

Minutes from October 5, 2019

The October 5, 2019 meeting of the Gamma Omega Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order at 9:30a.m., by President Lou Pruett. The meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Phillipsburg, TX. The pledges were led by Molly Russ. Carobeth Bockhorn led the Collect and, the Mission statement was read by Anna Breddin. Cheryl DaBera offered the prayer and, the Meditation was given by Elizabeth Jurica. Lou thanked the Burton members for hosting the meeting and for the wonderful Brunch. Lou commented, "We have a very special program today so let's get our business out of the way and get started..." Members were reminded to sign in for attendance and for the door prizes. Also, clipboards for member news, changes of address and requests to send a card were available on a nearby table. Lou encouraged members to make sure she has the correct email address or mailing address if they did not receive the Focus Newsletter.

Society Business Forty-two members and, one guest were present for the meeting. The minutes from the August meeting were approved (with two corrections noted and corrected) as printed by Melanie Ueckert, Recording Secretary. Janet Allphin, Correspondence Secretary, did not have any correspondence to share. Trudy Holland, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report stating that as of October 5, 2019, there is \$7,239.08.

Spotlight - Janet Allphin, Correspondence Secretary, spotlighted two of our members who have 35+ years of membership and service, Grace Holtkamp and Joy Mueller.

Membership – Anna Breddin stated that we have one applicant and said that an application is pending.

Legislative – Lou Pruett commented to, "Keep your ears open to what people are saying" and, "there will be a lot of amendments to review prior to the November 7th election.

Yearbook – Gail Schroeder/Linda Braun "...yearbooks are available and are free".

Scholarship - Sue Wieprecht - Carole Fry informed the members that, "we have 3 \$500 scholarships to give out. The Maggie B. Selman scholarship will go to a Hempstead applicant." A reminder that the Scholarship applicants must be in their sophomore year as an education major. They must have a minimum of a B average. Also, don't forget adults, current teachers that are continuing their schooling in an education field. The applications are due, November 2, 2019. A note from Sue Wieprecht that she can electronically send the scholarship information to anyone that doesn't get one today. Her email can be found in our Yearbook directory.

The "Lend A Hand" will go to Waller. Waller members, be thinking about what worthy cause should receive the \$50.

Unfinished Business - A friendly reminder from Recording Secretary, Melanie Ueckert, to remember the Church Utilities next month for our annual November Offering.

Program

Jeanell Dallmeyer introduced our guest speaker, Dawn Evans Compton, Breast Cancer survivor, grandmother, daughter, sister and, wife and friend to all who have received her gifts of comfort. Dawn's mission is 'simple'. She started her own ministry of gifting cancer patients (particularly patients with breast cancer) with handmade heart shaped pillows to provide comfort to patients who have had double mastectomies and biopsies, drain shirts, to facilitate drain lines to ease the transition for patients to participate in their daily activities without the worries of mishaps because of a tangled line getting compromised. Dawn holds 'sew-ins' once a month at local churches to sew, stuff, stitch and cut patterns in making heart shaped pillows, and sew pockets into the inside of men's large shirts, along with other acts of kindness tucked into her Blessing Boxes which are shipped all over the United States. What keeps Dawn motivated? The many cards of thanks and gratitude from a multitude of women who could not afford to have this comfort; Dawn is truly a GIFT.

DKG members were prepared to join Dawn in her mission in the making of the heart shaped pillows and shirts to be distributed within the Chapter and our communities. Our members were armed with sewing machines, ironing boards, poly-fil, thread and needles. When the dust and conversations settled, there were 85 pillows. Anyone interested in attending and working at a 'sew in', Lou will email everyone regarding time, date and place.

Please note: This month is Breast Cancer Awareness month

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Announcements - Our next meeting is November 2, 2019, at 9:30a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, Texas; Waller members will host; replies to Marilyn Godwin.

Adjournment – Drawing for door prizes (from Bertha Upshaw), won by Susan Massey; Drawing for Perfect Attendance (from Bertha Upshaw), won by Janet Allphin; Drawing for the Focus Symbol Prize (from Lou Pruett), won by Janyce Beyer. Motions to adjourn were not made due to the fact that our members were enjoying the involvement of making healing "gifts".

Melanie Ueckert

Lou Pruett

Recording Secretary

President