

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
West Virginia State Organization - Eta Chapter
September 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Members gathered for the fifth general chapter meeting of the 2022-2024 biennium on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Hospice of the Panhandle Administrative Building, Jefferson County, WV.

Executive Board Members present included: President, Teresa Campbell; Second Vice President, Janet Lohr; Treasurer, Peggy Grantham; Recording Secretary, Rebecha Catlett; Parliamentarian, Jay Russell; and Immediate Past Chapter President, Peggy Whetzel.

President Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and shared her appreciation for everyone in attendance. She reminded members to pick up a name tag and pay for their meal if they hadn't already. She thanked the Area Coordinators from Jefferson County for their attention to detail and organization in preparing for the meeting. Special gratitude was extended to Joslyn Noland for her contributions to the fall decor and to Betty Gainer for her generous donation of children's books that were awarded to members throughout the meeting via random drawing.

Cary Burgoyne provided a heartfelt devotion and blessing. The devotion, taken from the book You Are His: Daily Encouragement For Women encouraged members to not worry, but instead rely on God for every need and in every circumstance. Members enjoyed a time of fellowship as they ate a delicious brunch prepared by the HOTP chef and culinary staff.

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. Rebecha Catlett moved to lift the quorum for the remainder of the meeting so important chapter business could be conducted. Regina Sherman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The March 2023 meeting minutes had been emailed to all members on September 21, 2023. Myrtle Holland moved to approve the minutes as presented electronically in advance of the meeting. Lula Belle Robertson offered a second. Motion passed and the minutes were approved without objection or correction.

Peggy Grantham, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The ending balance of the checking account, as of September 6, 2023 was \$18,288.26, with a working balance of \$12,159.30. The report was accepted and filed.

Correspondence Report – Janet Lohr read aloud cards of gratitude from Vicki Jenkins and Gail Sherman. She also read aloud a card from Deborah Thomas informing the chapter of her intent to resign. Kathleen Bennett made a motion to accept the resignation with regret. Myrtle Holland offered a second. Motion passed.

Concerns for Others were shared for Elizabeth Eppinger, Gail Sherman, Barbara Duke's family (Barbara was a BCS cook), Regina Sherman, Vicki Jenkins, Darlene Risinger, Becky Custer, Ann Potter, Mary Duke, and Linda McGraw.

Committee Meetings were held for ten minutes. Each Committee Chair or Designee completed Committee Meeting Reporting Forms for submission to the Executive Board.

Committee Reports:

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

Archives: Detailed directions were provided for submitting items to the archives room at Shepherd University.

Bylaws and Standing Rules: Clarification regarding quorum requirements. Reserve members are not counted in the required quorum for chapter business.

Communications: No report

Community Awareness: The committee will be working to update the Eta Chapter Information Brochure.

Convention and Long Range Planning: The 2033 Convention will be Eta's responsibility. The committee feels our chapter will need to be ready by 2030, at least, with dates, theme, and location because the DKG-WVSO will approve the location and dates in 2031. Many chapters are considering state park locations that offer meeting space, lodge rooms, and dining options comparable or more affordable than hotel options. The committee will continue to host small fundraisers during meetings to increase the Convention fund.

Disaster: No Report.

Finance: A financial audit will be completed by the committee by the first of October and an update will be provided during our October meeting.

Legislative: No Report

Literacy: During the October meeting, the committee will be collecting new or gently used children's books, new children's underwear, and new children's leggings. Some of the baby and toddler books will be donated to Martinsburg Young Lives teen mom's group. All other books will be distributed to Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan Counties.

Membership and Expansion: Janet Lohr distributed the prospective new member profiles of seventeen prospective new members. Each was read aloud and members in attendance were

provided time to provide additional information and/or speak to the character and achievements of each prospective new member. The profiles were collected and will be revisited during the October 2023 meeting.

Music: Pamela Larson will lead the DKG song during our October meeting.

Nominations: If you are asked to serve as an officer for the next biennium, please consider it an honor and consider accepting the nomination. Also, if you are asked to serve as an officer, please respond to the committee in a timely fashion. Rebecha Catlett reminded members that we need members to step up and take leadership roles. The current Executive Board includes many members that have served as officers several times, including several past Chapter Presidents.

Personal Growth and Services: No Report

Professional Affairs: The committee plans to organize and host an Honor and Memorial Project during a Spring 2024 meeting, similar to the one held in 2019, to benefit our Grants-In-Aid fund.

Program: No Report

Scholarship: Any members that forgot to wear their pin to the meeting should pay \$1.00 to Mary Beth Cornell or Autumnne Frye. Please apply for a scholarship if you are working on any education related coursework.

Scrapbook: The scrapbook was finished in time for the Convention and earned a perfect score. If you save a newspaper article for the scrapbook, please don't cut it out. Bring the whole page to Emily Seal. She hopes to have a meeting to work on the Scrapbook in November and finish the pages related to the September and October meetings. You don't have to be on the committee to help with the scrapbook. All are welcome to help!

Technology: No Report

World Fellowship/International Projects: There will be a basket for donations to Schools for Africa at the Christmas Tea. Thank you to everyone for supporting the fundraisers for these important projects.

Program: Rebecha Catlett presented a program about Dementia Awareness. The program focused on defining dementia, outlining possible causes, recent advancements in research, common signs and stages, resources for caregivers, and ways to support those with dementia and their caregivers. Members were invited to join Rebecha Catlett, Cindy Woods, and/or Rosa Clark in the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Project: Supporting Early Career Educators

Members joined efforts to fill over sixty gift bags with school supplies for distribution to early career educators in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan counties. Members were encouraged to deliver bags to early career educators in their respective schools.

Other Announcements:

Sue Flanagan provided a detailed announcement regarding the upcoming RAPP(Relatives as Parents Program) Christmas Celebration. She also shared details via email and in the September issue of Eta Echoes. She thanked everyone for their continued support of the program.

The Christmas Tea will held at the home of President Teresa Campbell, SATURDAY December 2, 2023, 2:00-4:00 p.m. We will be meeting the Prospective New Members at the tea. Everyone should plan to attend, and sponsors should offer a ride to their prospective new members, if at all possible. Directions will be in the chapter newsletter. Please bring new toys, in the \$10 price range, in a gift bag without tissue paper.

The next general chapter meeting will be held October 28, 2023 at the Morgan County Schools Board Office. Directions will be emailed and provided in Eta Echoes. Please plan to attend and please RSVP.

Celebrations were shared for Heather Stewart, Bethany Miller, Rebecha Catlett, :Laura Richmond, Beth Golden, Darleen Miller, Mary Duke, Janet Lohr, and Myrtle Holland.

Surprise for Projects winners were drawn.

Everyone in attendance, led by Bett Sims, joined voices to sing the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Rebecha Catlett moved to adjourn the meeting. Janet Lohr seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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