

Delta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter February 11, 2023 Minutes

Members Present: Charlotte Betcher, Vicki Hatton, Joe Anna Hibler, Karon McCubbin, Mary Lou Scales, Sharon Simmons, Reonna Slagell Gossen, Becky Trent, Marva Webb, Alexia White

Members Absent: Brenda Archer, Patsy Chasteen, Phyllis Hobbs, Carla Moore, Charlinda Olge, Marie Pool, Lynda Richert

Guests Present: guest speakers Tim Miller and Connor Kirk

President White called the meeting to order and recognized guests. Member Karon McCubbin led the invocation about serving emphasizing that one of the reasons we are on this earth is to serve others. Serving is an outward sign that we belong to God and are doing His will. They not only give with their hands but with their hearts. Breakfast was served.

President White shared the Bumble Bee for Valentine's month, "bee lovable". She opened the floor for sharing. Member Becky Trent gave a "Bee inspiration" referencing a friend's two month old baby boy and his heart transplant.

Reading of the minutes were approved. President White introduced our guest speakers and program topic. Guest Tim Miller is a graduate of SWOSU and his first job was at Western Plains Library System. He has been there for 19 years. Western Plains is a four county system with eight branches; has a book mobile four days a week; 200,000 physical items; and 300,000 digital items for access. It is a different type of library as you are "buying" the rights of something instead of an actual book. His job is similar to a school superintendent as he reports to a board. The library is funded like schools are and there is a statewide association president. There are eight library systems in Oklahoma with two of them here in this part of the state; the other six are east of I-40. Connor Kirk is the programs and reference director. He is also a SWOSU graduate and then received his Masters degree from OU. He helps with school outreach and the actual programs the library offers. Connor shared information about the programs offered and available to the public. A) Libby is a great app for your phone. You can have 15 items at once. WPLS purchases those titles to have a guest list with "one of one copy available". There are no late fees as it automatically returns if you are not on the hold list. B) Hoopla has all of the extras with television shows. It is a simultaneously use database with no waiting. Western Plains does not put items in and it is free to users but WPLS pays for the usage/rent. You can have 30 check-outs for a given month. C) MyLibro is a new app that has a catalog and knows where an item is physically. Events and the book mobile is on the app as well as what is happening at each of the branches. D) EBSCO Learning express has tutorials and actual exams that are all free. Examples include the ACT, job entrance exams such CDL, cosmetology, real estate, electrical, military officer. E) BRAINFUSE has live tutors that kids can talk to. They select their grade and subject needed for tutoring. A chat box opens up to help them; does NOT give answers. It is also in Spanish. It has an extension called F) BRAINFUSE JOBNOW that provides help for interviews, a resume lab for you to submit your resume and it will edit it for you. It does the same for English papers required for class. G) Miss Humblebee's for pre-K and kindergarten prep. H) Pronunciator helps you to learn a new language. I) NEWS BACK has access to the newspapers, both nationally and locally, with the day's current stories. It does not read or look like an actual newspaper. You can filter down to the year or function and look for specific dates or anniversaries. J) Ancestry and Genealogy databases. One of the newest free services are the availability of Chilton manuals for all kinds of small engine repairs, tractors, cars and appliances. Twenty or thirty years ago you had to go the library and get an actual artifact. Today with the digital use, digital checkouts are almost equal to physical check outs. The under 40-age group have heavy usage of the digital platform. Encourage everyone to go to the library and see what it is like now with all of its energy and people constantly in and out.

President White extended a thank you to the guest speakers and the hostesses. The financial report was reviewed and has been requested that the brag money needs to be separated out on its' own line item. It will be filed as written.

President White ran into former member Darla Brooks and shared that she would like to become an active member again. Essay Committee reported that there were 19 submitted but only from 8th grade. There are two winners; both 8th grade. They will be presenting at our next meeting. Discussion on the status of newspaper articles being submitted as we need newspaper articles for attaining the goal of Gold Chapter status. Karon McCubbin and Charlotte Betcher are hostesses for the April 8 meeting. Brags were given. Singing of the DKG song. Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. located at Lucille's Roadhouse in Weatherford.

Respectfully Submitted,
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