Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Eta Chapter

Alpha Phi State

Rebecha Catlett, President
Nancy Broadley, 2nd Vice President
Secretary Ruth Potts and Rachel Potts,
Cindy Woods, Treasurer
Parliamentarian

Bethany Miller, 1st Vice President
Anne Helmick, Corresponding Secretary
Recording Secretaries
Kathy Bennett,

September 15, 2018 Meeting
Musselman Middle School, Berkeley County, West Virginia

The following officers were present for the September 15, 2018
meeting: President, Rebecha Catlett; Vice-President, Bethany Miller;
2nd President, Nancy Broadley; Recording Secretaries, Rachel Potts and
Ruth Potts; Treasurer, Cindy Woods, Parliamentarian, Kathy Bennett.

Prior to the meeting members signed in, picked up directories, turned
in concerns, and completed celebrations cards.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Catlett called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and
welcomed everyone back to our first meeting. She thanked the
Berkeley County Area Coordinators. They received applause for their
great work. She also thanked executive board members for their hard work.

President Catlett thanked Bethany Miller for her hard work on the binder cover page and directory. The Bylaws in binders are the most current. Members could sign in with Bethany Miller and pick up new directory pages and cover. New members were given new binders as well.

Cindy Woods collected dues before the meeting and distributed membership cards. Jay Russell collected payments for brunch, filling in for Anne Helmick.

DEVOTION AND BLESSING

Tracey Horner and Amy Fultineer provided the devotions and brunch blessing. Their message was about God placing children in our classes; then teachers to help the students’ light shine. They reminded us that God has placed each child in our classes for a reason. They also read a Bible verse sharing that God is always there with us when things are hard. Amy challenged us to remember God has a purpose for students being in your class.

Tracey shared words of encouragement for teachers. You and your work do matter. Students will be thankful for your work. You are making a difference. Students care, want to learn, and notice work. The One to serve all of us is God. Remember the real reason to be teaching is the Lord. She referenced 1st Corinthians.
Our brunch blessing included a prayer of thanks for coming together, to protect families in the south during the storms, and thanks for food prepared for the day.

**BRUNCH AND SOCIAL TIME**

Chapter members enjoyed a delicious brunch provided by Pownall’s Bistro & Catering – scrambled eggs, bacon/sausage, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, fresh fruit, juice, cinnamon buns (provided by The Dining Room) and coffee.

**ROLL CALL**

After brunch, President Catlett presided over the meeting that began with roll call by Recording Secretary, Ruth Potts. Fifty-five members were in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from the previous meeting, which had been sent to members via email, were approved. Motion made by Linda Martin. Bett Sims seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TREASURY REPORT**

Cindy Woods, treasurer, provided a treasury report, thanked everyone who has paid their dues already, and shared receipts from last meeting. Expenses included Grants-in-Aide winners, scrapbook costs, and funds donated to the state scholarship fund. Our working balance is $13,300.90. Income includes $8.00 to the scholarship for not wearing
pins. The scholarship fund has received an unexpected windfall as part of our dues collection the past three years. Dues - we pay $64.00. $0.60 cents go to the scholarship fund. Scholarship fund now at balance 2,732.56. Active Dues - 104 members and 4 reserve members. Now, $0.80, not $0.64 goes to scholarship fund. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

In reviewing the proposed budget, Cindy Woods explained some changes, including postage. The amount has increased to $75.00 because we are doing more mailing, at the request of some members. We voted last year to include $1,000 for a member to attend international convention. The amount has changed to $400.00. Money is there if needed for our chapter president to go to conventions. Flower budget increased to $200. The Gift line item was decreased. Supplies, now $150.00. Miscellaneous, $25. Printing costs, $300.00. President Catlett asked if anyone had questions or comments about the proposed budget. Hearing none, Vicki Jenkins made a motion to accept the budget as presented, and Eleanor Effland seconded motion. Motion carried.

Cindy Woods explained some fiscal changes at the International level of DKG. Dues have always run on calendar year. This is changing. Now running on a fiscal year. In order to shift to pay in fiscal years, she will be asking for dues by the April meeting. However, we won't pay again in October 2019. We may be able to pay electronically.

Cindy Woods read a letter from Bonnie DeHaven. Bonnie wishes to resign from membership because she feels she is unable to be an active member at this time. Jay Russell moved to accept Bonnie's resignation with regret. Linda Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
BIENNIAL DIRECTORY INFORMATION

First Vice President, Bethany Miller, asked members to pick up their new membership directory, sign in with her, and get new inserts. Members were asked to keep the current by-laws but dispose other outdated information and replace with new biennium information. Members could also collect directories for absent members and take it to them. Bethany expressed her appreciation to anyone who could deliver a directory to someone else. President Catlett thanked Bethany Miller and Shannon Stephens for distributing the new directories.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence was shared by Mary Jane (Jay) Russell.

Linda Work sent a thank you card thanking everyone for the outpouring of cards, calls, visits, and prayers during her illness. Please keep her in thoughts and prayers as she continues chemo therapy.

Vicki Jenkins sent a thank you card to Eta sisters thanking everyone for prayers during her aunt’s sickness and passing.

Cindy Woods, sent a thank you card to Eta sisters thanking everyone for their cards, prayers, thought and visits after the passing of her mother.
Mary J.C. Hendrix from Shepherd University sent a letter thanking the chapter for its contribution to fund Grants-In-Aid for Shepherd University Education students.

**CONCERNS FOR OTHERS**

Concerns for Others were shared by Nancy Broadley

Nancy Broadly lifted Darlene Risinger in prayer. She is depressed following her husband’s recent passing. Pray for God’s comfort for her.

Myrtle Holland is having breast cancer surgery October 2. We will keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Myrtle will keep us informed of her progress.

Joslyn Noland shared to keep Doris Costello’s daughter in prayers. She is in John Hopkins.

**COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETINGS**

President Catlett shared the new Committee Reporting Form with members.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Achievement Award – Gail Sherman made a recommendation to complete index cards for member information. Vicki has the cards, and they are updated. She will bring them to the next meeting. The committee would like to use the card box.

Archives- Patty Stealey – scrapbooks to Shepherd University. They would like to have them for the April meeting. Kathy Bennett has some information from the Tabler family from years past and has thought
about having them stored at Shepherd. President Catlett also has information that could be stored with the Tabler information. The room at Shepherd University that stores the scrapbooks and other information is small. Andi Hasley has archives stored electronically at WVU so she suggested to check with Shepherd University to see if this is an option for our chapter.

Kathy Bennett – Changes to international by-laws will be made. Once this happens, each state makes its changes. We can’t do anything at this time. We must await the changes at the state level.

Communication – Sonja Waters reported her committee met and discussed how to submit in the Jefferson County paper "The Spirit of Jefferson" and "The Martinsburg Journal" of Berkeley County. Sonja would like to see more shout outs from members that show public service. Please share with her.

Convention/Long Range Planning – Peggy Grantham stated no report.

Community Awareness – Mary Beth Cornell reported the committee is "already off and running." She thanked Cindy Woods for revising the Delta Kappa Gamma brochure. The brochure will go in the gift bags for “Early Career Educators. The committee is also reinitiating the tracking of volunteer community hours. Mary Beth will have foblic service. Please share with her.
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Disaster – Eleanor Effland reported members working on the committee will not do any work until help is requested.

Finance – Myrtle Holland discussed the yearly review of budget and audit of books. On Aug. 9, 2018, the chapter's finance records were reviewed with Cindy Woods, and all accounts were ready for audit. All accounts were found to be in order.

Legislative – Janet Lohr reported that the "55 strong meeting" is Sunday, September 16, 2018. Andi Hasley shared her experience with NAfME's Hill Day as well as her work on advocacy with WVMEA. She briefly described title I, Title 2 and Title 4 of the federal budget and how important those are for teachers, especially professional development.

Literacy- Cathie Burke reported that the committee talked about continuing projects they've conduced in the past, such as bringing in children’s books, having a book sale, etc.. Vickie Jenkins reminded members to bring in mittens and gloves for the October meeting.
Membership- Nancy Broadley reported the committee discussed the April 6th Founder's Day program. They will continue discussions at a later date.

Music – Bett Sim's committee discussed a song for each meeting and singing "Happy Birthday" to members; that will start in October.

Nominations – Linda Work was elected committee chair. Nothing to report until next year.

Personal Growth and Services -Sue Flanagan will continue working on ideas next month.

Professional Affairs-Laura Richmond reported the Grants-In-Aid program was extremely successful in the last Biennium - give yourselves a hand! The chapter now has $547.25 to start the biennium off. There will be an auction in October in Berkeley Springs with a live and silent auction throughout the meeting. Laura Richmond shared a quilt that Rebecha’s mom donated to the auction. Please look at the flyer for more information. The flyer was also emailed to the membership.

Program – Bethany Miller – continuing to work on yearlong projects. Thanks to everyone for bringing supplies today. "Appy Hour" in April. Please see Bethany if you have information (an app) to share for the special App Day. Sue Flanagan provided a flyer and information about RAPP. She and Vickie Jenkins will present more information in our
October program. Please support the RAPP program. More information in October.

Scholarship – Carol Grow reported the committee is in charge of spending the scholarship money and looking for ways to make members more familiar with the scholarships that are offered. Linda Martin shared that Alpha Phi State has numerous scholarships, and everyone can apply. Due February 1st. Myrtle Holland asked if they have a scholarship for National Boards. Linda Martin believes that now they do have a scholarship for National Boards.

Scrapbook Committee – First, Vicki Jenkins thanked everyone for her lovely gifts for serving as president, and then she shared last year’s scrapbook. If anyone gets the Spirit of Jefferson newspaper, please keep and give it to Vicki when it has information from our chapter.

World Fellowship – Rosa Clark reported that her committee would like to lead the chapter in supporting Schools for Africa. In October, they would like a time to do a project – making Christmas ornaments. Everyone is to bring one toilet paper roll or paper towel roll.

Technology – Regina Sherman – She reported she was the only member present from her committee. She will soon be able to link our website to the international website. She asked everyone to please sign a paper to grant permission to put pictures on website. There may be a change later.
A JOYFUL NOISE

Music provided by Bett Sims- Sharing/Giving – Group shared “Put a Little Love in Your Heart.”

SUPPORTING EARLY CAREER EDUCATORS PROGRAM

Bethany Miller introduced Peggy Whetzel and Shannon Stephens. Bethany gave a thank you to her mother, Peggy Whetzel, and friend, Shannon Stephens for sharing information on Supporting Early Career Educators. Shannon is an intervention/resource coach. She works with teachers with tier 2 and 3 students and other teachers. Fredrick County has ED program. Shannon shared about project “PIE -positive interactions every day.

Peggy shared about the mentoring program in Berkeley County. She shared what teachers have already completed for the first 19 days. The mentoring program mentors new teachers to Berkeley County. More than 200 new teachers and permanent substitutes were serviced through the mentoring program. She mentors/co-teaches and sometimes is a sounding board. She shares information that teachers need to know. She helps new teachers by introducing them to cafeteria and custodial staff members. Her daughter told her she is like a Marigold. You plant a Marigold next to vegetables to help it grow big and strong. She encourages us to be a Marigold. Find time to spend with new teachers because they need us.

GIFT BAGS FOR EARLY CAREER EDUCATORS PROJECT
Members filled gifts bags with lots of helpful and needed teaching/classroom supplies (pencils, pens, scissors, construction paper, tissues, dry erase markers, etc.). A teacher's poem and DKG brochure were also placed in each bag. Gift tags, designed by Bethany Miller, were attached to each bag. Members wrote encouraging messages for Early Career Educators on the outside of the bags. The bags were topped off with colorful tissue paper and matching ribbon. Members were encouraged to take a bag of supplies to an Early Career Educator to brighten their day and show support. Together, members put together almost 70 bags, brimming with much needed teaching supplies.

**ALPHA PHI STATE LEADERSHIP REPORT AND STATE CONVENTION CERTIFICATES**

President Catlett thanked members for attending leadership conference. Lance Loya was the keynote speaker and his message was about the power of teamwork. He also spoke about the importance and value of each member’s passions and talents. President Catlett then presented awards given at the Leadership Conference:

**Award Ceremony**

Scrapbook – Perfect score/certificate of excellence (presented to Bethany Miller)

Perfect 50/50 total score and certificate of excellence for newsletter (Presented to Peggy Grantham)

Excellence in newspaper, with a perfect score (will be presented to Linda McGraw)
RECOGNITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sue Flanagan shared that October 3 is her first day of retirement. She spent 14 years WVU Extension Office.

Janet Lohr’s son graduates from boot camp!

Myrtle Holland leaving to Seoul Korea to bring home grandson.

Bett Sims' oldest sister was diagnosed with cancer. Her sister recently found out she is in remission.

Patty Stealey celebrated her 55th wedding anniversary.

Sonja Waters celebrated 25th wedding anniversary and her brother’s testing went well.

The Rotary Club of Martinsburg won a Governor’s Service Award for their work on Human Trafficking. Vicki Jenkins nominated them.

Peggy Whetzel’s youngest daughter is having a baby, and everyone is excited to find out if it is a boy or girl!
Debbie Glover spent two weeks in Europe this summer with her niece and nephew to celebrate their high school graduation. It was their first trip overseas, and they had the most wonderful trip!

**SURPRISE FOR PROJECTS DRAWING**

Vicki Jenkins, Amy Fultineer, Tracy Horner, Cindy Woods, and Kathy Bennett were the winners!

Members joined voices to sing the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Closing Prayer was led by President Catlett.

Kathy Bennett made a motion to adjourn, and Myrtle Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm.

Submitted by

Ruth Potts, Recording Secretary