

**Meeting Minutes: Alpha Xi Chapter
September 19, 2012
The Heinz History Center, Strip District, Pittsburgh, PA**

A 3:30 PM arrival time allowed members to explore the History Center's offerings. At 5:00 President Barbara MacDonald opened the business meeting. There were 19 members present.

Phyllis Jenny did the inspiration. In her best "teacher voice", she read remembrances from the newspaper of First Day of School experiences and advice that a grandfather wanted to give to his grandchildren.

Barb referred to the minutes from the May meeting that were printed in the September newsletter. There were no additions or corrections.

Peg Maser announced that she had sent two sympathy cards to members over the summer and shared information of a fundraiser to be held on 9/26 for Children's Hospital. Barb read a thank you from the Pittsburgh Opera for our donation in the spring and a note from Ruth Ann McCraley that she would not be renewing her membership.

Marg Foster gave the treasurer's report. The balance on hand is \$3313.68. She encouraged members to get their dues (\$82) in by mid-October. Marg will have copies of the budget at the next meeting.

Faith Jack asked that items for the newsletter be emailed to her new address (in the yearbook) faithj40@gmail.com. If possible, please submit in Times New Roman 10 pt.

Deb Stackrow presented Barb with a scrapbook from her first biennium. Deb has agreed to continue to take the Historical Records chair again.

Karen Klingman announced that her great-nephew is still collecting snap tops for the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia. The funds are used to buy Jared boxes for patients who cannot go home. You can bring them to any meeting.

Paulette Hemmings discussed programming for the year ahead. The program committee consisted of Barb MacDonald, Phyllis Jenny, Melody Hannegan, Areta Kaligeras, Peg Maser, Karen Ulrich, Faith Jack, and Paulette Hemmings.

Barb gave us some information on the October meeting at Domenico's and noted that she will be looking for some class toys for the program. We are also to think of early-career educators to bring.

October's service project is donations for Hieffer International. Ellen Rodwick was not present, so Barb gave some information about future projects. Check your newsletters for more information. We collected items for the Backpack Initiative at West View Elementary in September. If you are interested and missed the meeting, call Ellen Rodwick for information. She plans to deliver the goods at the end of September.

We need a Social chairperson and a World Fellowship chair. Phyllis Jenny offered suggestions about raffle baskets and making them more manageable for a person or small group to handle. Sign-up sheets were passed around for volunteers to sign up for the year's meetings.

Melody Hannegan talked about scholarships and grants available through Delta Kappa Gamma. Check the state Website. February 1 is the deadline to apply. For US Forum, Melody encouraged everyone to vote on Nov. 6. and to have your photo ID. Letter writing and phone calls to your Congressperson about education/funding is always welcome.

Barb read the names of seven members who are resigning for various reasons. Karen Klingman moved to accept these resignations, and Marg Foster seconded. Motion carried.

The Regional meeting is September 29 at Cambridge Springs. Several members will attend.

We shared joys and concerns. Karen Ulrich won the raffle basket.

Bob Stakely then led the program on the history of the Strip District, which included hands-on use of primary sources (Plat Map books from 1898 and 1953).

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ulrich, Recording Secretary

Sept 29, 2012

Western State Fall Area Conference, Cambridge Springs

Details will be in the *Keystonian* for these conferences.

They are open to all members of Delta Kappa Gamma and not just officers.

Mark Your Calendar

Important Dates from Alpha Alpha State