



Alpha Xi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
General Meeting Minutes
DiPietro's Ristorante
January 16, 2020

Greetings and the raffle were provided by Avonworth sisters with an array of items for auction.

We collectively enjoyed an Inspiration by Jeanne Vendeland, from Chicken Soup for the Teachers' Soul. Then

we proceeded to the event room of DiPietro's and had a delicious dinner.

Phyllis Jenny introduced our guest Allison Burns, a Teacher Enrichment Grant recipient and North Hills 4th grade Math teacher. She used the grant money to incorporate flexible seating in the classroom.

Jeanne Keys of North Hills also attended.

7:05 Faith Jack President called the meeting to order.

Following our meeting our wonderful sister Melissa Costantino-Prouben had a very interesting, hands-on program on Sustainable Engineering.

RECORDING SECRETARY: The minutes of November 6, 2019, were approved.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT: Darlene Farrell reported that she sent out get well cards to Faith for her surgery and Shari who was hospitalized. Terry Klein also said she received a thank you note from Amy Rak.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marg Foster also reported our balance on hand as of January 15, is \$5,754.67.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Sandy Werderitch reported we are looking for new members, so consider reaching out to prospective members.

****COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Terry Klein reported that on March 12, 2020 we will be creating "Easy Arts and Crafts" at the Shaler North Hills Library on Mt. Royal Boulevard. The very talented Darlene Farrell will be gracing us with creative ideas for easy art projects. (DON'T FORGET YOUR BROWN BAG DINNER ANAD DRINK!)

FINANCE REPORT: Marg also encouraged everyone to submit the coin wrappers.

SOCIAL REPORT: Phyllis stated that Secret Sisters is going well!

PROJECTS REPORT: Peg Maser sent a message on the “Busy Boxes” project since she could not be at this meeting, but Karen Ulrich will take what boxes remain and return them into Peg. Be sure that everything fits inside the boxes when filled. The labels are at the end of the boxes; be sure the age and gender are in clear view. A few other reminders: do not gift wrap, no toys that promote violence, no handmade items, no food, no personal shampoo or personal care products. **DO NOT DECORATE THE BOX!**

Shari McGill reported we will be collecting gently used clothes for Dress or Success again this month. DFS really looks forward to our donations and appreciates our work. Bring items to the parking lot before or after the meeting. ****I am hoping to be at the April meeting, so I will accept a little help from our sisters transporting the donations.**

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: Faith presented the slate of elected officers in Melody Hannegan’s absence: Paulette Hemmings, President; Melissa Costantino and Phyllis Jenny, Co-Vice Presidents; Jeanne Vendeland, 2nd Vice President; Darlene Farrell, Corresponding Secretary; Melody Hannegan, Recording Secretary. Marg Foster motioned to accept the slate and Jade Leung seconded it. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Faith reported that the International Convention is in Philadelphia in July 11, 2020; volunteers are needed. She also encouraged members to take advantage of benefits offered by our state and national organizations.
The newsletter deadline is February 7, 2020

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari McGill, Recording Secretary