

Delta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter October 8, 2022 Minutes

Members Present: Charlotte Betche, Patsy Chasteen, Vicki Hatton, Joe Anna Hibler, Karon McCubbin, Sharon Simmons, Reonna Slagell Gossen, Marva Webb

Members Absent: Brenda Archer, Phyllis Hobbs, Melissa Knabe, Carla Moore, Charlinda Ogle, Marie Pool, Lynda Richert, Mary Lou Scales, Becky Trent, Alexia White

Guests Present: Larry Johnson, Burns Flat / Dill City Public School Superintendent, guest speaker

Member Sharon Simmons opened with the invocation reminding us how words have power and can do so much. Think of uplifting words and devastating words. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid; trust me". We have been given the power of words to bless, encourage, teach, give hope, and our world needs it. Let's use them for good. Breakfast was served.

Member Marva Webb introduced the Burns Flat / Dill City Public School Superintendent Larry Johnson. Marva serves on the school board at Burns Flat/ Dill City. The School Board members have their focus on the students, staff and faculty well being and climate. Superintendent Johnson attended school in Laverne OK and received his Bachelors in Education in 1981; Masters in Education in 1991, both from SWOSU. He has 42 years in education; taught math, history, and coached several girls' sports. He has been a school administrator for the last 25 years.

Superintendent Johnson shared how the school board works very well together; everyone shares thier opinion and everyone listens. "We believe in transparency and openness with everything, especially finance", stated Superintendent Johnson. Questions that are constantly asked: Where are we in education? How are we doing at our school? How successful are we?

They have had several challenges such as lacking computers and older buildings. They had a bond issue pass with 90% vote to help with the buildings. Their teachers know where the district is on finances. There is a monthly newsletter published for all to read. The legislation for dyslexia screening was a great piece of legislation; CRT legislation has made teachers scared to say the wrong thing and makes it harder to teach the kids. There have been solutions to an imaginary problem such as the Osage Nation with their own Congress repealing the CRT legislation. Another piece of legislation is the issue of bathrooms and changing rooms for both men / women; has to be provided or 5% of funding is taken away. Teachers can have paid leave to represent OEA or APO meetings. Disappointing that the \$31 million from Covid was not given to our teachers but to parents who send their kids to private schools. There is a federal audit now on that money spent. If the voucher law passes 12 - 15% of the rural school budgets will be cut. There is no accountability for voucher program.

Vice President Betche thanked the hostesses for the decorations. President White passed onto Vice President Betche in her packet the information from State President Lori Richardson-Morphew, *The bumble bee can not fly*. It is Gods' proof that the impossible can be by A. S Waldrop. She wished President White, "Bee Healthy, Alexia". September minutes were read and approved. No treasurer's report was available. Member Marva Webb mentioned that we the Chapter could provide extra money to cover meals of the student panel for the next month. Dr. Joe Anna Hibler made a motion that the Chapter could cover the cost of the breakfast for the panel members or chapter members could donate money accordingly. Marva Webb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For unfinished business, member Becky Trent shared that she has sent out an email to members concerning the essay contest. There were no reports or new business presented. Member Sharon Simmons passed on the rose to Dr. Joe Anna Hibler for the month of October. Brags were given with \$7 collected. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be November 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. located at Lucille's Roadhouse in Weatherford. November hostess Sharon Simmons requested that we contact Mary Lou Scales for meeting attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Reonna Slagell Gossen