

## Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2019

The December 7, 2019 meeting of the Gamma Omega Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order at 10:30a.m., by President Lou Pruett (due to the fact that Lou gave members time to view all the many items for auction). The meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Phillipsburg, TX. The pledges were led by Joyce Whitehead. Gladys Avis led the Collect, and the Mission Statement was read by Joy Ann Kroeger. Lee Brodhead offered the prayer, and the Meditation was given by Kay Ivy. Lou thanked the Brenham members for hosting the meeting and the wonderful brunch. Lou welcomed everyone to the December meeting and reminded members to sign in for attendance and sign up for door prizes. Also, Lou reminded members that clip boards for member news, changes of address and requests to send cards are on the table. "If you did not receive the Focus, please be sure I have the correct email address, or mailing address", stated Lou.

Society Business Forty-six members and two guests were present for the meeting. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as printed, with the exception of three changes, by Melanie Ueckert, Recording Secretary. Janet Allphin, Correspondence Secretary, read a Thank You note from Linda Pinkerton. Trudy Holland, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report stating that as of December 7, 2019, there is a balance of \$6,938.00. The report was approved as presented and will be filed for audit.

Correspondence-- Janet Allphin, Correspondence Secretary, 'Spotlighted' three of our members with the question, "...how many of you have ridden in a sleigh?" As she walked around the show of hands, members joined her in singing the song, 'Jingle Bells'. The three members spotlighted were: Sharon Spiess, Liz Lattimer and, Beth Franke.

Committee Reports—Jeanell Dallmeyer, First Vice President, thanked the members for donating materials and time in the making of the Heart pillows for our Chapter Project. She said that to date, at least 250 Heart pillows have been made. Also, she encouraged members to attend Dawn's 'Sew-Ins' as that is our Chapter Project. Jeanell also thanked the members for donating so many varieties of delectable sweets and beautiful trinkets to make the Brenham program, "It's Time to Shop", a success. She commented that the proceeds from our annual Christmas Silent Auction go towards members who choose to attend the DKG State Convention this summer in McAllen. Jeanell announced the upcoming program for February 1, 2019, will be presented by Sealy members and the Program is entitled, "Flag Procedures", including a demonstration on proper procedure on how to fold our flag.

Legislative –Lou Pruett reminded members that the Primary is coming up on March 3, 2020, and encouraged everyone to, "VOTE, you can't complain if you DON'T".

Scholarship—Sue Wieprecht, Chair of Personal and Professional Enrichment, announced that we have two Scholarship recipients, for 2019-2020, that will receive more funds due to the small number of applicants. Scholarship Recipients are: Neyfi Bennett ( Waller, Tomball High School), received the Maggie B. Selman in the amount of \$900.00 and, Samatha Pawelek (Bellville, Bellville High School), received the Lehrmann Scholarship in the amount of \$900.00. Operation Lend-a-Hand recipient, Dawn Compton, awarded for her efforts in the 'Sew-In' ministry for Breast Cancer patients, in the amount of \$50.00. These talented and gifted ladies will be recognized at our February 1, 2020 meeting.

Membership –Anna Breddin,Membership Chair, introduced two guests who may be considering becoming a member of our Chapter. They are Liz Bocerek from Brenham and Kelly Frank, from Burton.

Unfinished Business – Trudy Holland referenced the membership pins that were discussed at our last meeting. She had mentioned that she had papers of instruction for the family, as to what happens to our Membership Pin when we are deceased. She said that she has turned the papers over to Lou and that Lou will make copies available for the members.

New Business – Melanie Ueckert, Recording Secretary, made an announcement concerning a program sponsored by the Juvenile Probation entities of Austin County (Waller and Washington counties will also be in attendance). The program will take place in early February at the Bellville Volunteer Fire Station, 511 W. Main St., Bellville, TX. The date and time will be announced at our February meeting. The speaker for this program is from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and, she will discuss the following issues concerning our youth: Internet Safety, Apps on Cell phones and, Sex trafficking. This program is open to the public, and attendants must be 18 years of age. This will not be the only program offered; there will be more topics of similar interest in a series.

Guest speaker - Our special guest and our new Area Coordinator, Carole Lowe, aka Annie Webb Blanton, was introduced to the members by Lou Pruett. Carole gave a dramatic impersonation of “Annie” in the historical context of DKG. Even though ‘Annie’ was speaking of the hard times for women teachers in the 1900’s, the negative challenges are relevant today. One of the noteworthy comments made by ‘Annie’ was when she was the Honorary Secretary for Educators, (1929), she rendered these positive attributes: United bonds of friendship; engagement in common goals and, meaningful Chapter Projects. ‘Annie’ left us with this final quote:

Be progressive, keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value. But, don’t cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don’t be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you! Be progressive.

Program – LET THE SHOPPING BEGIN!! AND DID WE EVER! A great time was had by all and the Brenham hostesses did a beautiful job of making us all feel the Christmas spirit.

Announcements – Next meeting is February 1, 2019 at 9:30a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, TX. Replies to Heather Smith. Our ‘Love’ offering will be given to Dawn Compton. Lou reminded to keep member, Grace Holtkamp in our prayers and, “Let’s bombard her with love!” said Lou. “Send her, Thinking of You and Get Well cards”.

Adjournment – Drawing for Door Prize (donated by Gladys Avis), won by Lynda York; Perfect Attendance Prize (donated by Treva Bullard), won by Linda Pipes; Drawing for Focus Prize (donated by Lou Pruett), won by Melanie Ueckert

Motion for Adjournment – Motion made by Anna Breddin and Seconded by Mary Alice Cure.

Melanie Ueckert, Recording Secretary

Lou Pruett, President