

Delta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter

March 13, 2021 Minutes

Members Present: Charlotte Betche, Patsy Chasteen, Vicki Hatton, Joe Anna Hibler, Phyllis Hobbs, Melissa Knabe, Mary Lou Scales, Reonna Slagell Gossen, Marva Webb, Alexia White

Members Absent: Brenda Archer, Karon McCubbin, Charlinda Ogle, Marie Pool, Lynda Richert, Sharon Simmons

Guests present: State President Belinda Clift, Becky Trent, Mika Shelton

President Webb called the meeting to order and introduced our state President Belinda Clift. Our February meeting was cancelled from the regular schedule due to the severe record setting arctic blast and rescheduled for March 13.

President Webb started the meeting with a devotional reading the Robert Browning poem, "Song From Pippa Passes". She shared several Bible passages emphasizing that our comfort comes from God and knowing He is in heaven and His eye is upon us.

Breakfast was served with the food prepared by Lucille's Roadhouse.

President Webb introduced State President Belinda Clift for our program. President Clift reminded us of the theme she selected, "Changing The Tide", our Vision and Mission statement.

President Clift shared with us how hard it has been to lead during the pandemic and how ALL chapters internationally have been affected by the Covid Pandemic. Many chapters have not had a meeting since March 2020 due to the pandemic. President Clift shared a little about her background as she grew up in Texas along the Gulf of Mexico where she spent a lot of her time around water. Her first encounter crossing the border into Oklahoma was brown grass which was quite the shock for her. Her first teaching job was in Fred, Texas north of Beaumont. She came to Oklahoma with her husband for his job interview and they ended up here in Oklahoma through the rest of her career. She taught in Moore Public Schools as literacy coach for Title I from 1990 to 2017. She was active in Alpha Chi chapter during those years. During her time as Chapter President the Moore school was directly hit by an F5 tornado and now as State President she is having to deal with the pandemic which has also knocked her off of her leadership. Her biggest goal now is to help lead us into the future. The local chapters are needed as they are the heart of DKG. The state convention is on for June and DKG cannot rebuild without the help of all chapters. One of the hardest tasks for a State President is fill positions on the state committees. President Clift passed out a form for each member to complete to volunteer and serve on State Committees. DKG has made it easier for members to volunteer for a state committee position with just submitting their name and chapter. President Clift serves on the Expansion Committee for International. President Clift relayed the information of professional development money for those members still in the classroom as well as scholarship monies available to continue your education through Cappella University. She reminded us that we need to keep in our mind the heritage, mission and vision of DKG by presenting the meaning of our gold pin that we wear. President Clift ended her presentation with sharing the new password for the Oklahoma state organization and the two Facebook pages; both public and private.

President Webb shared that our guest for the last several meetings will become a member next month and requested update information from our committee chairs. The minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report was presented and discussed with no changes required.

U.S. Forum chair Alexia White suggested that we should go to the website for current issues that they are looking through concerning special education and legislative issues. www.USFORUM.com

Scholarship chair Vicki Hatton reminded us that the scholarship is given every other year. We will be presenting another scholarship next year and shared that the recipients are very thankful for the money they have been given. It has been very hard this past year as they have not been in the classroom due to the pandemic.

Historian (scrapbook) chair Phyllis Hobbs communicated to that the Scrapbook is on track and asked President Clift about the pages for the state convention to make sure we knew the proper procedure.

Chapter Rules chair Marva Webb also double checked with President Clift the correct procedure in the updating of chapter rules: send them to the state rules committee chair for approval, our chapter votes on them after they are approved. President Clift reminded us to add rules concerning virtual meetings and that there is language in the last Limelighter concerning that topic.

Member brags were given with a \$1 donation to the "kitty" with each brag. The hostesses presented 3 door prizes to several members. The meeting was called to a close with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Our next meeting will be held April 10, 2021 at Lucille's Roadhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Reonna Slagell Gossen