

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**West Virginia State Organization**  
**Eta Chapter**  
**September 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Members gathered for the first general chapter meeting of the 2022-2024 biennium on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at Mountain Ridge Intermediate School, Berkeley County, WV.

Executive Board Members present included: President, Teresa Campbell; First Vice President, Vicki Jenkins; Second Vice President, Janet Lohr; Treasure, Peggy Grantham; Recording Secretary, Rebecha Catlett; Immediate Past Chapter President, Peggy Whetzel.

President Campbell and Immediate Past Chapter President, Peggy Whetzel welcomed the attendees. President Campbell thanked the Area Coordinators, the Executive Board, Autumn Frye, Bethany Miller, and Janet Lohr and her husband for all of their hard work in preparing for the meeting. Members enjoyed brunch from Chik Fil A and a time of fellowship.

President Campbell officially called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and shared her appreciation for everyone in attendance. She reminded members to pick up agendas and treasury reports, pay for their meal, and get a name tag.

Immediate Past President, Peggy Whetzel, provided a beautiful devotion and blessing. The devotion encouraged members to see God's dreams and plans for us in our everyday lives.

Recording Secretary, Rebecha Catlett, took roll call from the sign in sheet. There were 36 members in attendance and two guests.

President Campbell, First Vice President Vicki Jenkins, Second Vice President Janet Lohr, and New Member Sponsor, Patricia Moore, inducted new member, Dr. Kathryn "Page" Moore in a traditional candlelight ceremony. She was welcomed with applause.

President Campbell and First Vice President, Vicki Jenkins, inducted Janet Lohr as Eta Chapter Second Vice-President. She was congratulated with applause.

President Campbell made reference to the meeting minutes from the April 2022 meeting. The minutes had been emailed to all members earlier in the week. There were no corrections to the minutes. Julia Lineweaver motioned to approve the minutes as presented electronically in advance of the meeting. Linda Martin offered a second. Motion passed without objection. The minutes were approved.

Peggy Grantham, Eta Chapter Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The ending balance as of September 17, 2022 was \$21,549.01. The report was accepted and filed.

Peggy Grantham reviewed the Proposed Budget for the 2022-2024 Biennium. Increases in the budget were proposed in several areas, including Postage, Printing, Flowers, Area Coordinator Expenses, Scrapbook, Gifts, President's Expenses, and Supplies. Treasurer Grantham provided a detailed rationale for the increase in budgeted amounts for those areas, including increased costs, future projections, and general inflation. A motion to approve the budget was made by Bethany Miller and seconded by Myrtle Holland. Motion passed without objection. The budget was approved.

Correspondence Report – None; as none had been received.

Concerns for Others were shared for Ann Hunter, Darlene Risinger, Rebecha Catlett, Gail Sherman, Harriet Kopp, Darleen Miller, Christie Butts, Gail Sherman, and Betsy Dove. Vicki Jenkins shared the funeral arrangements for Eleanor Effland. (*Detailed concerns were printed in the September issue of Eta Echoes.*)

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

#### Committee Reports

Peggy Whetzel (Achievement Award) The committee is considering possible nominees for the award.

Patty Stealey (Archives) Materials are now able to be accepted at Shepherd University.

Bylaws and Standing Rules: Although there was no official committee report, Rebecha Catlett stated the committee will need to revisit the By Laws and Standing Rules after the 2023 WV State Organization Convention. Members are encouraged to read the By Laws and Standing Rules information for the committee(s) they are serving.

Bethany Miller (Communications) Bethany Miller explained how the RSVP form helps get information into the Eta Echoes. If you have additional information after you RSVP, email Bethany with information. Two ideas for future meetings: 1. A photo and article with years highlighting the group's total years in education. 2. A group photo and article highlighting our National Board Certified Teacher members. In the future, the committee will be collecting headshots to use for press releases and chapter publications. Members were asked to look for personal headshots they could submit. Committee Chairs are encouraged to submit announcements and information for publication in Eta Echoes to Bethany Miller.

Sonja Waters (Community Awareness) The committee will be brainstorming for new ideas.

Peggy Grantham (Convention and Long Range Planning) The committee would like to have brief and simple fundraisers during the October 2022 and March 2023 meetings. Eta Chapter will host the 2033 State Convention, so there is a need to prepare for those expenses.

Jay Russell (Disaster) Jay Russel explained the purpose and goals of the Disaster Fund.

Kathy Arbogast (Finance) The committee emphasized the need for the increases that were presented earlier in the budget and expressed appreciation for the approval of the new budget.

Christal Akers (Legislative) Everyone was reminded to vote. She noted two important pieces of legislation recently – Parental Access to Library and Classroom Library Materials and Increasing the Time Period that Special Education Classroom recordings must be archived from 3 months to 1 year.

Linda Work (Literacy). In October 2022, the committee wants to collect children's books. In April 2023, the committee would like to have a gently used book sale.

Janet Lohr (Membership and Expansion): The committee would like to investigate why some members aren't participating and what they can do to increase member participation, including increasing attendance at meetings and encouraging involvement in projects

Bett Sims (Music) If the executive board has special requests for music, please let Bett know. If anyone would like to join her in singing, please let her know. The more, the merrier!

Nomination committee - President Campbell sought volunteers from the members in attendance to be on this committee. Myrtle Holland, Kathy Bennett, Linda Work, and Christal Akers volunteered.

(Personal Growth and Services) No Report

Myrtle Holland (Professional Affairs) The committee would like to plan a live auction for March of 2023 and a memorial project at a later date. Kathy Bennett agreed to be the auctioneer for the live auction.

Vicki Jenkins (Program) Vicki apologized that the full directory wasn't ready for distribution. It will be ready in October. She thanked Bethany Miller for all her help in preparing the directory. Two sign up sheets were distributed for RAPP (Relatives as Parents Program). Eta members may elect to buy a gift or give \$25 toward a gift card for the RAPP Christmas Party. Vicki Jenkins provided additional information about the RAPP program and its positive impact on families in our community. Checks can be made to United Way of the Eastern Panhandle (in the memo mark RAPP – for gift cards). Sue Flanagan will do a major collection of donations during the October meeting. RAPP serves children in several counties. The RAPP Christmas party will be held December 9, 6-8 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Martinsburg, WV. Peggy Whetzel shared that in the last couple of years we have donated many gifts to RAPP, and it is a wonderful opportunity to give to our community.

Autumne Frye (Scholarship) The committee is looking forward to recognizing and celebrating the continuing education of our chapter members. Applicants can fill out a simple one page application and may be awarded a scholarship up to \$1000.00. Any members that forgot to wear their pin to the meeting should pay \$1.00 to Mary Beth Cornell today.

Lori Hazy (Scrapbook) The committee will meet soon to work on the scrapbook.

Kathy Yost (Technology) Kathy Yost and Regina Sherman are going to meet Monday, September 19th, at 1:00 p.m. so Kathy can feel “tutored” on the Chapter Website. Kathy is excited to learn! Kathy explained that she needs several pieces of information to add to the chapter website, including the Member List, Updated Bylaws, Strategic Action Plan, List of Committees, and an Updated Volunteer Hours Form. Members were reminded to join the Facebook group.

Cindy Woods (World Fellowship/International Projects). Cindy Woods will be emailing her committee members that were absent today. The committee will continue to support the Schools For Africa DKG International Program. The committee will collect donations during our Christmas Tea. They will also have a small fundraiser in September 2023.

Program: Appy Hour 2.0

APPY HOUR 2.0: Bethany Miller, Autumne Frye, and Special Guest Dr. Ann Mathena, Mountain Ridge Intermediate’s TIS, provided members with a dynamic Appy Hour 2.0 Program. This was a long awaited and extremely engaging, wonderful program – a sequel to Appy Hour 1.0. Appy Hour stations included instruction and hands-on experiences with Canva, Chatterpix Kids, Flipgrid, and Osmo. Members had the opportunity to visit the Appy Hour stations, at their leisure, learning and experiencing technology tools they could use in their classrooms and everyday communications.

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. On each bag was affixed a tag reading, “Wishing you a successful school year! With support from members of Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter!” Members were encouraged to deliver bags to early career educators in their respective schools.

Other Announcements:

Vicki Jenkins announced she had photos, taken previously for the chapter scrapbook, of Doris Costello. Peggy Grantham volunteered to take the photos and pass them along to Joslyn Noland because Joslyn is in contact with Doris’ family.

Vicki Jenkins requested any corrections to the 2022-2024 Eta Chapter Membership Directory be shared with her ASAP.

Kathy Bennett gave a mini presentation on the special bookcase dedicated to the life, work, and memory of former DKG member, Colleen Miller. She read aloud the beautiful plaque that is part of the bookcase display in the library of Mountain Ridge Intermediate School.

Leadership Conference Report: Rebecha Catlett shared that five Eta Members attended the 2022 WV State Organization Leadership Conference held in Flatwoods, WV in April 2022. The focus was on growing leaders and leadership skills. During the conference, Rebecha presented "Programs with Pizzazz" and Janet Lohr gave a presentation about her Ildarod experience. Vicki Jenkins, as a member of the WWSO Executive Board served in many ways, including providing officer training and the devotion and blessing for the Friday luncheon for which she presided. Linda McGraw and Julia Lineweaver also attended. Everyone had a great time traveling together and attending the conference.

West Virginia State Organization Leadership Conference Certificates of Excellence were presented by Vicki Jenkins to Sonja Waters for Excellence in News Clippings, to Peggy Grantham for Excellence in Chapter Newsletters, and to Ronda Albright for Excellence in Scrapbook. Eta Chapter earned perfect scores in every category.

Celebration Reports were shared for Peggy Whetzel, Bethany Miller, Autumnne Frye, Heather Stewart, Ronda Albright, Sonja Waters, Kathy Arbogast, Jan Charlton, Vicki Jenkins, Debbie Glover, Rebecha Catlett, Peggy Grantham, Debbie Thomas, and Suzanne DeVoe. (*Detailed Celebration News was printed in the September 2022 Eta Echoes*)

Surprise for Projects collected \$25.00 Surprise for Project Winners were: Autumnne Frye, Teresa Campbell, Peggy Whetzel, Kathy Bennett, Janet Lohr, and Vicki Jenkins.

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

Rebecha Catlett made a motion for meeting adjournment. Bethany Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

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

Addendum: The Executive Board met immediately following the meeting. Minutes were compiled and forwarded to President Campbell.

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