

Delta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter

December 14, 2019 Minutes

Members Present: Patsy Chasteen, Joe Anna Hibler, Karon McCubbin, Reonna Slagell Gossen, Melissa Knabe, Marie Pool, Lynda Richert, Marva Webb, Vanessa Perez

Members Absent: Brenda Archer, Phyllis Hobbs, Vicki Hatton, Charlinda Ogle, Sharon Simmons, Mary Lou Scales, Charlotte Betcher, Alexia White

Guests present: Tonya Gaunt, gifted and talented teacher, Krista Steiner, Spanish teacher; Clinton Public Schools

Breakfast food was prepared by member Melissa Knabe and served in the newly remodeled home economics room.

President McCubbin called the meeting to order with a flag salute and reading of the mission statement

Member Mary Lou Scales shared *Six Little Stories* each with a special meaning; faith, trust, hope, confidence, love, and attitude

Guest speaker Tonya Gaunt has 32 years of teaching experience; first grade, pre-K, technology integration, now gifted and talented for K-6. Tonya currently has a grant, Oklahoma Striving for Reading Comprehension Literacy (OSRCL) \$1,075,353 over 3 years. Clinton parents act as reading partners with the targeted population of at risk children from birth to two year old; "Tiny Tornados".

Activities of the grant include: community nights, home visits, gold academy visits, reading readiness screening; and a book mobile (reading wagon) during the summer to check out books; "Reds Reading Wagon". The East side academy is an afterschool program that has participated as well. The academy is an afterschool program that any family in need of help in language and reading can participate. A meal is served and from this program, High School students are utilized to help in the grant program in the afternoon. Each month has a theme in which one night a month the families meet, family night, and receive books to take home and keep. The program has provided many books with about 15 parents participating. Another part of program is the Footsteps 2 Brilliance. This allows any child to log in to the computer and listen to follow along with the books. Brochures and a newsletter help the families with activities and story time. A book goes that contains sensory activities and additional ideas goes home with the families for additional support. There is also an "On track to literacy" that has different stations that they rotate through. Children are assessed to select the students that need extra help. The grant acts as an advocate for these specific children. The Clinton Public Library is also a community partner in this program.

Guest speaker Krista Steiner gave her background for her journey as a Spanish teacher. She had landed an internship in Mexico while in college and ended up there for 19 years, She is in her 6th year in Clinton teaching Spanish. She became involved in the grant when they wanted the parents to become involved. She offers tutoring sessions in the afternoon and evening. Spanish club comes and volunteers for taking care of the children. The classes were meant for the parents but the resources have gone beyond just an English class with children starting to be a part of the sessions. There is a google classroom for the participants with 52 currently enrolled in the google class. Attendance varies but the class is held in the Spanish room of Clinton High School. The curriculum is Comprehensible Input and is part of Clinton Public School's Seal of Bi-literacy. They are the first school in Oklahoma to receive this honor. Participating student who go through the curriculum will have a lscence number that will eventually be put on the diploma as a seal.

Minutes and treasurer report approved

Essay committee report: no essays have been submitted; deadline December 20

Please check the website for information from the state meeting; [www.usforum](http://www.usforum.org/) <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>

Member brags were given

Donations were taken for the Kids in Care Project; \$121 was collected for the Kids in Care for December; Melissa Knabe donated the breakfast monies to the Kids in Care project for our December collection. \$27 collected from brags for the meeting

The next meeting will be held in the SWOSU Bonny Boardroom in February.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Reonna Slagell Gossen