

ALPHA UPSILON GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021

ALLEGHENY VALLEY LIBRARY, NATRONA HEIGHTS, PA

Craft Show Shopping: 10:30-11:00 AM

Call to Order: 11:00 AM

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Inspiration: Trish Cavanaugh: Poem entitled "My Bouquet of Friendships"

Minutes: Dispense with the reading of the minutes. Pam Derby moved to accept, seconded by Mary Anne Battaglia

Officer's Reports (Standing and Special Committees)

President's Report:

Jennifer McKay reminded members to update your "My DKG" information on the international website. Notify changes in address or email in order to connect with other sisters throughout PA or the world. She offered to help members do this.

She reminded members that the State Convention is June 9-11, 2022 at the Penn Stater Hotel in State College. Thursday's schedule includes the Leadership Seminar, Album of Distinction, and University Wine Co. outing. Friday will have the first General Session, Workshops, Celebration Luncheon, and the President's Banquet. Saturday's schedule is the Celebration of Life, Honors Breakfast, and Second General Session.

President Jennifer McKay encouraged members to join the **DKG-Pennsylvania-Key Women Educators** Facebook group. This is also encouraged by Eileen Little, State President.

She also recommended that members to “Be the Light” and send a note to an In-service DKG sister, an uplifting card to one of our College Connections, or send a fun video to a teacher in the classroom, including non DKG members. Linda Henkel asked as corresponding secretary if she should add our collegiate members to college connections. Their names and contact information are in the membership yearbook 2020-2022.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Report: Barb Summers asked that anyone needing a new ribbon or magnet to let her know. She is still looking for a manufacturer/distributor because of detailed purchase requirements and few companies are available.

She distributed addressed notecards to members to send to sister Cindy Lemon with a note of encouragement.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report: Mary Anne Battaglia reported if anyone needs a DKG brochure to let her know, and she will mail it out. No other report.

Treasurer’s Report: Sue Hilty reported that the scrip cards had an income of \$5585.00, Expense of \$5238.52, with a profit of \$346.48. Rada sales had an income of \$721.50. expense of \$493.40, and a profit of \$228.10. The balance in checking is \$3711.72.

Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Linda Henkel reported that from 9/11/21-11/20/21 there were 8 birthday cards sent, 3 sympathy cards, 6 thinking of you/get well cards, 0 memorial books, and 1 thank you from State Pres. Eileen Little in appreciation of the dinner, hospitality, and gifts.

## Academy Reports (Standing & Special Committees)

### Membership Academy:

Members: 37 members (2 Reserve, 1 Collegiate)

1 Honorary

3 College Connections

AU Recruitment Brochures are available. Contact Mary Anne Battaglia for additional copies.

Barbara Gasperini welcomed Cindy Peck, a former teaching colleague of hers, to today's meeting.

Financial Academy: Barb Summers reported that Scrip orders and Rada orders could be picked up. Anyone interested in future orders should let her know. Pam Derby thanked all who contributed crafts, baked good, books, and other items for the Grant-In-Aid fundraiser.

### Social Academy:

Upcoming programs: Ursula Payne, Chairman of Dance at Slippery Rock University. Location TBA. The chapters of Alpha Phi and Theta will be invited to attend. It was suggested checks for this meeting should be mailed prior to the meeting.

Book Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Christmas Social: The Christmas Party will be at noon on December 11<sup>th</sup> at Jenn McKay's house. A \$10.00 gift exchange is planned. Respond to Roseanne Currence if planning to attend.

Betty Grossheim asked the sisters to send get well cards to a Bridge Flights member, Dorothy Ryan, who has many health concerns.

Her address is 2850 Apt. 37, Edgecliff Rd., Lower Burrell, PA 15068.

On a personal note, Betty requested sisters to send cards for a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of a loved one on December 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate with a card shower. Don Glotfelty, 228 Claremont Dr., Lower Burrell, PA 15068.

#### Communication Academy:

US Forum: Information was sent out when received via email.

Yearbook: Digital copies were sent via email. Hard copies could be picked up today at the meeting.

Historical Records: Ann Andrews will graciously take care of AU records.

Newsletter: Mary Anne Battaglia was complimented by the members for the excellent job on the newsletter. It was sent via email. Send ideas and articles to her by the January 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 deadline. The next copy will be out January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Communication: Watch for letters from the president and Facebook updates.

Website: Check the calendar of events. Check the state and international websites as well as The Keystonian for scholarship applications and grants both for in-service teachers and retirees. She will help with the applications.

#### Old Business:

Pam Derby thanked the members who donated money for her classroom. She ordered Christmas books for her class. She will send pictures. She will be able to gift her students 4 times this year due to

the generosity of AU. She will take any donations of books and will make a list of topics her children enjoy.

Ellen Rupert suggested in-service teachers look into Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program.

Kathy Westcoat collects all kinds of cards for donations. Children's books can be donated to Little Libraries and book baskets in antique shops.

Carolyn Sutton reminded members that February 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the Nancy Grove Visionary Grant. In-Service teachers can receive up to \$500 for a classroom project. Application is on the website.

She also reminded members of applications for the Lucile Cornetet Award which includes seminar stipends for professional growth.

Old Business:

None

The business Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Lunch

Program: "What I Found in my Mother's Skate Box" presented by Faith Jack.

Singing of the DKG song. Grant-in-Aid drawing.

Respectfully submitted by

Shelley Nicholas, Recording Secretary