

Delta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter December 10, 2022 Minutes

Members Present: Charlotte Betche, Patsy Chasteen, Joe Anna Hibler, Phyllis Hobbs, Karon McCubbin, Carla Moore, Marie Pool, Mary Lou Scales, Reonna Slagell Gossen, Becky Trent, Alexia White

Members Absent: Brenda Archer, Vicki Hatton, Charlinda Ogle, Lynda Richert, Sharon Simmons, Marva Webb

Guests Present: guest speaker Lavern "Straw" Berry

President White called the meeting to order and recognized the guest speaker. Member Phyllis Hobbs led the invocation reading a poem by former member Barbara Johnson; *Most Memorable Christmas*. Christmas time is about children. She gave the example of how a young boy sang the Christmas songs incorrectly for the Christmas program, "as shepherds washed their socks by night", kids look at things differently than we do. She asked, "what kind of things bring us that joy and awe"? She shared her favorite verse at Christmas time as Isaiah 9:6. Swaddling clothes are a minor thing that we have always heard of at Christmas. They are bandages, or strips of cloths, to protect the newborn and were used on new lambs. The shepherds probably brought them to the Christ child. God made that message to them in a way we can understand it. Phyllis ended with James 5:6.

President White shared her own Bumble Bee inspiration for this month, "BEE joyful" for the Christmas season. Patsy Chasteen passed the rose to Phyllis Hobbs sharing, "that we all have difficulties but we also have the joy of Jesus. Phyllis is a very busy person but wonderful to work with on the scrapbook." Minutes were approved with a few minor corrections of capitalized words. The financial report will be filed after brag money is verified; have not received the bank statement to verify if the check from the student essay winner was cashed.

Breakfast was served.

Lavern "Straw" Berry presented the program. He is a cowboy poet who writes his own poetry. He was raised west of Cordell on a turkey ranch. He graduated from Cordell and then received a degree in History 20 years later from SWOSU. He shared several of his poems with us while strumming his guitar. Poems shared were *Missing husband* by Pat Richardson; *A Little Cowboy Poultry* about raising turkeys; *The trail depends on you*, a poem he wrote for graduating nurses at the Vo-tech at Burns Flat where his wife works; and *Cowboying With Jace*, about his grandson who fell off of a horse when he was 4 and broke his arm. He is now 21 years old, 6'5", size 14 shoes, and attends SWOSU. Lavern and his wife closed with a song written by Mark Lowry, *Mary Did You Know?*, and then led us for White Christmas and Jingle Bells. President Webb presented the donation gift of money from members.

The meeting continued with unfinished business concerning the un-cashed check presented to last year essay winner. Member Carla Moore had called the winner to make sure she was given the deadline to cash the check. Treasurer Pool is going to check on the bank statement for cashing of check. Member Carla Moore made a motion for future essay winners to receive cash awards with a signed waiver that they received the cash. Member Becky Trent seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President White extended a "thank you" to members for the great turnout of donations to Heart to Heart Pregnancy Center in Clinton, turning in attendance, and finally and to the hostesses, Becky Trent and Patsy Chasteen. Member Carla Moore volunteered to take the donations to the center. There was no new business. Member Becky Trent reported that she had not received any essays for the contest but only questions so she extended the deadline to January for submission. Brags were given. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be February 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. located at Lucille's Roadhouse in Weatherford.

Respectfully Submitted,
Reonna Slagell Gossen