Delta Sigma Chapter Meeting

Delta Kappa Gamma International Society

February 23, 2017, 4 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Faith Building, Lincolnton, NC

Hosted by the Membership Committee, the meeting began with a greeting from Brenda Kinney. Becky Heavner led the invocation, and Melanie Huss introduced program speaker Heather Rhyne.

A member of the Lincoln County Board of Education, Rhyne graduated from Cherryville High School. She completed her undergraduate work at UNC-Chapel Hill where she earned her pharmaceutical degree. She and her husband have been married for 20 years. They have two daughters. Rhyne’s father was a school principal for 30 years; her stepmother also worked in the school system, and Rhyne said she vowed as a young woman to have nothing to do with education. After deciding to run for a seat on the school board, Rhyne said she “had to eat her words.” Rhyne said the “why” in her life was to make a positive impact on families in Lincoln County. Her “what” became her decision to vie for a position on the board of education. “We have a ‘why’ then we figure out the ‘what’,” Rhyne said. As educators, she added, we may need to revisit our “why”. Speaking about the works performed by Delta Kappa Gamma members, she said, “My faith reminds me that the best leaders are the best servants.” Her mother-in-law Patricia Rhyne served as a DKG member before her death.

Business:

Cindy White gave an update on the fashion show. Her committee members distributed ticket packets which included a sheet for receipts. Members are to return receipts to Wanda Lutz or Betsy Laws by April 6, 2017. Members must specify on their receipts any seating preferences. White asked that members be working on ideas for door prizes. The committee also distributed fashion show posters to place in their schools or in businesses.

In other business, Edwina Beam called for the revision of some simple wording in the Standing Rules as requested by the state. The membership unanimously approved the request. The membership also unanimously approved her request for an additional revision under the Communications/Publicity Committee. Following the vote, the rule will state:

 (2) In the event of the death of a member, a spouse or significant other

 a. The contact person shall notify the president so that all members can be

 informed by email or other means of communication.

 b. A memorial in their honor will be made to the Delta Sigma Scholarship Fund

 by the treasurer.

 c. The target amount will be $25 depending on funds in the yearly budget.

 d. The treasurer will send a card to notify the family of the memorial.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee – Dana Avery and Betsy Laws presented a ballot naming candidates for nomination for 2017 membership. Those nominating the candidates gave a brief introduction to their nominee. Nominees are Jennifer Husky, Jennifer Luper, Dr. Ashley Oliphant, Heather Myers, and Shelia Wright. The membership then voted to extend the invitation for membership to the five ladies nominated.

Scholarship Committee – Gayle Reid said applications have been sent to high school principals to nominate young women who want to pursue a degree in education. Principals also received applications to nominate an outstanding first year teacher. In addition, members who are interested in a grant or scholarship money to attend workshops or for masters or doctorate degrees should contact Gayle for information.

Other business:

Libby Fletcher reminded members that she needs samples of work that might be used as points for the Chapter Achievement Awards. In working on the Award, Libby said she came across an entry that asked what we have done to recognize our Delta Sigma members with 10 years or fewer of membership for their contributions. She named the following for contributions of leadership:

Treasurers, Wendy Mosteller and Kellie Goins; Secretaries, Tammy Price and Renee Smith; newsletter editor, Elaine Boysworth; DKG Foundation representative, Denise Patterson; webmaster, Jenny Dellinger; Fashion Show coordinator, Cindy White; Fashion Show emcee, Brenda Kinney; presenters of Chapter programs, Melanie Huss, Jane Morton, Kristen Reynolds, and Kennan Eaddy; and Committee chairs and executive board members, Dana Avery, Diana Carpenter, Pat Carpenter, Jennifer Carroll, Donna Jolley, Betsy Laws, Crystal Rudisill, Laurie Sellers, Renee Smith, Darla Stines, and Phyllis Tallent.

Libby also recognized these members for attending events beyond the chapter level: Rhonda Hager, joint meeting in Morganton; Jenny Dellinger, Leadership Conference; Laurie Sellers and Kennan Eaddy, Eta State Convention. Kennan also contributed to the State program/projects.

She thanked other members with 10 or fewer years for their attendance at meetings and for working with beginning teachers on panels and projects.

Further, Libby noted that Annette Geymont is in need of prayers and support.

She told members they could make donations to Speak up for Children.

Libby said the deadline for applying to the Leadership Launch scheduled for June 23-25, 2017, at Caraway Conference Center is approaching. The Eta State Convention is April 28-30, 2017, in Wilmington.

Elaine Boysworth, new president of the Lincoln County Kiwanas, announced that the group will be hosting its annual Pancake Dinner from 5-8 p.m. at Boger City United Methodist Church on March 9, 2017. Profits go to supplies for the Terrific Kids program and the Lincoln County Shoes program.

Melanie Huss, who serves on the Junior Achievement board, announced they are in need of classroom volunteers.

Secretary Tammy Price read a card from Rhonda Hager thanking the membership for its acknowledgement of the death of her mother Joy Goodson Keever. Rhonda shared a poem written by daughter Alyssa Hager about her struggles dealing with her grandmother’s Alzheimer’s Disease.

Before adjourning the meeting, Libby Fletcher thanked members for their contributions of time, resources, and energy. “I look forward to celebrating our scholarship winners with you in April. Then in May we will work together to put on another successful fashion show. We have much to celebrate as our Delta Sigma Chapter is an integral part of Eta State and Delta Kappa Gamma International Society. If there is no further business, until we meet again, sell those fashion show tickets and be mindful of our classroom teachers and students as well as sisters in need of prayer and support.”

Delta Sigma (DKG) February 23, 2017 Meeting Attendance

Members Present Members Absent

Dana Avery Dana Ayers

Edwina Beam Jennifer Carroll

Frankie Beam Jenny Dellinger

Elaine Boysworth Deanna Dunn

Becky Burke Jill Eaddy

Diana Carpenter Kennan Eaddy

Pat Carpenter Annette Geymont

Katie Crocker Kellie Goins

Libby Fletcher Jane Goodson

Nelva Goodson Rhonda Harrill

Rhonda Hager Sherry Hoyle

Becky Heavner Donna Jolley

Melanie Huss Judy Jones

Elaine Jenkins Susan McConnell

Brenda Kinney Jane Morton

Betsy Laws Wendy Mosteller

Wanda Lutz Suzanne Peeler

Sara Miller Crystal Rudisill

Denise Patterson Judy Shuford

Tammy Price Renee Smith

Gayle Reid Darla Stines

Kristen Reynolds Glenda Walker

Kesha Ruppe Kay Wilson

Laurie Sellers Kelly Withrow

Phyllis Tallent

Cindy White

Linda Yoder