

DKG - General Membership Meeting Minutes

Alpha Upsilon Chapter - Saturday - March 25, 2023

President Barbara Summers called the meeting to order at 10:10. The members stood for the flag salute.

Shelly Nicholas read two poems for the reflection.

Induction Ceremony held for new member Julie King. Please add to Julie's Yearbook listing (page 23) that she is an active teacher at Pittsburgh Public Colfax K-8 2nd grade. Welcome Julie !!

President's Report - Barbara Summers

- Yearbook Correction - Leslie Ortman Page 26 phone # is [REDACTED]
- President's Project - Jared Boxes - 27 Jared boxes were delivered to Allegheny Valley Hospital in Natrona Heights in 2022. The hospital was extremely grateful. Roseann Currence suggested we send the newspaper article about the delivery to State. Jared boxes were collected today. 12 boxes have been donated by a friend of Barbara's who is not a DKG member. Mary Anne Battaglia said Communications is creating an article about this project to send to State.
- Our chapter will be sponsoring a STEM program April 15 at 11 a.m. at Peoples Library Lower Burrell. Being involved in STEM programs is the State Chapter President's Project. Some activities have been created for the Peoples Library program (planting herbs, making butter). Members who wish to participate should go to the library soon and get clearances for free. Clearances take several weeks to be completed. If you are participating, please come early to help set up.
- State Convention is June 21-24, 2023 at the Wyndham in Lancaster, PA. A block of rooms has been reserved for \$139 plus tax. The Purposeful Seminar will be held June 20, 2023. Members are encouraged to come with their families. While members attend convention, family can visit the attractions in and near Lancaster.
- Meeting dates have been set for the upcoming year. The social committee will determine locations and programs.
 1. General Membership Meetings:
 - September 9, 2023
 - November 18, 2023
 - March 23, 2024
 - May 18, 2024
 2. Executive Board Meetings:
 - August 20, 2023
 - November 5, 2023
 - March 10, 2024
 - May 5, 2024

1st VP Report - Mary Anne Battaglia (Programs)

- New brochures for future initiates have been created and were distributed at the meeting.
- Save the date fliers were distributed for the next meeting May 13, 2023 when our speaker will be 1st VP of State.

2nd VP Report - Pam Derby (Membership)

- 17 members are in attendance today
- Pam encouraged members to bring a friend or potential initiate to the May meeting

Corresponding Secretary - Linda Henkel

- 17 Birthday Cards, 15 Christmas Cards, and 2 Get Well Cards were sent
- Thank You was received from Jenn McKay for Memorial Book Donation for her father and from the Peoples Library for his Book Memorial.
- Executive Board voted to increase Book Memorial from \$25 to \$40 at Linda's suggestion
- Treasurer will now send Corresponding Secretary a check before purchasing a book. Previously, the Corresponding Secretary purchased the book and was then reimbursed.

Treasurer Report - Sue Hilty

- Balance at hand \$4129.46 minus the \$25 sent to Linda Henkel for purchase of book
- RaiseRight (formerly Scrip gift cards) order going out this week if anyone still wants to order

Committees:

Communications - Roseann Currence

- Website has been updated by Jenn McKay
- Next newsletter created by Mary Anne Battaglia will be available after the General Membership Meeting in May and will be submitted to State

Finance - Judy Schaffer

- Grant-in-aid applications have been distributed to school districts and are due March 31, 2023
- No applications have been received as of today. Barbara Summers and Carolyn Sutton worked to revise and streamline the application to hopefully encourage applicants. Finance Committee will meet to approve these revisions.

Social - Mary Anne Battaglia

- Thank you to Tricia and Becky for being greeters today
- Thank You to Lois Troiano and Shelley Nicholas for creating the centerpieces
- Ways & Means are raffling off Mystery Boxes and an Easter Basket today

Book Club - Mary Beth Yeamans

- Book Club has been meeting at House of 1000 Beers on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. If you want to join us send Mary Beth a text so she can let you know if meeting place has changed.
- March - Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
April - Someone Else's Shoes by JoJo Moyes
May - The Maid by Nita Prose

Unfinished Business:

- Hoping Bridge flight can be reinstated. Need to arrange a date so members (and friends) can be taught to keep it going. Natrona Heights Library does have classes but you must attend every Monday session. Peoples Library Lower Burrell plans to schedule bridge and other card game classes once they find instructors.
- Pam Derby reflected on how attending an initiation gives us all a chance to listen and think about the Seven Purposes of DKG. It is a reminder of who we are as women educators.

New Business

- President Barbara Summers would like to form an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss changing the Grant-in-Aid guidelines since we are not getting many applications. Contact Barbara if you would like to be on the committee.
- The Keystonian is provided to members online. If you would like a print edition you must request the print edition online.
- Alpha Upsilon must send a basket to State Convention worth around \$50. Barbara made a recommendation to send a \$50 basket to Convention. Mary Anne Battaglia made a motion to accept and Leslie Ortman 2nd it.
- Kathy Wescoat thanked everyone for their cards and support for she and her husband during February

Adjourn: 11:10