

Delta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter

November 13, 2021 Minutes

Members Present: Charlotte Betche Patsy Chasteen, Joe Anna Hibler, Lynda Richert, Mary Lou Scales, Sharon Simmons, Reonna Slagell Gossen, Becky Trent, Marva Webb, Alexia White

Members Absent: Brenda Archer, Vicki Hatton, Phyllis Hobbs, Melissa Knabe, Karon McCubbin, Charlinda Ogle, Marie Pool

Guests present: Carla Moore

Meeting was called to order by President Webb and introduced our guest, Carla Moore. She then led the reading of the mission and purpose of Delta Kappa Gamma. Invocation was led by member Dr. Joe Anna Hibler highlighting the characteristics of a good, effective teacher: kindness, compassion, integrity. She then shared a story of a former student who wrote about their second grade teacher and how they remembered her reading to them, how she dressed and how she played with the bookmark paper clip after passing out two skittles to each one. The lesson from this is to keep teaching and keep loving; it makes a difference. The secret of being HAPPY is accepting where you are in life and making the most out of every day. The meal was served.

President Webb announced the resignation letter of Treasurer Melissa Knabe and that member Marie Pool has agreed to step in and complete her office position. President Webb reminded us of our chapter project and program for December. Member Sharon Simmons made a motion for our Christmas donations be made for the support of the Clinton Public School Choir's trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City. Member Dr. Joe Anna Hibler seconded the motion. President Webb asked that the checks be mailed to Secretary Reonna Slagell Gossen before the next meeting which will enable us to present the choir with a check. October minutes were read and approved as written; no treasurer's report was presented.

President Webb announced the members of the Membership Committee for the program and took up a collection for World Fellowship requesting that each member donate \$0.10 per each year that you have taught. We collected a total of \$64.55. Lynda Richert then opened the program with the committee's introduction. Patsy Chasteen read through the purpose of the committee and then through an example from former Lambda Chapter President Nancy Koehn's experience of meeting with a DKG Chapter President from an Hispanic Country that she had visited and the challenges they face daily. An example given was their normal class size of 60 – 70 students. Dr. Joe Anna Hibler shared about the history of the Founders of Delta Kappa Gamma reading through each of their credentials. Dr. Annie Webb Blanton was the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Texas and conceived the idea of this organization and started with herself and the eleven original women, each with very diverse professional backgrounds, on June 3, 1929. The main idea was to meet the need for rural and urban teachers and administrators to be united in the recognition of women who work in education and to provide scholarships for them to continue in their own professional endeavors. Dr. Joe Anna Hibler received a \$2500 scholarship in her goal of completing her doctorate and was incredibly grateful for the aid to reach her goals. The powerpoint with the pictures and information on the founders from the website aided in members viewing each of the women. Lynda Richert closed with the question of, "how can we recruit more members"? She started with giving some statistics of teachers, their characteristics, and how education keeps changing. She presented a handout from a diagram on the website depicting the education excellence outline of the DKG Mission, Vision, and the characteristics of DKG educators. Members Becky Trent and Alexia White presented ideas and help in recruiting new members; member Sharon Simmons suggested that we support members that are currently teaching. Ideas included 1) card with our name left in the teachers' lounge 2) lists of what we do and have done 3) benefits listed 4) involve outside teachers for a program. Member Becky Trent made a motion to do an appreciation of current member teachers in their lounge. Alexia White seconded the motion. Guest Carla Moore donated a \$100 to support the motion.

Essay Committee Chair Becky Trent discussed the essay contest and that she has already distributed information to homeschool individuals. Mary Lou Scales and Marva Webb will also be contacting people. The strategic action plan referenced and once again read through with President Webb and members requesting secretary Reonna Slagell Gossen to continue with the updates on the website to maintain its' current working status. Hostess Sharon Simmons presented door prizes and brags were given. Next meeting will be December 11, 2021, at Lucille's Roadhouse at 9:00 a.m. in Weatherford.

Respectfully Submitted,
Reonna Slagell Gossen