

Alpha Xi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 GENERAL MEETING

T – Taking the First Steps too Lifelong Learning

Café Tres Amis – Sewickley

Faith Jack President Opened the Meeting

Sandy Werderich introduced her visitor Judy Horne

Ice-breaker Activity

Train Associations/Where do we personally fit on the DKG Journey?

We each chose an area on the train where we would like to be and broke into smaller groups where we could focus on each other and how we all fit into our personal journey.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Shari McGill reported April minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE

Peg Maser reported:

2 cards went to Melanie Constantino (1) get well for hip surgery and the other for her new house.

A get well to Linda Peffer who shattered an elbow in an accident.

2 get well cards to Sallie Fisher who was hospitalized until Sept. 3.

(19) Emails were sent to members inviting them to rejoin the Chapter with 4 responses.

Two “Thank You” were received from donations made to state and international groups of DKG.

TREASURER REPORT

Balance moving forward from the report \$1,238.80

1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT and PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Paulette Hemmings reported it is a challenging process because of rising prices and most venues offer a buffet type dinner. The following programs are scheduled for 2016-17 year:

October 19, Pat Catan’s at Mt. Nebo Pointe we will be making a fall wreath with a brown bag dinner.

December 8, is our 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wexford; it’s a “pot luck dinner” with members dressing in 50’s type clothing. Jade Lueng will be presenting.

February 1, Fresco's in Wexford enjoying comfort foods. We will have 2 speakers from the Pittsburgh Zoo.

March 4, is our Tri-Chapter meeting with theta and Alpha Epsilon Chapters at Diamond Run Country Club with the State President addressing us on Literacy.

May 4, is our initiation meeting, at the Sample School House and moving over to Cranbury Library as a dessert meeting. Our speaker will be Bill Goff who is a master gardener.

## PROJECTS

Peg Maser reported Jared boxes were very well received by Children's Hospital and we received a "Thank You" note stating the same. We will continue this project and the boxes will be distributed at both December meeting. These boxes can be returned in March and May and please remember NO EDIBLE CONTENTS.

Phyllis Jenny explained the Urban Impact of Pittsburgh (Literacy Support Group) located in North Side. We will gather books for their library. Books needed are for Grades 3-8 especially. We will turn those books into centerpieces for tables at the March meeting. THE BOOKS NEED TO BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY in order to construct the centerpieces.

Terry Klein will spearhead the creation of the books as our Visual Arts Chair. Surveys of Activities were passed out to be completed for those who did not complete them on line. These surveys will help us to meet other than at regular meeting to enjoy and socialize with our sisters.

## SOCIAL

Phyllis Jenny stated we need greeters, inspiration, and raffle basket volunteers. Please sign up!

Faith presented Melody Hannegan with her President's Photo Book.

## NEW BUSINESS

NE Regional Convention is July 12-14 2017 in Windsor, Ontario; remember you need a passport to attend this convention. We can consider a bus for the 6 Pittsburgh area Chapters, it would be about \$100 per person.

Secret Sister selection: we each picked a name and we will send cards etc. until we reveal our Secret sisters at the May meeting. Have fun with this!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter deadline Sept. 23, distribution Sept. 30.

Deadline to respond to Pat Catan's October 10.

JADE LEUNG was September's 50/50 winner

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Paulette Hemmings went to Banff and Glacier National Parks

Dede Rittman shared that her Grady figure is here and available for sale

Karen Klingman has a new grandson and her daughter is working as a massage therapist for the Glimmer of Hope organization at AGH network.

Faith Jack, Sandy Werderich, and Debbie Steinmetz were in Ireland this summer.

Peg Maser visited her great-granddaughter in Nashville.

We decided to forgo the DKG song because of time restraints.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

#### PROGRAM OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 MEETING

OSHER of CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY'S Lifelong and Learning & Readers Theater  
Presented by Ellen Rodwick

Several skits were presented By Ellen Rodwick , Melody Hannegan, and Terry Klein