

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**West Virginia State Organization**  
**Eta Chapter**  
**October 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Members gathered for the second general chapter meeting of the 2022-2024 biennium on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Hospice of the Eastern Panhandle Complex, Jefferson County, WV.

The following Executive Board members were present: President, Teresa Campbell; First Vice President, Vicki Jenkins; Corresponding Secretary, Linda McGraw; Recording Secretary, Rebecha Catlett; Treasurer, Peggy Grantham; and Parliamentarian, Jay Russell.

The meeting was called to order by President Campbell at 9:40 a.m..

Vicki Jenkins provided inspiring and comforting devotions. Her first sentiments were based on Psalm 42:5. We were reminded, "When darkness descends, don't fear. Rather, hope in God." Her second illustration stated, "Just when we think all is lost, God unfolds His Perfect Plan, and all makes sense." Then, to the delight of those in attendance, Vicki shared the story, "Keep Your Fork - The Best is Yet to Come." It is the story of a woman who realized that heaven was far greater and far better than anything she could ever ask for or imagine. The story made the analogy between keeping your fork for the best part of any meal - the dessert - and keeping your faith until the very best part of God's plan for our lives - an eternity with Him in heaven. Members each received a small fork at their place setting to remind them that every time they reach for a fork, reflect upon "The best is yet to come (heaven)." Vicki also gave a touching brunch blessing.

Following the blessing, members enjoyed brunch prepared by the Hospice of the Panhandle chef. The menu included quiche, fresh fruit salad, assorted danishes, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee, and tea. Other members enjoyed their bring-your-own-breakfast. All members enjoyed a time of fellowship. The table decor provided by the Jefferson County Area Coordinators. The tables were decorated with beautiful sunflower centerpieces, chocolates, and various colored cancer awareness ribbons for members to wear and take home. Laminated bookmarks explained the ribbon colors and cancer awareness denotations.

Recording Secretary, Rebecha Catlett, took roll call from the sign in sheet. There were 46 members in attendance and one guest.

President Campbell made reference to the previously emailed meeting minutes from the September 2022 meeting. There were four corrections to the minutes; one incorrect name, one misspelled name, and one grammatically incorrect sentence. The minutes should include the names of Executive Board members in attendance. Vicki Jenkins motioned to approve the minutes as presented electronically, amended with the four corrections. Kathy Yost offered a second. Motion passed without objection. The minutes were approved.

Peggy Grantham, Eta Chapter Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The Checking account ending balance as of October 22, 2022 was \$15,738.21. The Working Balance was \$11,683.55. The report was accepted and filed.

Peggy Grantham, chairperson, presented the "Pumpkin Price" fundraiser on behalf of the Long Range/Convention Planning Committee. Kathy Bennett drew from the pumpkin, and all members were invited to pay \$2 if they were wearing red, \$1.25 if wearing black, \$2.50 if wearing purple, \$1.50 if wearing white, \$1.00 if wearing green, \$1.75 if wearing blue, .75 if wearing brown. All other colors were asked to donate just .50.

Correspondence Report: Recording Secretary, Linda McGraw, shared correspondence from Eleanor Efland's niece, Darleen Miller, and UNICEF USA (Schools For Africa). Peggy Grantham relayed that Ann Hunter has appreciated all of the cards and prayers of her Eta sisters.

President Campbell invited members to make a donation to Hospice of the Eastern Panhandle; checks or cash were collected in a basket.

Concerns for Others were shared for Ann Hunter, Darleen Miller, Sonja Water's mother-in-law, Vicki Jenkin's uncle, Nancy Ryan's family, and Ann Helmick who recently experienced a choking incident.

Linda Martin announced she had a menagerie of Eleanor Efland's DKG t-shirts if anyone would like them.

Gail Sherman expressed her deep gratitude and appreciation to everyone for their cards, calls, love, care, and support after the passing of her dear husband. She read aloud an extra special card she received from Vicki Jenkins. She told the heartfelt story of the little girl that lives next door to her and hand delivered a wonderful message to Gail to her front door. Gail said when she looked at the beautiful rose that Eta Chapter delivered to her, she saw in it a "new meaning" - a "deeper meaning" - and she could "feel the deep love" from her Eta sisters.

Vicki Jenkins made an announcement on behalf of Sue Flanagan. Vicki conveyed Sue's gratitude for all that signed up to provide gifts or funding for RAPP during the September meeting. Vicki read aloud a letter from Sue explaining the continued need for gift donors, the process and guidelines for gift donors, and directions for making donations to RAPP via The United Way. Checks should be written to The United Way, with "RAPP" written on the memo line. If a surplus of funds are collected, grocery gift cards may be purchased. Families can be referred for inclusion in RAPP at any time. Please call or email Sue Flanagan if you have questions or need additional information. Volunteers are needed for the RAPP Christmas Party on December 9th at Calvary United Methodist Church in Martinsburg. Kathy Bennett explained, in particular, ideas and volunteers are needed to help distribute gifts, serve dinner, and/or plan and lead children in a craft time. Kathy Bennett has secured a \$500.00 donation from the United Commercial Travelers toward the RAPP Christmas Party meal, gifts, and crafts for the

Christmas Party. Kathy also shared her personal experience with RAPP and encouraged her Eta Sisters to join her in serving.

Program: "Hospice of the Eastern Panhandle - An Update"

Mary Duke shared her personal connection to Hospice. She has volunteered since 1990 and is a former "Hospice Volunteer of the Year." She introduced our special guest, Maria Lorensen, of Hospice of the Eastern Panhandle. Mrs. Lorensen provided an overview of the history, mission, and vision of the organization. She highlighted the Inpatient Facility levels of care, in home care delivery services, fundraising efforts, veteran recognitions, referral process, and the new Panhandle Palliative Services program. A question and answer time followed.

Mrs. Sorenson recognized Eta member Jay Russell, a 20 year Hospice Volunteer, with a special gift.

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

Committee Reports

Kathy Bennett (Achievement Award) The purpose of the committee was reviewed. The names of possible nominees can be forwarded to the committee for consideration.

Patty Stealey (Archives) Please give materials to Patty for transport to Shepherd University.

Joslyn Noland (Bylaws and Standing Rules): The Bylaws will be updated summer of 2023 to reflect changes made at the international and state levels.

Bethany Miller (Communications) Please send headshots to Rebecha Catlett. On the March RSVP form, the committee will be seeking to identify National Board Certified Teachers.

Sonja Waters (Community Awareness) The committee wants to promote DKG in the community.

Peggy Grantham (Convention and Long Range Planning) The Pumpkin Price Fundraiser generated \$95.25 in donations toward the 2033 DKG-WVSO Convention.

Jay Russell (Disaster) No Report

Kathy Arbogast (Finance) No Report

Linda McGraw (Legislative) Everyone was reminded to be educated about Amendments 1,2,3 and 4 that are coming up in the next election. She provided details of each. Rebecha Catlett suggested members contact their legislators to ask for support of The Caregiver Act.

Linda Work (Literacy). The Children's book collection gathered over 270 books to be distributed in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties. A sticker was affixed to each book to highlight DKG-Eta Chapter.

(Membership and Expansion): No Report

Bett Sims (Music) No report.

(Linda Work) Nomination committee - No report.

(Personal Growth and Services) No report.

Myrtle Holland (Professional Affairs) The committee plans to have two live and one silent auction during the March meeting. One live auction will be for goods and services donated by our members. The other live auction will feature gently used purses. The purses can include surprises inside. The committee also plans to have a silent auction with themed baskets. Members are encouraged to combine efforts to create themed baskets. Each basket will have a \$20 opening bid.

Vicki Jenkins (Program) Vicki Jenkins announced Shirley Wiltsire's new email address. Members should contact Vicki if they have any change in their address, email, or phone numbers.

Autumne Frye (Scholarship): Autumne reminded members to pay \$1.00 if not wearing their pin. She encouraged members to apply for the Chapter Scholarship.

Lori Hazy (Scrapbook) Emily Seal is going to schedule a meeting.

Kathy Yost (Technology) Kathy Yost thanked Regina Sherman and Taylor Thomas for their help. The committee intends to apply for the official seal from International - DKG. For this reason, a great deal of hard work is ongoing behind the scenes to be sure all required documents and information are on the chapter website.

(World Fellowship/International Projects) No report

Celebration Reports were shared for Bethany Miller, Teresa Campbell, Debbie Thomas, Mary Beth Cornell, Susan Moreland, Darlene Risinger, Heather Williams, Vicki Jenkins, Beth Lyons.

Correspondence From WV State Organization: President Gregory is gauging interest in a Barbecue for 12 raffle. Rebecha Catlett reminded members to nominate their sisters for The Local Leading Lady recognition. The application is on the DKG - WVSO website and our chapter Facebook group.

Surprise for Projects Drawing: Winners were Kari Schnably, Ronda Albright, Elizabeth Spring, and Vicki Jenkins.

Project: Holiday Cards for Hospice : Members joined efforts to create 50 holiday cards for Hospice of the Panhandle clients. The cards were traditional red, white, and green with snowflake embellishments and inside the sentiment read, "Wishing you a warm holiday season filled with special memories and a hope for the future. Happy Holidays!" Rebecha Catlett will deliver these cards to Hospice of the Panhandle for distribution in early December.

Everyone in attendance, led by Bett Sims, sang the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m..

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

(The Executive Committee did not meet before or following the chapter meeting.)