



Alpha Xi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
General Meeting Minutes
Springfield Grille, Mars
October 9, 2019

22 present (21 members and former member, Nancy Moore)

Dede Rittman gave the inspiration while we waited for our meals to be served. She used inspirational quotes and applied them to our chapter and the Projects we support and kindnesses we show others.

After dinner, Faith Jack led the Celebration of Life ceremony for Nancy Penney. Barbara Rankin spoke of her long friendship with Nancy, including a 61-year tradition of a Christmas party with colleagues. Ruth Wilson shared a card she'd gotten from Nancy titled "What is a Friend?" Former member Nancy Moore also shared her memories of Nancy. Faith finished the ceremony with a poem which should appear in this newsletter, as many members asked about its origin.

For the business meeting, substitute recording secretary Karen Ulrich offered a correction to the September minutes—it was Phyllis who spoke about the Secret Sisters activity, not Paulette. The minutes were approved with that correction to be noted.

Corresponding Secretary Darlene Farrell reported that she sent a sympathy card to former member Betty Rhule's family extending our condolences.

Treasurer Marg Foster read the Treasurer's Report, which shows a balance of \$6395.59. Marg asked that members **Put the meeting date on the memo line of any checks written for chapter events.** She said we already have a total of \$114.00 from tonight's raffle for the Teacher Grant for 2020.

Terry Klein reported on the upcoming program at Revival on Lincoln in November, January's program at Di Pietro's in West View, and the March meeting at Shaler North Hills Library. The March Meeting will include a brown bag dinner and BYOBeverage.

Phyllis Jenny again offered Secret Sister information and several more members signed on to participate.

Ways and Means: The Teacher Grant was explained by committee chair Paulette Hemmings. We posted the information on Social Media, which seemed to spur last-minute interest. Five entries were received, and four were selected to receive our inaugural Grants: Christine Bork, Shaler Area kindergarten; Beth Block, Latin-North Allegheny; Allison Burns-4th grade Math at North Hills; and Amy Rak-8th grade Science and Math at North Allegheny. Terry Klein moved to accept and fund these proposals; Karen Klingman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Paulette will invite the winners to the Nov. 6 meeting to receive their grants.

Karen Ulrich reported on the Jared Box Project in Peg Maser's absence. Peg is looking into The Children's Institute for our recipient this year. Karen Klingman took Dress for Success donations in Shari McGill's absence.

Faith reported that the International convention is in Philadelphia July 7-11, 2020. Volunteer opportunities are available. Newsletter information is due to Melody Hannegan for the Nov. 6 meeting on Oct. 16. The business meeting ended at 7:12 P.M.

Member Claudia McClelland gave us a look into the life and work of artist P. Buckley Moss and passed around prints, books, and other Moss creations. We could all sense Claudia's infectious interest in this strong woman.

The raffle of a P. Buckley Moss print and a \$50.00 Springfield Grill gift card was won by Terry Klein.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ulrich for Shari McGill