Minutes from January 25, 2016

Delta Sigma of DKG International Executive Board Meeting

Home of President Edwina Beam

4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Edwina Beam, Donna Jolley, Tammy Price, Elaine Jenkins, Libby Fletcher, Wendy Mosteller, Wanda Lutz, Jill Eaddy, Laurie Sellers, Kellie Goins, and Frankie Beam

Chapter President Edwina Beam opened the meeting with a short inspirational message before introducing Wanda Lutz who provided information on the 2016 Fashion Show. Following a motion by Elaine Jenkins, which was seconded by Libby Fletcher, the executive board voted unanimously to change the cost of guest Fashion Show tickets to $15 each. Member tickets will remain at $12 each. Each member will be responsible for buying a member ticket and then selling as many guest tickets as possible.

**2016 Fashion Show** - The Fashion Show will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at First United Methodist Church in Lincolnton, NC. Committee members are planning for 210 guest places. Treasurer Kellie Goins will bring a check for $150 to the February DKG meeting for Wanda Lutz to pay for the cost of the venue. Tickets for the event must be purchased by March 24. In discussing ways to promote the fashion show, the board decided to advertise to other chapters. In addition Wanda Lutz will have the event advertised online with the LincolnHerald.net as well as approach the Hi Lites manager about selling tickets in her store. Wanda will also check on having posters printed. The board also discussed ideas for door prizes. A recommendation has been made that someone from the Scholarship Committee be in charge of future fashion shows. Wanda thanked members Cindy White and Nelva Goodson for their help with the planning of this year’s event.

**DKG Newsletter** - Elaine Jenkins reported that in order to publish the newsletter on February 4th, she needs submissions from committee chairs by January 27, 2016.

**Grant-in Aids** - With the exception of one who did not respond to the email request, executive board members approved the scholarship committee’s recommendation to change the 2015-2016 budget to allow funding for $250 in professional development pertaining to DKG and $500 toward work on an advanced degree. Edwina sent an email containing the applications for these two grant-in-aids to members asking that they consider taking advantage of the available funding. A majority, 41 of the current 53 members, also voted “yes” to the budget change.

**Eta State -** In a review of Eta State information, Edwina Beam reported that she has sent the Feb. 1 Necrology Report and the President’s Report. Next, Edwina led a discussion to review the Chapter Achievement Award Report to determine which items on the Chapter Activities/ Responsibilities check list still needed to be completed to fulfill the necessary total points for chapter recognition. The chapter has from March 1, 2015 to March 1, 2016 to show proof of achievement. It is anticipated that the chapter will earn points for leaders attending convention activities and serving on a state committee, publication of newsletters and press releases, community projects including Speak Up for Children donations and 81 volunteer hours during the Tour of Homes fundraiser, in addition to work with the Beginning Teachers program, as well as financial contributions to international and Eta State activities.

Edwina announced that she will send an email to see if members have had works published in educational journals, on websites or in magazines. She, Elaine Jenkins, Libby Fletcher and Rhonda Hager plan to attend the state convention. The chapter can also earn points by recognizing members with 10 or fewer years for their outstanding contributions to the work of DKG. Libby Fletcher will ask Laurie Sellers, member since 2008, if the chapter can nominate her for the Rising Star Award by March 1, 2016.

**DKG website –** Edwina said that since everyone gets the *DKG News,* members should be looking for information about the National Convention. She also reminded members that if they see something in the publication that the chapter may be interested in implementing, to please bring it to everyone’s attention.

To sign in to the DKG website, members should use their membership number. The default password is dkg2014society.

**Committee Reports:**

Communications/Publicity – Frankie Beam said Jenny Dellinger continues to publish the chapter website and Pat Carpenter continues to write articles about the chapter for local media. The committee is looking for someone to assume the role of web watcher.

Finance – Wendy Mostellar will collect $3 from members to pay for refreshments at the Feb. 18, 2016, chapter meeting at Boger City United Methodist Church. Treasurer Kellie Goins recommended that in the future a budget be approved before July taking into consideration new membership.

**Next Biennium –** Outgoing President Edwina Beam said she will appoint a committee to update the Standing Rules. She reminded all committee chairs to prepare a file folder with the following information:

* Committee responsibilities
* Committee composition and assigned duties
* List of International and/or Eta State resources that are most relevant
* Copies of all official reports filed
* Notes on the plans needed to organize and prepare for one assigned meeting
* Accomplishments
* Consideration of next steps
* Anything else committee chairs wish they had known when they took the job.

In lieu of committee changes, the executive board elected to give members options of first, second, and third choices when considering committee selection. To help with those options, a reminder asking members to visit the chapter website to read descriptions of each committee will be published in the newsletter.

In other business, following a recommendation by Edwina, the board voted to purchase an ad about the chapter in the convention program.

In final comments Edwina asked for three words that describe the chapter for a report the chapter president must submit. The executive board selected “generous, supportive, and involved.

There being no further business, the board adjourned for a soup dinner at 6:55 p.m.