

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
West Virginia State Organization
Eta Chapter
April 1, 2023

Executive Board Members Present: President, Teresa Campbell (for call to order and brunch); Second Vice President, Janet Lohr (presiding after the call to order, in the absence of the President); Corresponding Secretary, Linda McGraw; Recording Secretary, Rebecha Catlett; Parliamentarian, Jay Russell; and Immediate Past President, Peggy Whetzel.

Members gathered for the fourth general chapter meeting of the 2022-2024 biennium on Saturday, April 1, 2023, in the library of Mountain Ridge Intermediate School, Berkeley County, WV.

Second Vice President, Janet Lohr, officially called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m., thanked the Berkeley 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. Updated committee lists were distributed to all in attendance.

Ruth Potts provided a beautiful devotion and blessing that encouraged all in attendance to remember our “why.” Ms.Potts reminded us that every day we are making a difference in the lives of students and children. Don’t just count the days – make the days count!

Members enjoyed a time of fellowship and food. The menu included chicken minis, fruit, various pastries, water, lemonade, sweet, and unsweet tea from Chick-fil-A. The tables were beautifully decorated with Easter and Spring décor and candies.

Roll Call Recording Secretary, Rebecha Catlett, took roll call from the sign in sheet. There were fifty (50) members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes Second Vice-President, Janet Lohr, referred to the minutes which had been emailed to all members earlier in the week. There was one noted correction in regard to the Surprise For Projects section; changing the name “Karri Schnably” to “Lori Hazy.” There were two misspelled words. Myrtle Holland made the motion to accept the minutes with the three proposed corrections. Linda Martin seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.

Treasury Report (Peggy Grantham, Treasurer): The balance of the checking account was reported as \$19,608.59, with a working balance of 11,331.43 as of April 1, 2023. The report was accepted and filed.

Correspondence Report (Linda McGraw): Mrs.McGraw thanked Jay Russell for filling in for her during the March meeting. There was no correspondence report.

Concerns for Others (Second Vice President, Janet Lohr): Concerns for others were shared for Sara Lueck and Ann Potter.

Committee Meetings and Reports:

Achievement Award (Peggy Whetzel): No Report

Archives: Materials can be stored at Shepherd University.

Bylaws and Standing Rules (Linda McGraw): There will be changes to Bylaws and Standing rules forthcoming. See the WV State Newsette for changes that will be proposed at Convention.

Communications (Bethany Miller) The committee took many headshots and a photo of the National Board Certified Teachers in attendance. The Committee will be preparing the news clipping and newsletter notebooks for the state convention.

Community Awareness (Rachel Potts): The committee would like to update the chapter informational brochure. Bethany Miller will email it to Ruth and Rachel Potts.

Convention and Long Rang Planning (Peggy Grantham) They have more fundraisers planned for September, October, and March meetings. Although Eta Chapter will not host the State Convention until 2033, and it may seem far away, it will be here before we know it. The costs of rental space and everything associated with pulling off a nice convention are rising, so these little fundraisers are important.

Disaster (Jay Russell): No report

Finance (Laurie Thomas): No report

Legislative (Linda McGraw): Many worthwhile bills were introduced to the legislature, but many of them failed to make it through both houses. There was a bill that passed that regulates school discipline further. There were also bills that passed related to retirees and pay increases. Mrs.McGraw provided details regarding bills for retired teachers and bus drivers. Kathy Yost also reported regarding future increases in health insurance premiums for retired employees. Two different legislators had assured Mrs.Yost there would NOT be increases, so she felt disappointed in hearing of the increases.

Literacy (Sue Flanagan): The chair thanked everyone for bringing books for the book sale and invited everyone to continue purchasing books throughout the meeting; \$1 for hardbacks and 50 cents for paperbacks. All monies will go toward Literacy Projects in the fall of 2023. The remaining books will be donated to community organizations.

Membership and Expansion (Janet Lohr): Janet Lohr and Rebecha Catlett explained the process for new member selection. Members were reminded of the responsibility of sponsoring a member. Prospective New Member forms were distributed. Members may sponsor more than one new member. An invitation for membership Prospective New Member meetings will be hosted by the Area Coordinators. Jefferson County, 714 Keyes Ferry Road, Charles Town, WV on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 11:00 a.m.. Morgan County: Morgan County Board of Education Building, June 21, 1:00 p.m.. Berkeley County, Kathy Bennett's House, sometime the week of June 5-9. The exact date and time of the Berkeley County meeting will be emailed to the membership soon.

Music (Bett Sims): The committee was able to meet and they were thrilled to get to know new member, Pamela Larson.

Nominations: No report

Personal Growth and Services (Ronda Albright) – They encouraged members to exercise more as the weather improves; perhaps getting together in groups to walk or gardening. Other activities discussed were Silver Sneakers and Tai Chi.

Professional Affairs (Myrtle Holland) – Mrs.Holland asked for purse models for the purse auction. She encouraged members to sign up for a number and paddle.

Program: No report.

Scholarship (Autumne Frye) Any members that forgot to wear their pin should pay \$1.00 today. She encouraged members to apply for the scholarship. All college work and National Board certification is applicable to the scholarship.

Scrapbook (Emily Seal) The chair and her committee are working on the scrapbook for state convention. Members were reminded to leave articles UNCUT. The committee will cut out any submitted articles, as to be sure to adhere to convention guidelines.

Technology (Kathy Yost) The chair reported that the committee is making every effort to edit out personal information from Eta Echoes before the document is posted to the chapter website. She thanked Bethany Miller for her help.

World Fellowship/International Projects (Cindy Woods): The chair explained the committee will be having a very small fundraiser during the September meeting.

Program: Janet Lohr, Second Vice President, led a dynamic and interactive “Founders Free” Escape Room program. This creative, innovative program required members to use secret code pens, magnify and their collective brainpower to work together to help our founders “escape” by working together in groups to find clues, break codes, and unlock boxes. Unlocked boxes sometimes included fun prizes!

Special Activity: Memorial Service for Eleanor Effland and Treva Kerns. Rebecha Catlett, Carol Grow, Nancy Broadley, Linda Martin Kathy Bennett, Ronda Albright, and Jay Russell presented a touching and meaningful memorial service. The service was written by Vicki Jenkins and included the scripture readings of John 14: 1-6, 25-27. The poems "Remembering" and "The Rose Behind the Wall" were read aloud. Linda Martin and Kathy Bennett shared special sentiments. Bett Sims sang an absolutely beautiful arrangement of "El Shadai."

Other Announcements/Information: Convention Update: Rebecha Catlett reminded members about the state convention to be held in Flatwoods. The deadline for Registration and hotel reservation are printed in the Sate Newsette with the registration form. Alpha Iota chapter is selling T-shirts for \$20 each. Currently, five Eta members are planning to attend. Janet Lohr is nominated for the WWSO Office of First Vice-President. Peggy Grantham is nominated for the Northeast Region Representative to the WWSO Nominating Committee.

Member dues of \$64 are due to Treasurer, Peggy Grantham, on or before April 30th.

Community Announcement (Kathy Yost): On April 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Country Inn in the Garden Room, Asbury United Methodist Church will be hosting a Friendship Tea. A ticket is \$18. The theme is "Kentucky Derby." Wear a hat and have some fun!

Celebrations (Janet Lohr, Second Vice President): Celebrations were shared for Teresa Campbell, Peggy Whetzel, Dr. Page Moore, Rebecha Catlett, Sonja Waters, Peggy Grantham, and Autumnne Frye. The following ladies were recognized as WWSO Local Leading Ladies: Mary Duke, Vicki Jenkins, Cindy Woods, and Mary Beth Cornell.

Special Activity: A live auction to benefit Eta Chapter's Grants-In-Aid program, hosted by the Professional Affairs Committee and auctioneered by Kathy Bennett, was held. Members bid on approximately twenty purses (some with surprises inside!) and one very special birdhouse, handcrafted by Mr. Jim Holland.

The winners of the Surprise for Projects drawing were Rebecha Catlett, Lori Hazy, and Emily Seal.

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

Adjournment: Peggy Grantham made a motion for meeting adjournment. Kathy Yost seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Mrs. Rebecha Dawn Catlett, Recording Secretary
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