

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2014

Trinity Lutheran Church 4:45 P.M., 21 present

President Barbara MacDonald opened the business meeting at 5:00 P.M. Two guests were introduced: “old member” Nancy Moore was Phyllis Jenny’s guest, and Caitlin Bogasta, assistant principal of Pine-Richland Middle School, was Susan Frantz’s guest.

Barb MacDonald read “I Will Do More” as the inspiration. It came from a book of Delta Kappa Gamma entries that Barb had gotten from Barb Rankin.

Karen Klingman moved and Diane Goff seconded the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter for the December meeting. Motion carried. Darlene Farrell also corrected a piece of information from the December newsletter—she ONLY has 15,000 cookie cutters, not the 50,000 stated in the newsletter.

The treasurer’s report shows a balance of \$3,032.50.

Membership chair Karen Klingman read the application of Diana (Dede) Rittman as a candidate for membership. Barb MacDonald moved and Jane Sestric seconded a motion to offer Dede membership in the chapter. All were in favor. Karen also read “Steps to Re-Member”, a move to get more members. She reminded us that there are no fees or costs to re-join Delta Kappa Gamma except for paying the current year’s dues.

Terry Klein, chair of the Grant-in-Aid committee, read the application of Joanna Weber to receive the biennial Grant-in-Aid for the chapter. Joanna attends Point Park University and is a North Allegheny graduate. Terry Klein moved and Karen Klingman seconded a motion to award Joanna the Grant-in-Aid. Motion carried.

Melody Hannegan gave us U.S. Forum information. Deb McMullin collected the checks for Room to Read, and members provided recipes from books they had been reading.

For the Bylaws revision, Melody proposed a vote by e-mail. After continued discussion, it was moved that the vote could be taken electronically (or by U.S. mail if a member has no access to a computer) after a final copy of the bylaws is delivered to the members. Terry Klein seconded. Motion carried. This process is to happen soon, so watch your e-mail, read the information, and vote. These new bylaws affect everyone in the chapter.

We received one child’s chair that will be decorated and taken to the state convention. Next year we will raffle it off to raise funds for Head Start classrooms in PA.

Nominations chair Phyllis Jenny read the slate of officers for the 2014-2016 biennium: Melody Hannegan, President; Paulette Hemmings, first vice president; Faith Jack, second vice president; Peg Maser, corresponding secretary; Karen Ulrich, recording secretary.

Jared Boxes will be filled at Ellen Rodwick’s house on April 7 starting at 3 P.M. Be on the lookout for items to place in the boxes or stickers to decorate them for patients at Children’s Hospital.

We sang the Delta Kappa Gamma song to end the business meeting at 5:55. Barb Lanza won the raffle basket of lottery tickets.

After a potluck dinner provided by the members, the program was presented by Dr. Susan Frantz. She discussed her book, *Beyond the 21st Century Classroom*. An introduction by Paulette Hemmings informed us that the book was about how to extend learning beyond the school walls and get students involved in the community. “I started hearing voices...that the students wanted to do more (than collect items and donate them), said Susan. She explained that the activities need to be tied in to the curriculum, too. She read testimonials from former students about how the projects the students undertook really made a difference in their lives. Caitlin Bogasta added details from her experience in Susan’s class and how she tries to encourage teachers in her building to get the students involved. Susan also talked about self-publishing and gave us a bibliography of sources to use if we were so inclined.

The next meeting is March 18 at Paint Monkey in Cranberry.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ulrich, Recording Secretary