

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**West Virginia State Organization - Eta Chapter**  
**October 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Members gathered for the sixth general chapter meeting of the 2022-2024 biennium on Saturday, October 28th, 2023, at Morgan County Schools Board of Education Building, Berkeley Springs, Morgan County, WV.

Executive Board Members present included: President, Teresa Campbell; First Vice President, Vicki Jenkins; Treasurer, Peggy Grantham; Recording Secretary, Rebecha Catlett; Corresponding Secretary, Linda McGraw; Parliamentarian, Jay Russell; and Immediate Past Chapter President, Peggy Whetzel.

President Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.. She reminded members to sign in, pick up a name tag, turn in Concerns for Others/Celebrations cards, and pay one dollar to Peggy Grantham if not wearing a chapter keypin. She commented on the beautiful weather and fall foliage this time of year.

Dr. Paige Moore provided a touching devotion and blessing. The devotion reminded members when facing trials, strongholds, or struggles, we can be like a potato or an egg. When an egg is placed in boiling water, it hardens. However, a potato, in the same boiling water will soften. When we are faced with struggles, we can elect to respond with hardness of heart, or we can respond by softening our hearts and humbling ourselves in keeping The Lord's commandments. Dr. Moore also shared an excerpt from speaker and author, Joyce Meyers, "Battlefield of the Mind." This excerpt encouraged members to keep their thoughts set upon The Lord, with a mindset of hope and a focus on our blessings. Members enjoyed a time of fellowship as they ate a delicious brunch catered by Charlotte's Café. The menu included bacon, eggs, pastries, fruit, coffee, juice, and water.

Following brunch, Recording Secretary, Rebecha Catlett, took roll call from the sign in sheet. There were 34 members in attendance. A quorum wasn't present for the meeting. Linda Work moved to lift the quorum for the remainder of the meeting so important chapter business could be conducted. Lula Belle Robertson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The March 2023 meeting minutes had been emailed to all members on October 27, 2023. Rebecha Catlett, Recording Secretary, announced four corrections, including two misspelled names and two typos. Hearing no other corrections, Kathy Yost moved to accept the minutes with the mentioned corrections, and Linda Martin seconded. Motion passed.

Peggy Grantham, Treasurer, presented the Treasury Report. The ending balance of the checking account, as of October 12, 2023 was \$18,342.48, with a working balance of \$12,099.52. The report was accepted and filed.

Correspondence Report – Linda McGraw read aloud a card of gratitude from Hospice of the Eastern Panhandle for our monetary contribution.

Concerns for Others were shared for Gail Sherman, Ann Potter, Besty Dove, and Linda Carter. These ladies would enjoy receiving cards. Vicki Jenkins provided an update on her husband's health, and she thanked everyone for their cards and prayers. Many have arrived "at just the right time, with just the right words." She reminded us that although there are good days and bad days, they have found joy in the small blessings. Vicki shared that she has been reminded, "We don't need to know God's Plan, we just need to Trust in Him every day." Glenn's vision will not improve, so she appreciates continued prayers for this new season of life with unique challenges. Linda McGraw reported it is unlikely Linda Carter will be able to attend future meetings due to personal health concerns. Several members suggested cards and prayers for Ann Potter and her husband as she is navigating significant health struggles.

Committee Meetings were held for fifteen minutes. Each Committee Chair or Designee completed Committee Meeting Reporting Forms.

Peggy Grantham led a small fundraiser to benefit the Long Range/Convention Planning Fund. Members donated twenty-five cents for each ring, fifty cents for each bracelet, and one dollar for each necklace they were wearing during the meeting.

Committee Reports

Achievement Award: If you have someone in mind for the award, please share the name with the committee.

Archives: No Report

Bylaws and Standing Rules : No Report

Communications: No Report

Community Awareness: No Report

Convention and Long Range Planning: The mini fundraiser collected \$58.00. The committee is considering the Cacapon State Park and Resort as a possible location for the 2033 WVSO Convention. Please communicate any ideas you have to the committee.

Disaster: No Report

Finance: Kathy Arbogast reported a financial audit was completed on October 12, 2023. Kathy Arbogast found all of the records complete, and all accounts were in balance. All financial records were satisfactory and found to be in perfect order. The committee thanked Peggy Grantham for her hard work. Peggy Grantham reviewed the proposed budget, with an

estimated ending balance of 10,049.52. She made special note regarding the growing costs of postage. Jay Russell moved to accept the budget as presented. Linda Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Legislative: The legislature is likely to be in special session in the months ahead. Keep up with the WV Legislature on their website.

Literacy: The committee collected new and gently used children's books, new children's underwear, and new children's leggings. Seventy-six books were collected for distribution to schools in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan County. Thirty-three baby and toddler board books were collected for Rebecha Catlett to distribute to the Martinsburg Young Lives teen mom's group. There was a discussion about how to best distribute the clothing items following the meeting and in the event of future collections. The committee will host a book sale in the spring of 2024. Sue Flanagan thanked everyone for their generosity.

Membership and Expansion: Four members haven't paid dues for this biennium. Although their membership will lapse, they may be reinstated through dues payment. Contact Peggy Grantham with questions.

Music: No Report

Nominations: Linda Work, chairperson, was thrilled to report Bethany Miller is interested in serving Eta Chapter as Corresponding Secretary and Peggy Grantham is willing to serve Eta Chapter another biennium as Chapter Treasurer. (The Committee Reporting Form was later amended to report Anne Helmick is interested in serving Eta Chapter as Second Vice-President.) President Campbell suggested that the next Chapter President be an experienced member, expressed her personal struggles in being an inexperienced member serving as President, and thanked everyone for "Riding the Struggle Bus" along with her.

Personal Growth and Services: No Report

Professional Affairs: Details were provided about the Honor and Memorial Project to benefit the Grants-In-Aid fund. More information will be forthcoming from Myrtle Holland via email.

Program: The Christmas Tea will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023. Collections will be accepted for Schools for Africa. If interested in supporting RAPP with gifts for their holiday party, please see Sue Flanagan today or contact her via phone or email. Details are available in the September and October issues of Eta Echoes.

Scholarship: No Report

Scrapbook: The committee will host a meeting to work on the scrapbook at Emily Seal's home on January 20, 2023. All are welcomed to help! Please save articles from our local newspapers that highlight our members' and/or chapter achievements.

Technology: No Report.

World Fellowship/International Projects: No Report

Special Chapter Business: Vicki Jenkins and Jay Russell distributed sequentially numbered potential new member profiles and ballots. Members had time to review the profiles, ask questions, or comment. Profiles and ballots were collected by Vicki Jenkins and Jay Russell. The ballots were counted, and all prospective new members will be extended invitations to membership and the Christmas Tea.

Project: Cards for Nursing Home Residents and Others: President Campbell brought cards to be signed for nursing home residents and some Eta members. Members signed the cards, "Delta Kappa Gamma Eta Chapter." President Campbell will deliver the cards with healthy snacks to area nursing homes.

Program: Delta Kappa Gamma Eta Chapter History Trivia Game led by Peggy Grantham. Members divided into teams of two to five and answered fifteen fun trivia questions about the history, symbols, and membership of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Kathy Arbogast, Cathie Waugh, and Linda Martin were declared the winners of the game, and they received prizes kindly supplied by President Campbell's husband, Steve.

Other Announcements:

President Campbell shared a personal story about how she and Beth Golden started their professional careers together, lived in the same building, and had a million things in common that became a "headline story" in the Morgan Messenger in 1993.

Members are encouraged to attend the Christmas Tea on December 2, 2023 at the home of President Campbell. Anyone who would like to contribute to the refreshments, please contact President Campbell. Sponsors were reminded to offer a ride to their prospective new members. There was a lengthy discussion about whether or not Prospective New Members have accepted membership if they accept the invitation to the tea. Rebecha Catlett stated prospective new members didn't officially accept the invitation to membership until after the tea and orientation. Linda Martin clarified that by accepting the invitation to the tea, they are accepting membership. Linda McGraw read the related By-Laws and Standing Rule Section, and it was further clarified prospective new members indeed "accept membership and the invitation to the tea." Prospective new members may change their mind after the tea and/or orientation and before their official induction. President Campbell asked questions and received answers regarding the specifics of the invitation process. She will email the membership after she has sent the invitations. Bethany Miller will design the invitations.

Recognitions and Celebrations were shared for Myrtle Holland, Anne Helmick, Sue Flanagan, Vicki Jenkins, and Peggy Whetzel.

Surprise for Projects winners were drawn. Winners were Bethany Miller, Rhonda Albright, Vicki Jenkins, and Peggy Grantham.

Everyone in attendance, led by Music Committee Member, Pamela Larson, joined voices to sing the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Sue Flanagan moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Arbogast seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rebecha Dawn Catlett  
DKG, WVSO, Eta Chapter Recording Secretary

*Immediately following the meeting, the Executive Board met briefly to plan their next in person meeting. The Executive Board will meet Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at the home of President Campbell.*