

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Alpha Alpha State Organization Administrative Committee Meeting

August 8, 2014 Minutes

President Kay Stuart opened the meeting by asking the question, "How have you benefitted from your membership in DKG? How have you felt empowered through an experience in DKG?" Various answers were given including:

- Pet insurance
- Tuition reimbursement
- Choral retreat
- Scholarship
- Enrichment grants
- Leadership training
- Arts retreat
- Travel accident insurance

There were no additions or corrections to the August 2, 2013 meeting. Barbara Gasperini & Suzanne Long were appointed as readers for the August 8, 2014 meeting minutes.

Correspondence – Candace Claar read a thank you note from Laura Hritz for the support from the state to help with her replacement prosthetic, and Northeast Regional Director, Mary Lee Makinen for her gift given at the state convention last June.

Treasurer's Report – Wanda Keller discussed the following:

- Stated that we have a compilation and review rather than a formal audit.
- Recommended selling a printer and camera at state convention or before if possible.
- Discussed the travel insurance the finance committee recommended purchasing. The insurance is very inexpensive (\$.36 per each day traveled) and covers all society business.
- Stated the Go-To-Meeting bill was received.
- Stated the \$3,500 has been advanced for the Purposeful Seminar expenses. The amount is repaid to Wanda.
- Stated \$174 has been received for the Head Start project to date.
- Envelopes and vouchers have been distributed to officers.

Ideas for a memorial fund in honor of Dr. Irene Murphy were discussed. A donation of money in her name was suggested. She believed in the value of the Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar and a contribution in her name to the Golden Gift Fund seems appropriate. Chapters may be contacted immediately and encouraged to give donations to Alpha Alpha State before December 15, 2014.

State Convention Evaluations – 91 evaluations were completed with many good suggestions.

Updates from International

- Happily, Dr. Lyn Schmid was duly elected as international president.
- There was discussion about strengthening the connection between Pennsylvania and Puerto Rico. Alpha Alpha State's strong chapters could make personal contact with the 41 Puerto Rican members building the bridge between us and Puerto Rico. Chapters will be asked if they

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would be interested in hosting one member and commit to communicating with the member and asking their needs.

- When President Kay paid a visit to the chapters in Erie, she was asked about possible expansion into Jamaica by incoming chapter president, Carol Crockett, who has a Jamaican background. President Kay contacted the International Expansion Committee. The challenge was made to see if there were 60 interested women educators in Jamaica and would Alpha Alpha State consider sponsoring them?

Purposeful Seminar updates included a registration report with only 6 official registrants to date and a clarification was made stating that 3 meals as well as the speaker costs are included the price.

Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Update

- A \$500 grant for innovative classroom ideas will be given annually.
- Past state presidents developed the award criteria and wrote the article for the Keystonian.
- The website will post the application and scoring rubric.
- Past State Presidents will select one winning project.
- The award winner will be announced at the Celebration Luncheon. The award will include \$500, luncheon ticket, and Saturday registration fee.

President Kay led a discussion to elicit ideas on how to push for membership and combat the loss of members as well as ideas on how to keep members active at the local chapter level as well as the state level. One idea is to challenge chapters to reduce the average age of their membership. The Membership Committee will discuss how to use "Annie Calling", a document used by the Texas State Organization, when they meet in the fall.

Convention 2015 – Various ideas were discussed for international guests, keynote speaker suggestions, and workshop presenters which could include Dr. Kay Clawson as international guest.

President Kay led a discussion regarding the Strategic Action Committee. The committee either needs to dissolve or our state rules need to be amended. Originally, the committee's purpose was to set up a strategic action plan and periodically review the plan. The point was made that if this committee becomes permanent there will be continual expenses associated with the committee. The suggestion was made to create an ad hoc committee when and if it is needed instead of creating a permanent committee. If the committee is formally dissolved, then the dissolution should be acted upon at the executive board meeting at the 2015 state convention.

President Kay reminded everyone that it is imperative to follow copyright regulations. Items appearing in chapter newsletters or websites are linked to the state website and then to the international website. This puts us all at risk. All chapters and states will be asked to sign a hold harmless agreement that is being prepared at International Headquarters.

President Kay led a discussion regarding World Fellowship and what some state organizations call Global Issues. This would move Schools for Africa under Global Issues, leaving our projects team to focus on the state project, One Chair Two Chair, as well as the international focus on early career educators.

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Chapters should be reminded to notify Wanda Keller when sending funds for the Schools for Africa Project.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20p.m.