

Delta Kappa Gamma International Society Meeting
Delta Sigma Chapter
November 6, 2023
Boger City Methodist Church, Lincolnton NC

Members in attendance: Edwina Beam, Elaine Boysworth, Elaine Boysworth, Jill Eaddy, Kennan Eaddy, Libby Fletcher, Kellie Goins, Nelva Goodson, Rhonda Hager, Lori Haight, Becky Heavner, Brenda Kinney, Jennifer Luper, Wanda Lutz, Susan McConnell, Wendy Mosteller, Heather Myers, Autumn Pyrtle, Gayle Reid, Kesha Ruppe, Stephanie Schou, Laurie Sellers, Renee Smith, Cindy White

Rhonda Hager started the meeting at 5:00 to welcome us and let us know about the angels that were available for seniors to be taken by members. She then turned it over to Heather Myers to introduce our guest speaker for the evening. She opened with a quote, "Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important." Bill Gates

Steven Hoyle has been in IT for 27 years. He is from a family of educators and is married to a 2nd grade teacher. He opened with prayer. Cyber security was the topic of the day.

People think things won't happen in our neighborhood. But all stories told today would come from close by. He asked us to rate our knowledge of cyber security on a scale of 1-10 and discuss why with our tables. We then were asked to share with the group. Some said their ratings were low because we are a trusting people and want to believe in people. Technology is a part of everything we do so we need to make cyber security a part of everything we do. It has to be ongoing.

He asked if we knew of any organizations who had been hacked recently. Gaston College, United Bank, CPCC, Lenoir Rhyne University, CVCC, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, the Oil Pipeline, even a hospital had been hacked in the last few years. He reviewed some of the cyber security facts he gave us. Stating that 90% of all data breaches were the result of human error. He then asked what were we most scared of with a data breach—losing money, identity theft, credit issues, but most importantly what would happen to our children. He then reviewed the 8 cyber security facts that pertained specifically to children.

He then asked us to play 2 truths and a lie with someone we knew at our table. It was stated that the more we know about someone, the easier it is to fool them into doing something. This is social engineering. People who practice social engineering will use all they know about you and use it against you. They will take all the information you put out about yourself and use it. They use the shame and guilt against you and then you don't tell it. Don't hide. If you don't say anything and you are ashamed, you are the most vulnerable. We have to raise awareness.

Phishing—fishing for your information. That post on Facebook that asks the 20 questions about your favorite color, flower, city, etc, and then asks you to pass it on...your information is being gathered. Don't do it. Sometimes this comes in the form of an email.

Malware—software with malicious intent

Ransomware—they hold your data until you pay a ransom.

Protection and Awareness—Students know to use technology, but they don't have life experiences. We are all people of influence in schools and churches. We need to know about people and be trained. Safe gatherings is an app/website that has modules and training online, does background checks, trains on what to look for in abused children

We have to learn to question when things don't seem right. We should initiate contact. If we get a call or email or text asking us for our card number, social security number or account number to verify because it is being hacked, we should not answer these questions. They will appear to get more pushy and try to scare us into answering. If you are concerned, hang up and call your bank or card company on a number you know and trust. They will never call you first.

When it comes to purchases, use BBB, background checks, buy local, use big store accounts, or use safe paper methods or disposable credit cards if you're suspicious.

He discussed ID lock. These basically monitor your credit report, and only tell you if credit was applied for. It locks your account, so new credit is applied for. It does not tell you if your bank account is drained or if your credit card bill is charged up.

When, not if, something happens, respond immediately. Beware of someone who is dismissive when you report it. Call back and ask for someone else. Don't let fear or shame cause you more pain. Shine a light in the darkness. Ask questions.

Heather Myers went over the Education Law & Policy Budget Highlights sheet given

Rhonda Hager called the business meeting to order. She asked for one correction to minutes. Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting by Brenda Kinney and 2nd by Elaine Boysworth. Approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Lori Haight. We have \$395 to go out for Schools for Africa if no other donations are given today.

Membership Participation Award discussed. You should have received your tickets today for attending and wearing your badges. The tickets were put in for RSVPing.

Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP Committee (Elaine Boysworth)

Prospect Cards were emailed out to all members for new members. We will extend the deadline for these to December 1. The type of members we are looking for are a teacher leader, making an impact, have a strong passion for teaching, and have a commitment to teaching and learning. We are still looking for nominations for officers. Contact your sister-sister partners.

SCHOLARSHIP/WORLD FELLOWSHIP/SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA Committee (Gayle Reid)

Scholarships are being transferred online for students to apply this year.

COMMUNICATION & MARKETING Committee (Kennan Eaddy)

Newsletter coming out soon.

FINANCE Committee (Libby Fletcher)

None at this time. Report given by Treasurer

EDUCATION LAW & POLICY Committee (Heather Myers)

Reviewed the Educational budget highlights again. Two big things were mentioned. Money was allocated for a local monument for Benjamin Lincoln based on PBL lesson at ELHS that Rep. Saine was present for and took to state. Also, a three year graduation plan requirement was approved. We do not know what this will look like, but might affect current 10th graders with only needing 22 credits to graduate and having many 16 year old high school graduates.

BEGINNING TEACHERS Committee

Working on the next gift for our beginning teachers.

Service project reminder—don't forget to pick up your senior angels before you leave. These will be due back December 7th. Please do not wrap.

Remember we voted at the last meeting to give \$60 for scholarships in lieu of a fundraiser. This will not be due until February 2024.

Rhonda gave updates from the Delta Kappa Gamma state meeting.

Our next meeting will be February 26 at 5 p.m.

Rhonda thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.