

DKG Business Meeting Minutes 3.24.2021

Janet Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm on Zoom.

Reflection:

Teachers

We are an optimistic lot.
Restructuring. Revamping.
Regrouping. Revitalizing.
What goes around comes around.
Yet we persevere -
Ever seeking the elusive, perfect solution
To today's problems of education.
Tossed about by the whims of politicians,
Yet remaining centered.
Driven by our children,
Our desire to teach.
Rewarded by the words,
"I made it, thanks to you."

...Elizabeth D. Mann
Zeta Chapter
Kentucky

Attendance: Janet Peterson, Louise Tharp, Linda Falconer, Chris Allen, Julie Meyler, Barb McAvoy, Sue Yovich, Mary Belleau, Sally Beckerink, Mary Pat Shattuck, April Tharp, Jennifer Dilks, Norma Day, Gloria Werner, Marcia Madigan, Maria Palmieri

Julie Byler made a motion to accept the minutes from our business meeting on 10.28.2020. Sue Yovich seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Werner

Gloria reported that little has changed since our last meeting. The following checks have been sent out as discussed.

- Grant-in-Aid check sent to Lucy Belleau
- Check sent to First United Methodist Church
- Check sent to Jen Dilks - new teacher gifts
- Check sent to Mary Belleau for DKG supplies (certificates and pin)
- Check to Chris for postage

Barb McAvoy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with a second from Chris Allen. The motion passed.

Annual Dues: Gloria Werner

Dues are due by the 30th of June. Janet will send out a reminder in a couple of days. No changes in the amount from the previous year. Dues will be \$85. Please send to Gloria by the 20th of June to be safe.

Corresponding Secretary: Chris Allen

Chris Allen was not present for tonight's meeting however, Gloria shared a thank you from the First United Methodist Church for the donation made in Mary Merenick's name. Susan Loutzenhiser shared a thank you note from Lucy Belleau, our Grant-in-Aid recipient.

President's Report: Janet Peterson

The date for the next meeting needs to be changed to Wednesday, May 5th.

We took our picture for our anniversary.

The Creative Arts Retreat has been cancelled due COVID. It will return in two years to Ludlow.

Convention is in Scranton in June. Janet will check with another local chapter to see if they can take our basket for us.

Basket - We usually spend around \$100. It was suggested that we send a \$100 cash framed or Amazon gift card. Mary Belleau moved that we investigate a variety of ways to contribute to the basket raffle with an amount of \$100 with a second from April Tharp. Send ideas to Janet for the basket raffle. It was suggested that someone contact Ann Ryan to see if she knows anyone going to the convention.

65th Birthday Celebration - Linda Falconer and Mary Belleau are working to put something together to send to convention. Julie is also going to help. Mary has the original charter in a frame. Linda needs clarification on how they want the photos sent. It will be organized by decades. Due May 1st. Jen sent some pictures also.

Local 65th Birthday Celebration - Janet suggested having a big celebration somewhere we can all go to dinner and do our initiations and give the anniversary pin. Mary, Gloria (informally), and Barb McAvoy will work with Janet to find a venue. Tentatively scheduled for August or September. Sue suggested Jackson Valley.

Teacher Appreciation Day - Pam Lyle has been working on some ideas. Dave Sherman will put a sign up. Amy Stewart will also put out an email on Teacher Appreciation Day from DKG. Barb McAvoy will assist with the message.

Committees:

Communications - Barb McAvoy

The Daily Local published an article submitted by Barb McAvoy and Mary Belleau about what DKG has been doing throughout the past year. It also appeared in the Times Observer with some alterations.

Finance - April Tharp - No report

Historical Records - Linda Falconer - no report

Membership - Louise Tharp

Louise reported that we are looking for more nominations. We currently have Rachel Lasecki. Please get names to Louise by the May meeting. Mandi will ask Kara Hess.

Mary Belleau asked if anyone has been checking in on the members we have not seen throughout the year. Barb will contact Tonya and Rhonda.

Our current membership is 35.

Nominations - no report (no chair)

Non-Dues Revenue - Marcia Madigan

Marcia and Maria shared ideas:

1. Merchandise - local merchandise to order online (need permission from DKG)
2. Virtual 5K Fun Walk/Run- We would need to create a link with an online payment service with PayPal or Venmo. They are giving out shirts with the registration. The event would be open for the public. Maria will research what all is involved. Proposed date around July 4th

Marcia Madigan made a motion to have a virtual 5K Fun Walk/Run where participants will get a t-shirt. Second by Maria Palmieri. The event would support our Grant-in Aid Scholarship - a current student in college pursuing a degree in education. The motion passed.

Maria Palmieri made a motion that we set up a selection of shirts and merchandise that members can order online through ICYY Ink once we have permission from DKG. Second by Barb McAvoy. The motion passed.

Scholarship - Norma Day - no report

Grant-in-Aid - Susan Loutzenhiser (not present) - no report

Mary shared that Lucy sent her a text letting her know student teaching has been going well.

Jen Dilks suggested putting together a collection of teaching wisdom for new hires.

We need to find a new recipient as Lucy will be graduating. Please notify Susan Loutzenhiser with names.

World Fellowship - Cindy Blodgett (not present)

Cindy asked Janet to mention that we need to make a donation to World Fellowship. It was suggested that we just make the donation out of our treasury.

Gloria Werner made a motion that we make a donation to World Fellowship out of our treasury. A second was made by April Tharp and Sue Yovich. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Mary Belleau moved that we donate \$50 to Hospice Bereavement Center in memory of Mary Schorman.

Louise Tharp seconded.

Motion carried

Jen Dilks reminded now would be a good time to send positive note to new hire.

Louise suggested we bring speaker and activity suggestions for 21-22 meetings to our May meeting.

Silent adjournment after memorial service for Mary Schorman.

Next meeting - May 5, 2021 at 7:00pm