailing the Newsette. Let Simone know if you want to receive your Newsette electronically. She stated that the April Conference is being planned as an in-person event in Plymouth, IN.

Simone related that State President Jo Jones said that if we sent summaries of the International Convention meeting sessions we “attended” (virtually), our chapter would get credit toward The Golden Key Award. There was a mix up regarding this stipulation and it will be decided and reported by state to the chapters later. Simone stated that there are applications on the state website for state officers if anyone is interested. She received the new Standing Rules changes from the state. Lorie Maltby agreed to take care of what we need to do with them as a chapter.

Simone said that each chapter is being asked to submit a poster for the state conference in April. Stephanie Walsh, state 1st vice president is in charge of this and said we could focus on our chapter activities and take pictures, create a poster and submit it for the conference. Simone thought perhaps we would be able to get enough pictures of our Support for Early Educators, our YWCA project donations and the Pound Auction to have a poster.

Lorie Maltby presented an informative program about Delta Kappa Gamma’s founding history and the women who started our society in Texas, now grown into an international organization. It was suggested that Lorie could record her presentation for a virtual audience on “Loom”.

The next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on October 27, with the two presenters from the YWCA along with us to answer questions about their program to be given (virtually) on October 7th.

The book club will meet virtually on January 14, 2021 to discuss the book--Unveiled Truth: Lessons I Learned Leading the International School of Kabul, by Gail Goosby. More details to follow.

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Carolyn Bucko, 1st Vice President