

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
West Virginia State Organization  
Eta Chapter  
March 11, 2023

Executive Board Members Present: President, Teresa Campbell; First Vice President, Vicki Jenkins; Second Vice President, Janet Lohr; Recording Secretary, Rebecha Catlett; Parliamentarian, Jay Russell; and Immediate Past President, Peggy Whetzel.

Members gathered for the third general chapter meeting of the 2022-2024 biennium on Saturday, March 11, 2023, in the library of Warm Springs Intermediate School, Morgan County, WV.

President Campbell officially called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., thanked the Morgan County Area coordinators for their meeting preparations, and reminded all members in attendance to sign in, pay for their meal/dues, and get a name tag.

Nancy Broadley provided a beautiful devotion and blessing that focused on The Lord's unfailing Goodness in all aspects of our lives. She reminded us to live out Psalm 27:13-14, taking time to notice "the goodness in the little things," and demonstrate patience as we wait upon The Lord.

Roll Call: Recording Secretary, Rebecha Catlett, took roll call from the sign in sheet. There were 38 members in attendance and two guests.

Approval of Minutes: President Campbell referred to the minutes which had been emailed to all members earlier in the week. There was one correction suggested by Nancy Springer in regard to the Concerns for Others section; changing the name "Nancy Ryan" to "Nancy Springer." Myrtle Holland made the motion to accept the minutes with the one proposed correction. Sue Flanagan seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.

Treasury Report (Cindy Woods, reporting for Peggy Grantham ): The balance of the checking account was reported as \$15,738.21, with a working balance of 11,484.90, as of October 22, 2022. The report was accepted and filed. Mrs.Woods also explained that the Long-Range Planning Committee is conducting a fundraiser to benefit the future Convention fund. A basket was passed, and members were asked to donate 25 cents for each rake and shovel in their garage. All proceeds will be deposited toward the 2033 Convention.

Correspondence Report (Teresa Campbell, reporting for Linda McGraw): Correspondence was read aloud from Peggy Whetzel (thank you for support), Berkeley Heights Elementary School (thank you for donation of books), and Maria Lorenson on behalf of the Hospice of the Eastern Panhandle (thank you for donation).

Concerns for Others (Second Vice President, Janet Lohr): Concerns for others were shared for Pamela Larson, Kathy Yost, Natalie Kidwell, Laura Richmond (husband), Patricia Stealey, and Ann Potter.

Special Activity: All attendees enjoyed a wonderful, original Happy Birthday Celebration led and authored by Vicki Jenkins to celebrate Eta's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Several members presented the celebration, using an acronym for "HAPPY BIRTHDAY ETA" and large, colorful foil balloon letters. At the conclusion of the presentation, members enjoyed chocolate and vanilla cupcakes.

Program: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

Melody Stotler (daughter of Eta member, Vicki Jenkins) and Cari Lefeber, both of CASA, presented an informative and dynamic presentation about CASA. They gave an overview of the work of a CASA volunteer, the purpose of the program, and the tremendous, positive impacts of advocacy in the lives of children and families in the local community, as well as across the state and country. They also reviewed the application and training process for CASA volunteers and stressed the dire need for more volunteers to meet the needs of an increasing number of children. They also explained the various activities and opportunities CASA provides for youth in foster care, kinship programs, and other court directed placements to promote their future success.

Project: Supporting CASA Children: Members donated three large boxes of small toys, books, games, and puzzles to be distributed to children involved in the CASA process and programming.

Committee Reports:

Achievement Award (Peggy Whetzel): The committee is continuing to discuss and consider possible future nominees.

Archives: No report

Bylaws and Standing Rules: No Report; However, Rebecha Catlett reminded members that the committee must meet this summer to update the bylaws and have any proposed changes ready for distribution and review for the September meeting.

Communications (Bethany Miller) The committee is still collecting headshots. Send your headshot to Rebecha Catlett. During the April meeting, we will be taking a group photo of all National Board Certified Teachers.

Community Awareness (Sonja Waters): The chair will be connecting with her committee via email or phone call soon. The chair would like to see a brochure further developed to provide community awareness about Eta Chapter's work, projects, and goals.

Convention and Long Range Planning (Cindy Woods for Peggy Grantham) Thank you to everyone that contributed to the fundraiser at the beginning of the meeting.

Disaster (Jay Russell): No report

Financy (Regina Sherman): No report

Legislative (Christal Akers):The chair reported regarding SB 268 – it passed both houses.

Literacy (Sue Flanagan): During the April 1, 2023 meeting, the committee will conduct a gently used book sale. Please bring a book (or a few!) for the sale.

Membership and Expansion (Janet Lohr): Plans are underway for the Founder's Day Celebration. It will be a fun, interactive Escape Room Activity.

Music (Bett Sims): The committee is always open to suggestions from the Executive Board or any member about music they would like to have incorporated into our chapter meetings. Contact Ms.Sims with suggestions.

\*Nominations: No report

Personal Growth and Services – No report

Professional Affairs (Myrtle Holland) – Mrs.Holland gave directions for the live and silent auctions. She thanked Kathy Bennett for volunteering to serve as the auctioneer. An update was provided regarding last biennium's Grants in Aid winners. She also announced that some purses will be brought back to the April meeting for an additional fundraiser.

Program (Vicki Jenkins): Any member that would like to speak at the memorial service during our April meeting in regard to Treva Kerns or Eleanor Effland, please let Vicki Jenkins know as soon as possible

Scholarship (Autumne Frye) Any members that forgot to wear their pin should pay \$1.00 today. She encouraged members to apply for the scholarship. Anyone interested can get a form from Autumne or download it from the Eta Chapter website.

Scrapbook (Emily Seal) The committee will be meeting. They need articles!

Technology (Kathy Yost) Mrs. Yost thanked Regina Sherman for continuing to be her “right hand.” The committee did earn the formal seal from DKG International for the chapter website.

World Fellowship/International Projects (Cindy Woods): The chair thanked everyone for their contributions to Schools for Africa, an International DKG Project. The sum of \$180.00 was collected.

Other Announcements/Information: \*Peggy Whetzel brought to the attention of President Campbell that members need an updated and complete list of committees for this biennium. Mrs. Whetzel stated there is confusion about who is serving on the Nominations Committee because it was missing from the original committees list. Rebecha Catlett read the portion of the committee reporting minutes from the September 2022 meeting, relating to the committee members. Linda Martin requested that paper copies of the Committees List be available for everyone at our next meeting. President Campbell agreed paper copies should be made available at the April 2023 meeting. President Campbell will email Mrs. Catlett the corrected committees list for copying.

Special Activity: A silent and live auction to benefit Eta Chapter’s Grants-In-Aid program, hosted by the Professional Affairs Committee and auctioneered by Kathy Bennett; a grand time was had by all! Members bid on filled purses and many special handcrafted items as well as themed baskets.

Celebrations (Janet Lohr, Second Vice President): Celebrations were shared for Christal Akers, Ann Hunter, Karri Schnably, Sue Flanagan, Suzanne DeVoe, Darleen Miller, Barby Frankenberry, Vicki Jenkins, and Janet Lohr.

The winners of the Surprise for Projects drawing were Nancy Broadley, Myrtle Holland, Karri Schnably, and Emily Seal.

All members joined voices to sing the Delta Kappa Gamma song, led by Bett Sims.

Adjournment: Kathy Bennett made a motion for meeting adjournment. Kathy Yost seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecha Dawn Catlett, Recording Secretary  
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