

# Delta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter

## October 9, 2021 Minutes

Members Present: Patsy Chasteen, Phyllis Hobbs, Karon McCubbin, Reonna Slagell Gossen, Marva Webb, Alexia White, Lynda Richert, Becky Trent, Vicki Hatton

Members Absent: Brenda Archer, Charlotte Betche, JoAnna Hibler, Charlinda Ogle, Marie Pool, Sharon Simmons, Melissa Knabe, Mary Lou Scales

Guests present: Jenifer Estes (Cordell), Oklahoma State Organization President Lori Richardson-Morphew, Joann Rogers (Alva), LaDena Eads (Springdale, AR) Psi Members Debby Yarbrough, Toni Burgess, Janice Rutledge, Esther Fields, Ann Peetom

Meeting was called to order by President Webb and introduced Oklahoma State Organization President Lori Richardson-Morphew as our guest speaker. Psi Member Toni Burgess introduced the guests from the Psi Chapter.

President Webb opened the meeting with members singing the Delta Kappa Gamma Song and then led the invocation due to member Charlotte Betche's absence as she is dealing with health issues. She gave statistics on the death rate of the last year and shared a poem by John Donne, *Holy Sonnets: Death, Be Not Proud* and referenced I Cor 15:55 sharing with us, "if Christ had not been raised we would not have any hope; because of the love of our Lord we no longer need to fear death."

State Organization President Lori Richardson-Morphew opened with encouraging members to attend the State Leadership Conference. State Organization President Richardson-Morphew conducted her own research on the "Harmful Effects of the Mobile Device on Children" and put together a presentation for educators. The effects are both physiological and psychological; being intertwined. The presentation included current statistics concerning electronic devices and cancer; who has a phone; and "growing wireless". New terms were introduced such as "fubbing" and "nomophobia". She listed over 20 research sites of the effects of cell/digital media on children alone from the over 959 million web results on the topic. Handouts were provided. Various reputable reports were listed for members to research. What can we do to correct the cell phone/screen time dilemma? Will this be our children's "no smoking" agenda in the future? Suggestions of trying to go "phone free", children earn their screen time, set time limits, turn off background TV, keep devices out of the bedroom, talk about what is important and most importantly we need to be examples of what is important with our own screen time limits when we are with family and friends.

President Webb opened the business meeting with review of the September minutes and treasurer's report. Both were reviewed and accepted. Discussion of the DKG Standing Rules IV. Finance, A. Dues for collegiate members were discussed. Member Becky Trent made a motion to accept the proposed amount of \$40 but to add that the collegiate member would be responsible for only \$20 and the Chapter would sponsor the \$20 for the potential collegiate member. Member Phyllis Hobbs seconded the motion. Continued discussion occurred of members attending the OEA student organization meetings at SWOSU to recruit and inform students of our society. Member Vicki Hatton will bring forth the information concerning the student organization at the next meeting. State Organization President Lori Richardson-Morphew reminded us of the free brochures on the website that are available to us to take to the meetings. President Webb announced the essay contest packets that need to be distributed to the local schools. There were no other committee reports at this time. Member brags were given by several members. Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be November 13, 2021 at Lucille's Roadhouse.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Reonna Slagell Gossen