Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Meeting

Delta Sigma Chapter

July, 23, 2020

Via ZOOM meeting, Lincolnton, NC

Members in Attendance: Frankie Beam, Elanie Boysworth, Pat Carpenter, Katie Crocker, Kqisha Dagenhart, Jenny Dellinger, Jill Eaddy, Kennan Eaddy, Libby Fletcher, Nelva Goodson, Rhonda Hager, Lori Haight, Millicent Heavner, Sherry Hoyle, Elanie Jenkins, Judy Jones, Brenda Kinney, Jennifer Luper, Wanda Lutz, Susan McConnel, Sara Miller, Heather Myers, Gail Reid, Kristen Reynolds, Judy Shuford, Renee Smith, Darla Stines, Sheila Wright

President Kennan Eaddy called our July 23rd Planning Meeting to order and started the meeting with celebrations.

**Celebrations**

* We are getting a new member that is transferring from another chapter, Millicent Heavner.  Millicent is coming to us from Beta Epsilon and recently started working back in Lincoln County.
* At the end of the 2018-2019 school year, Jenny Dellinger was the middle school recipient of the L3 Grant, a $35,000 grant in Lincoln County. She has spent the summer unpacking new furniture and getting new carpet in her library. She is excited about the flexible seating and revamping the area for both students and staff.
* Lori Height’s son is back from Afghanistan, she is excited to have him back.
* Pat Carpenter’s daughter graduated from UNC-Greensboro with her Masters in Administration.
* Heather Myers shared that ELMS received an $8,000 grant for 3D printing.
* Darla Stines’ baby girl will be turning 7 in a week.

Habits that members have developed during COVID ranged from cooking more, hiking, binge watching television, making jam, making chap stick from beeswax, learning to make sourdough, etc.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

Kennan sent out the February minutes, along with a treasury report from Laurie this morning (Thursday, July 23). Kennan asked for members to use the chat feature on ZOOM for a motion to approve those items. Heather Myers motioned to approve the minutes from February. Jenny Dellinger seconded the motion to approve the minutes from February. Members raised their hand in the camera to vote to approve the minutes. None opposed, therefore the motion was passed. February’s minutes were approved.

We did a digital vote for the bylaws and the proposed budget online (the link was included in the email with the ZOOM link for the meeting). At the start of the meeting, it was a unanimous approval for both of those from the people that had voted. Those went through their committees, so the electronic vote did pass. You may get an email from Kennan if you have not had a chance to vote, since we have some information in the Google Form that needs to be completed for the Communications Committee to make sure that phone numbers and biographical information are up to date.

**Instillation of Officers**

There was a video that was shared with members of Rhonda inducting our new officers.

**Highlights of the Budget**

We approved the budget digitally. It had decreased money for membership since it is not an induction year. We have increased money for the Communications Committee to do some marketing for Delta Sigma. The Beginning Teacher amount was also increased to better support our new teachers.

**Fashion Show Report**

Two years ago, we raised $3,500 for the fashion show. Unfortunately this past year we had to cancel the program due to COVID19 restrictions. We offered refunds to those that had purchased tickets or an opportunity to donate their money. Many chose to donate their money and in doing so, we were able to raise $3,489. Even without having the physical fashion show we are going to be able give the same amount of scholarships that we have in the past. Kennan thanked everyone for contacting those that they sold tickets to.

**Brainstorming Ideas for This Year**

Kennan Eaddy - We are changing times for meetings...Snacks/Social at 4:30 and Business will start at 5:00; Kennan’s goal is to have hour long meetings.

Libby Fletcher - Technology that can be used with grandchildren or other students during remote learning.

Jill Eaddy - Name tags at meetings for those that may forget theirs (for in person meetings). Rhonda Hager has some name tags that she will provide for those in person meetings.

Katie Croker - Invite beginning teachers later in the year to share their first year experiences.

Heather Myers - Connect with School Board Candidates

**Biennium Goals**

During the Executive Meeting, it was decided that we will keep the four goals that we had last biennium. Goal 1: To support to the best of our abilities the goals and programs of Eta State and DKG International through our committee work and programs. Goal 2: To vigorously advocate legislation that supports public education and educators (purposefully plan a legislative program, reach out to legislators to attend a meeting or school visit). Goal 3: To strengthen and deepen the sense of fellowship among members (reach out to members during life events, create a buddy system for new and veteran members). Goal 4: To support and nurture beginning teachers and future educators in Lincoln County Schools.

**Communication**

Jennifer Luper has graciously agreed to work on the newsletter again. We are going to work on streamlining the newsletter. You will receive a newsletter in September, November, January, April and June. The deadline for those months will be the 15th and then you will receive your newsletter at the end of the month. Please be cognizant of when we are asking for items for the newsletter. Remember that we have the new editor email address: dkgdeltasigmaeditor@gmail.com. Kennan encourages everyone to read the newsletter. Each committee is asked to complete and submit a report each month to go in the new.

Congratulations to Wanda Lutz for being the Bingo winner from last month’s newsletter.

There was a discussion in the Membership Committee meeting about creating a phone tree. Keep your eye open for that; it will probably be connected to your committee.

Remember to update your profile on the Delta Kappa website. Kennan can send out a reminder on how to do this if you need assistance.

Jenny Dellinger is keeping our Facebook and social media up to date.

It should be noted that we received an award for our newsletter and our website. Thank you to Jenny and Jennifer for working so hard, we appreciate the work that you do.

**Updates from Committee Meetings**

Beginning Teacher Support - Katie

There will be a BT meeting on July 31st; currently there are 36 BT1s and 2s. They are doing a bee theme - “We are buzzing with excitement that you chose Lincoln County Schools”: Darla is making Chap Stick and doing honey sticks. Donna Jolly is going to donate bee magnets from her daughter’s store. The committee will provide something each nine weeks for beginning teachers.

Communication - Elaine

September 15th is the deadline for the upcoming newsletter. Committee chairs, please be sure to get your reports submitted to Jennifer Luper at the editor’s address.

Wanda Lutz will send out reminders ahead of time. If your committee does not have a report, please let Jennifer know that as well, otherwise she’s waiting or someone will be contacting you to follow up.

If you would like to submit something to the DKG Fine Arts Gallery, it opens up for submissions August 15th - September 15th.If you are looking to apply for the NC DKG Foundation, the deadline for that is September 30th. The deadline for the PD award is September 1st. These items will be added to the Facebook page as an addition to what we normally do to keep everyone informed in between newsletters and meetings. Please fill out the Google Form that Kennan sent out, this would help get the Yearbook Membership Directory updated.

Educational Law and Policy - Heather

They would like to focus on giving an opportunity for our members and School Board candidates to connect. A letter will go out to the School Board candidates giving them an opportunity to participate in a Flipgrid activity and answer some questions that will be presented to the members as well. Making it a standard at each meeting that members can walk out with a list of legislative issues and who to contact for those that feel led to keep things going.

Finance Committee - Libby

Our budget was their main focus. If there are things that our teachers need, we would like to look into providing for those in the form of a project or in the form of financial support.

Membership Committee - Rhonda

They will be completing some updates to our biographical files. Look at our membership by region area (west to east), as well as elementary, middle and high schools to identify where we are diverse, as well as areas we want to include during our next induction in 2021. We will be organizing a Celebration of Remembrance for Becky Burke, date to be determined.

Scholarships/World Fellowship/Schools for Africa - Judy and Sara

Discussed how they would get out information about international scholarships, as well as state scholarships. Judy will include reminders in the newsletter. If anyone has information about Schools for Africa and would like to share, contact Judy.

Program and Fine Arts - Sherry

Brainstormed a list of potential ideas. Kelton, a music teacher at Childers, has volunteered her ukulele group to play for the folks of Hesed. Jennifer Huskey has volunteered her Foods 2 class to provide refreshments for one of our meetings. Potential topics: Heartbeats, Stand Firm Warrior Foundation, inviting our new Superintendent out, etc.

Kennan will send out information for those interested in emailing your Senators about the HEROES bill, please check your email for more information.

Kennan adjourned the meeting at 4:50.