

# Delta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter

## November 14, 2020 Minutes

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

Members Absent: Brenda Archer, Charlotte Betcher, Karon McCubbin, Charlinda Ogle, Marie Pool

Guests present: Becky Trent and Laura McCormick

Breakfast food was prepared by Lucille's Roadhouse.

President Marva Webb called the meeting to order; requesting members to donate \$0.10 for every year that you have taught for the World Foundation Fund. Our total years of teaching for members present was 366 years with a total of \$48.35 collected.

Vice President Alexia White and guest Laura McCormick presented a program on genealogy. Alexia has gone back more than seven generations. She has found broken lines in distant ancestors; very interesting to find out how the stories interconnect. One can start with census records and websites. Census records tie into the numbers. The PowerPoint presentation included a) genealogy is..... b) where do I start c) a list of places to look d) genealogy websites e) TV shows / books

Guest speaker Laura McCormick finished the program with how she became interested and started investigating her own genealogy. She never knew her mother and had only heard stories that intrigued her. She found that IT IS MORE THAN NAMES! There are stories that you will discover and told of her own family stories that are very interesting. Laura gave a brief background and update on the Western Plains Weatherford Genealogical Society. Laura gave a folder of information to each member and went through each item. The folder consisted of: a) ancestry chart b) family group chart c) cousin finder d) how to start on ancestor chart and family history sheet e) list of informational websites f) individual research sheet g) the "do you know scale" h) OK 2 Explore i) Ancestors family and home information sources checklist j) free 50 point cheat sheet to help you write your life story k) my family tree diagram. The next meeting of the Western Plains Weatherford Genealogical Society, Inc. & The Western Oklahoma Historical Center, Inc is January 23, 2021.

President Webb requested ideas for our Christmas project. Melissa Knabe made a motion for Toys for Tots; Alexia White seconded the motion.

October Minutes and Treasurer's report was presented and accepted without corrections. President Webb gave an update on the annual essay contest for the year as Belinda Clift still does not have any details for Chapters to disseminate to schools this year.

Our State President will be in attendance for our December meeting. President Webb encouraged us to bring a guest as we are working towards earning the Gold Award.

Braggs from members were given with each brag costing a \$1. Member Sharon Simmons donated 2 goody bags for door prizes; one for the member who has taught the longest and one for the member who has taught for the shortest amount of time.

Member Joe Anna Hibler closed with a devotional. She shared a booklet that had been distributed on the campus of SWOSU during religious emphasis week over 65 years ago. Dr. Grace Burcham, a former long-time member, had written a poem for the booklet, *Shadow of a Cross; A Rose Upon a Lonely Hill*. Reading the poem out loud was staggering as how it is still applicable to today. "Peace be still helps to restore our equilibrium and perspective and think through our life efforts".

Meeting was adjourned with President Webb challenging members to invite someone to the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 12 at Lucille's Roadhouse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reonna Slagell Gossen