Delta Sigma Chapter Meeting

Delta Kappa Gamma International Society

May 5, 2016 6 p.m.

Boger City United Methodist Church, Lincolnton, NC

Hosted by the Scholarship/World Fellowship and Educational Law and Policy committees, the meeting opened with Elaine Jenkins who read a poem from a book titled *Teacher on Fire* and thenled the invocation before the meal catered by Home Place. Violinist Tara Reich provided entertainment during the meal which marked the sixth birthday of Delta Sigma, chartered on April 18, 2010.

The next item on the program was the announcement of grant- in- aid winners. Gayle Reid presented $1,000 scholarships to Delta Sigma Future Educator recipients Erin Atkinson and Ellen Carpenter. A senior at East Lincoln High School, Erin is the daughter of Steve and Kelly Atkinson. She will attend UNC-Greensboro. Ellen, daughter of DKG member Diana Carpenter and Scott Carpenter, is a senior at Lincolnton High School and plans to attend Western Carolina University. Also, winning a Delta Sigma Future Educator $1000 scholarship was Kaitlyn Blackburn, senior at North Lincoln High School who will attend UNC - Charlotte majoring in elementary education. Kaitlyn could not attend the meeting.

Reid presented the $250 scholarships for Most Promising Young Educator to North Lincoln High School Spanish teacher Mariah Richards and Courtney Hilburn, third grade teacher at Battleground Elementary.

The Professional Development Award of $250 went to Rhonda Hager who will attend a conference on educational leadership. Reid announced that six years ago DKG held its first fashion show to raise funds to award one scholarship. This year's show supported six winners.

Next, Libby Fletcher introduced program speaker Connie Savell, first vice-president of Eta State who spoke about passionate women leaders. She explained that the third purpose of DKG International speaks to the topic of advancing the position of women leaders. In addition to highlighting a selection of books promoting women, Savell shared information about four outstanding women from North Carolina who had made a difference in the state's history.

She added, "As a chapter we need to assign roles to all members to grow in leadership." In her closing remarks Savell reminded members, "You as a teacher are a leader, in the classroom, in Delta Kappa Gamma...and it takes everyone together to make everyone strong." She encouraged listeners to step up to leadership. "You can make a change with the power of one. When the door opens, walk through it," said Savell who asked members to consider serving on state committees.

President Edwina Beam provided highlights from the ETA State convention announcing that DKG won the Chapter Achievement Award for Excellence, a Website Excellence Award, and a Newsletter Excellence Award. Beam attended a workshop titled "How healthy is your chapter?" and Kennan Eaddy participated in a workshop on legislative updates.

Turning to the business portion of the meeting, Edwina called the meeting of the Delta Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order.

Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Secretary Tammy Price read a thank you card from DKG member Wanda Lutz who expressed appreciation for the memorial and expressions of sympathy and comfort in the wake of her mother's death.

Kellie Goins presented the Treasurer’s Report on current activities in the general budget ending in a balance of $1,716.14. Goins said the 2016 fashion show netted $1,391.93 more than the 2015 fashion show.

Committee Reports:

* Laurie Sellers distributed treats including a $10 Morgan’s gift card and reusable cup for beginning teachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. She applauded the entire chapter for embracing beginning teachers.
* Libby Fletcher encouraged everyone to share ideas for future programs at the upcoming planning meeting.
* Jennifer Carroll reported on the US Forum stating that March is National Women's History Month and there would be a gala for the National Women's History Museum. She noted the accomplishments and little known facts about several women in history including 17-year-old Jackie Mitchell who was the second woman to play in the major leagues, and who struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig in an exhibition game in 1931, but had her contract voided the next day because the baseball commissioner deemed baseball "too strenuous" for women.

Carroll also reported that the GED Testing Service has lowered the passing score for the test.

She added that with the newly-confirmed Secretary of Education John King comes a disagreement over how federal funds will be used to supplement local funding to adequately staff Title I programs.

The US Forum Committee of DKG Society International presented a seminar in March to inform US members of the Society of political issues concerning women, education, and children.

For the Education Law and Policy committee, Elaine Jenkins presented a Legislative Issues Survey for members to complete. She asked anyone interested in going to Raleigh to talk to legislators to let her know. She also echoed what Beam said about Kennan Eaddy who as a first-year DKG member wowed her audience at the Eta State Convention.

* Wanda Lutz asked members to provide input on the Fashion Show plus/delta chart.

As the outgoing DKG President Edwina Beam thanked the executive board and all members for their support. She reminded everyone of the need to be connected. Beam then presented members of the executive board and committee chairs with miniature rose bushes in white planters with the Delta Kappa Gamma insignia.

Before the installation of officers, Kennan Eaddy made a plea for proctors at Battleground Elementary School on May 25th and 26th. Kiser Intermediate School needs proctors for June 1st and 2nd.

Eta State Vice-president Connie Savell led the installation of new officers: Libby Fletcher, president; Rhonda Hager, vice-president; Tammy Price, secretary; and Kellie Goins, treasurer. The installation concluded with the singing of the DKG song.

Newly-installed President Libby Fletcher thanked Edwina Beam for her service and announced that members would be making a monetary donation to the Eta State Foundation as a token of appreciation. She also presented her with a rose tree.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Delta Sigma (DKG) May 6, 2016 Meeting Attendance

Members Present Members Absent

1. Edwina Beam 1. Dana Avery
2. Frankie Beam 2. Dana Ayers
3. Elaine Boysworth 3. Samantha Campbell
4. Becky Burke 4. Jane Goodson
5. Diana Carpenter 5. Rhonda Harrill
6. Pat Carpenter 6. Melanie Huss
7. Jennifer Carroll 7. Brenda Kinney
8. Katie Crocker 8. Susan McConnell
9. Jenny Dellinger 9. Jane Morton
10. Deanna Dunn 10. Denise Patterson
11. Jill Eaddy 11. Kristen Reynolds
12. Kennan Eaddy 12. Betsy Rinehardt
13. Libby Fletcher 13. Crystal Rudisill
14. Annette Geymont 14. Kelly Rudisill
15. Kellie Goins 15. Judy Shuford
16. Nelva Goodson 16. Renee Smith
17. Rhonda Hager 17. Darla Stines
18. Becky Heavner 18. Phyllis Tallent
19. Sherry Hoyle 19. Julie Tipton
20. Elaine Jenkins 20. Glenda Walker
21. Donna Jolley 21. Kelly Withrow
22. Judy Jones
23. Wanda Lutz
24. Sara Miller
25. Wendy Mosteller
26. Suzanne Peeler
27. Tammy Price
28. Gayle Reid
29. Kesha Ruppe
30. Laurie Seller
31. Cindy White
32. Kay Wilson
33. Linda Yoder