

## Minutes from August 3, 2019 Meeting

The August 3, 2019 meeting of the Gamma Omega chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order at 9:43am, by President Lou Pruett. The meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Phillipsburg, TX. The pledges were led by Lynette Brown. Rebecca French led the Collect and read the Mission Statement. The meditation and prayer was offered by Trudy Holland. Lou welcomed the officers back with a gift of appreciation and welcomed members back to the first meeting of the 2019-2020 year and stated, "Let's make this one even better than the last one. I want to thank Lee County for hosting today's meeting and for the wonderful brunch". Lou reminded members to sign in for attendance and sign up for the door prize. Lou also mentioned to check the clipboards for member news, changes of address and, requests to send cards are on the table. Once again, she reminded members to make sure she has correct email address or mailing address if they did not receive the Focus Newsletter.

Society Business - Forty-six members were present for the meeting. The minutes from the April meeting and the Summer Planning meeting were approved as printed by Melanie Ueckert, Recording Secretary. Correspondence Secretary, Janet Allphin, read several thank you notes from Mackie Meyer and from the family of Leonard Petrich. Trudy Holland, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report stating that as of August 3, 2019, there is a balance of \$7,144.57.

Committee Reports- The recommendations of the Program, Finance and, Membership committees were voted on and approved at the summer planning meeting.

Program – First Vice President, Jeanell Dallmeyer, announced that the theme for this year's programs will be, "YOU are the Key". Jeanell gave an overview of the Gamma Omega Programs planned for 2019-2020. August 3, 2019-Lee County-Let's Get Organized; October 5, 2019-Burton-Supporting Cancer Patients in Our Chapter and Community(will also be our Chapter Project); November 2, 2019-Waller-Rekindle our Zeal for DKG; December 7, 2019-It's Time to Shop(our new Area Coordinator, Carole Lowe, will attend); February 2, 2020-Sealy-Flag Procedures(our new TSO President, Patti Belknap, will attend); March 7,2020-Bellville-Keys to DKG; April 18, 2020-Sommerville-Founders' Day & Birthday Celebrations.

Gamma Omega Chapter Project for 2019-2020 – Supporting Cancer Patients-Make Heart shaped Pillows. Members will be participating in making Heart pillows for the care and comfort of cancer patients with biopsy and/or lumpectomy procedures. Members were encouraged to donate prewashed cotton fabric and Poly-fil.

Membership – Anna Breddin, Membership Chairman, solicited new procedures for recruiting new members and, to get existing members more active, (review Interactive article in the recent Focus Newsletter). Recommendations are: Recommend new members who have 1-5 years' experience or from new educational settings; encourage members who have resigned to be reinstated; and, Recommendations are due to Anna by September 15, 2019. The move to accept these recommendations was made by Carol Ann Eplen, motion was unanimously carried.

Finance – The audit report for 2018-2019 is being submitted today. Carolyn Golan gave the changes in The Proposed Budget for 2018-2019, stated that these changes will appear in our new Yearbook. The Budget changes were unanimously approved.

Legislative – Lou Pruett announced that the 2020 Primaries are on the horizon and encouraged members to, “keep your eyes open and do your research”; and, “Go to Gov. website to look at voting records to see if the constituents, “ Do what they said they will do”.

Convention Report – Thirteen members were in attendance at the 2019 State Convention in Arlington, Tx. Patti Belknap, TSO President, explained her theme for the biennium, “YOU are the Key”, at the Founders’ Banquet. Her four goals are as follows: UNLOCK the door to cooperative strategic planning through, KNOWLEDGE of the Society’s mission purposes, and traditions; ENGAGEMENT in purposeful programs and projects to increase member involvement; YEARLONG involvement in recruiting, mentoring, and leading; SUPPORT from officers, mentors and others to increase stronger members and chapters. Reports from Chapter attendees: Member Mary Keienburg commented that Executive Director, Texas Retired Teachers Association, Tim Lee’s speech was, “filled with compassion, commitment and, dedication for all of us.” Everyone in attendance for his address was inspired and very impressed.

Honors for Gamma Omega at 2019 State Convention:

Exemplary Yearbook Award; ASTEF scholarship and leadership; Five Star Newsletter Award; Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund Contribution Recognition; Certified Chapter Website Recognition, Early Bird Yearbook Award and, the Annie was shown on screen

The 2020 Convention will be held in McAllen, Texas

Unfinished business – Member Mary Keienburg, led the members in organizing their yearbooks with respect to moving inactive pages to the back of the book; noting address changes, phone number/email corrections. Pictures and profiles of new member pages were available for \$1.00.

Program – Lee County members presented the program, “Lets’ Get Organized”. Trudy Holland shared steps on how to log into DKG website, reminded members that our ID# can be found on our Membership card as well as on our Personal page in the Yearbook and, we were encouraged to update our online profiles. To involve interaction, members participated in an activity, “Member Match-Up”, was enjoyed by all. Members were to find as many ‘Match-Ups’ as they could within a certain amount of time; it was a great ‘ice breaker’ as well as a great activity in learning more about our sisters. Members were then asked to join in their prospective committees and review with the Committee Chair the responsibilities of the Committee members.

New Business – member Sharon Spiess stated that there are three potential college scholarships and the criteria for the students are that they must be classified as a sophomore and carry an A/B average. These applications are due by October.

Announcements – Our next meeting is, October 5, 2019, at 9:30am in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, Texas; Burton members will host; replies to Bertha Upshaw. Members are asked to wear pink in honor of Breast Cancer month. Janet Allphin held a Special Candle spotlight for our sister, Barbara Koy. Janet asked members to lift up Barbara in prayer and in sharing positive thoughts and encouraged members to continue sending prayers and cards.

Adjournment – Drawing for Door Prize (from Rebecca French), won by Carole Fry; drawing for Perfect Attendance (from Trudy Holland), won by Melanie Ueckert and, the Mystery Focus prize (from Lou Pruett), won by Sharon Spiess. Motion to adjourn was moved by Anna Breddin. Members joined in singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Melanie Ueckert

Lou Pruett

Recording Secretary

President