

Minutes from August 6, 2022 Meeting

The August 6, 2022 meeting of the Gamma Omega chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order at 9:37am, by First Vice President, Mary Keienburg. The meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Phillipsburg, Texas. The pledges were led by Shelley Nies. Bertha Upshaw led the Collect and Anna Breddin read the Mission Statement. The meditation was led by Elizabeth Jurica and prayer was offered by Carobeth Bockhorn.

Mary welcomed members back to the first meeting of the 2022-2023 year. She thanked the Burton members for hosting the meeting and all the members attending for bringing donations for the Burton Bridge Ministry Food Pantry. Mary reminded members to sign in for attendance and sign up for the door prize. Mary also mentioned to check the clipboards for member news, changes of address and, requests to send cards were passed around the meeting room. Once again, she reminded members to make sure the chapter has correct email addresses or mailing addresses if members did not receive the Focus Newsletter.

Grace Holtkamp thanked everyone for sending her cards in regard to the death of her son-in-law.

Program: Kick Off the Year Right!! Presented by the Burton members.

Special guest speaker, Brad Nies was introduced as the Director of Blinn Theatre Arts. Brad presented about Blinn College-Brenham 2022-2023 Theatre Arts Season, the "Magic in the Air". He gave background knowledge about all the amazing performances: "Houdini", "Slaphappy Improvisation Troupe", "The Day Before Christmas", "Vinegar Tom", and "Ladies at the Alamo." If members attend one of the performance, please let the box office know that you are with this organization and know Shelley and they will comp your ticket.

A College Trivia Contest was led by Elizabeth Jurica.

Cheryl Pritchett , Carobeth Bockhorn , Myra Demel, and Sharon Spies won prizes

Mary asked the members to identify the universities that they attended. The following were some the universities that some of the members attended; West Texas State University, Texas A and M, Sam Houston State University, Baylor, Prairie View, Texas Lutheran University, University of Texas, Stephen F. Austin, Southwest Texas State University, TCU, Iowa State, Abilene Christian, Seattle Pacific University, and Blinn College.

Member Spotlights was presented by Cheryl Pritchett. She asked who was taught by another member. Lizzy was taught by Shelley Nies, Jeanell Dallmeyer, Mary Keienburg, Bertha Upshaw, Carobeth Bockhorn, and Cheryl Pritchett. Mary was taught by Joan Zeiss, a reading teacher. Mrs. Mueller taught Yvonne Wait, Lori Jackson and Sharon Spiess. Carole Fry was taught by Nina McConnell, Mrs. Klehm, Homoisell House, and Vivian Killian.

Mystery Sisters

Mary read the description of the Mystery Sisters and the members guessed the answer.

- #1. Jennifer Hunter
- #2. Janyce Beyer
- #3. Gladys Avis
- #4. Linda Pipes
- #5. Elizabeth Jurica

Birthday Celebration

Jessie Kokemor presented birthday pens for all the August and September birthdays.

Mary recognized all the teachers still teaching and those that recently retired.

Society Business –

Mary asked Bertha Upshaw how many members were in attendance. She responded with 36 members and 1 visitor present for the meeting. Bertha informed the members that Linda Bram was sick with COVID to remember her in prayers and encouraged members to send a card of encouragement.

Minutes: Adriana Mendoza, Recording Secretary

The minutes from the executive committee meeting on July 21, 2022, were read by Adriana. They were approved as printed.

The minutes for the April and summer planning meetings will be tabled.

Correspondence: Yvonne Wait, Corresponding Secretary

Donna Holt requested to be moved from active member to reserved member.

Ramah Barnett requested to be moved from active member to reserved member.

Linda Herman requested to be moved from active member to reserved member; she will be an active member this year since she has already paid her dues but will be a reserved member the following year. The motion to approve these changes was approved with regret.

Carol Ann Eplen thanked the members for the kind cards that were sent to her when she was ill.

ASTEFL sent a card of thanks for all the support. DKG international sent a card of thanks for all the support.

Treasurer's Report: Trudy Holland, Treasurer

Trudy gave the Treasurer's report stating that as of August 6, 2022 there is a balance of \$6,511.03.

Committee Reports:

Program – First Vice President, Mary Keienburg, announced that she had all the forms from everyone; the topics will be presented next meeting. This year's chapter project will be to assist with the member's local food banks and their specific needs.

October 1 – Brenham

December 3 - Lee Co.

March 4 – Somerville

November 5 - Sealy

February 4 – Hempstead & Caldwell

April 15 - Waller

Finance-Linda Pinkerton

The audit report for 2021-1022 was submitted. Linda Pinkerton gave the changes in the Proposed Budget for 2022-2023, stated that these changes will appear in our new Yearbook. The Budget changes were unanimously approved.

Membership – Shelley Nies, Membership Chairman

Prospect cards have been emailed out prior to the meeting. Please send them to Shelley by September 26. Please speak to the recommended member about the commitment to participate. We will vote at the Oct. 1 meeting and hold an orientation meeting for the recommended members during the week of Oct. 10th. Induction will be at the November meeting.

Convention Report –

653 members attended the 2022 State Convention in Lubbock, Tx- 3 Gamma Omega members attended (Lori Jackson, Mary Keienburg, & Trudy Holiand). State membership is 5630 active, 445 reserve, 182 chapter honorary, 13 state honorary, 3 International honorary, and 13 active life, plus 10 collegiate in 227 chapters.

Hundreds of dollars of gift cards were collected for the Unifying Project.

Trudy reported about the Emergency Fund.

Revisions of the Texas State Bylaws and new Texas Stat Rules were approved.

Honors for Gamma Omega at 2022 State Convention:

- *Rosebud Award for maintaining membership
- *Exemplary Yearbook Award
- *Early Bird Yearbook Award
- *Five Star Newsletter Award
- *Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund Contribution Recognition
- *Certified Chapter Website Recognition
- *ASTEF Projects Groundbreakers Contribution Recognition
- *ASTEF Leadership Journeymen Contribution Recognition
- *ASTEF Scholarship Honors Fund Contribution Recognition for 10 or more years

The 2023 Convention will be held in McAllen, Texas on June 14-17, 2023. Joy Mueller will be recognized for her 50th year membership.

New Business

Announcements – The next meeting is, October 1, 2022, at 9:30am in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, Texas; Brenham members will host; replies to Linda Pipes. Please bring the following items for the Margaret Blizzard Senior Center in Brenham: cat food, paper towels, toilet paper, and protein drinks.

Adjournment – Drawing for Door Prize (from Bertha Upshaw), won by Karen Sloan; drawing for Perfect Attendance (from Bertha Upshaw), won by Janyce Beyer and, the Mystery Focus prize (from Lou Pruett), won by Carolyn Golan. Motion to adjourn was moved by Myra Demel and second by Elizabeth Jurica. Members joined in singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Adriana Mendoza
Recording Secretary

Lori Jackson
President