



Alpha Xi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
General Meeting Minutes
Trinity Lutheran Church, Wexford, PA
September 14, 2020

16 present

After social time and being seated at a social distance, we ate boxed meals from Jason's Deli.

At 5:45, Faith Jack, Past President, presented her officers with a small token of appreciation for their service during her biennium(s). Faith then presided over the Installation of the 2020-2022 Officers in place of Melody Hannegan, who was recovering from surgery. President: Paulette Hemmings; First Vice Presidents: Melissa Costantino-Poruben and Phyllis Jenny; Second Vice President: Jeanne Vendeland; Corresponding Secretary: Darlene Farrell; Recording Secretary: Melody Hannegan. Marg Foster and Terry Klein were also recognized as Treasurer and Parliamentarian, appointed officers. Each received a red rose.

Paulette thanked everyone for their attendance. Terry spoke about potential new member Kathy Coll, who was unable to attend tonight and had previously been a member of Alpha Sigma Chapter. Jade Leung presented the Inspiration, a recording of "The Great Realisation" by Tomfoolery.

Minutes: The March 12 minutes were approved as printed in summer mailings. The June 29 Executive Board minutes were approved as printed. The July 14 Executive Board minutes were approved as printed; no one offered additions or corrections.

Correspondence: Darlene Farrell reported on items she had to print for some members since March—55 pages per person! She also read a letter from State President Eileen Little, who complimented us on our newsletter. Melody received state recognition for it this summer.

Finance: Marg Foster reported a Balance on hand as \$6499.26. Ruth Wilson and Marg will complete the audit this week, and it will be ready for the Oct. Meeting. Marg also presented the budget proposal for 2020-2021 and discussed some changes and a new line item for funds for ProWeebly for security needs. A vote was called to accept the budget. Motion passed.

To get into your account online, go to DKG.org; go to My DKG, then go down to My account (a 6-digit number, which you can get from Marg if needed).

Programs: Melissa Costantino reported on next three meetings: Oct. 20 at Heinz History Center; March 9 at Luciano's in Cranberry; May 1 at Diamond Run Golf Club. Paulette reported a change in Oct. meeting—we will get a behind-the-scenes tour of the Glass and Heinz exhibits from 5-6. MASKS MUST BE WORN.

Paulette asked for program and especially venue ideas for next year. She also explained that simplifying some of the traditional ceremonies is a goal.

Membership: Jeanne Vendeland had prospective member cards on the table and encouraged us to work to get women interested. Faith commented on vetting/sponsoring new members. We

need to discuss whether we need to VOTE on new members and whether we need a formal ceremony. Then followed much discussion on what process we need to use to get new members.

Terry suggested that prospective members need to attend a meeting, submit an application be voted on, then be invited to become a member. A welcoming ceremony would be held each year. No vote was taken, so the decision has been tabled.

Jeanne presented the name of Jeanne Keys to be a new member. She is a retired North Allegheny English teacher. She was voted into membership by voice vote.

Projects: Shari McGill announced that Dress for Success will welcome our donations again. Save them for the March and May meetings since Shari will not be at the Oct. meeting because she is having another surgery.

Peg Maser reported that we are at an impasse with our Busy Boxes. Members gave suggestions as to who might want them--Heinz House, Genesis House, Women's Center and Shelter, County CYS. Peg will try to get in touch with them. So hold on to your boxes.

Sallie Fisher reported that Repurposed on McKnight road will accept clothing, household items, linen, jewelry, etc. Proceeds benefit Safe House for women sheltering from being trafficked.

Teacher Enrichment Grants: Jeanne Vendeland suggested that we need to get the information out. Submissions would be due by February to award at the March meeting. Paulette also asked us to save books for a book sale at the May meeting.

Social: Phyllis led the Secret Sister reveal. New Secret Sisters will be chosen in Oct. Let Phyllis know if you would like to participate this year.

Melissa reported that US Forum information will be in the next newsletter.

Joys and Concern: Melissa's PSEA Director election is in December—spread the word to any union delegates you know. Terry is a volunteer grief facilitator at the Caring Place. She gave information on their new young adult (ages 18-30) services for families. Darlene did a Zoom Cookie Cutter presentation for the Nationality Rooms in July; Faith had an article published in the *Kittanning Leader-Times* about genealogy and her family.

The raffle bag of gift cards and lottery tickets was won by Faith Jack. \$125 was raised for the Teacher Enrichment Grant fund.

We finished the evening by playing a game where we guessed little known (and sometimes weird) things about our sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ulrich for Melody Hannegan