

DKG Business Meeting Minutes 10.28.2020

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

Reflections: (paraphrased) I'm glad to see all of you and glad that you are on here. I hope you all stay safe and healthy. I worry about everybody that's teaching and everything that you're all going through. For everybody that's retired, we all have concerns too. I appreciate all you are doing for each other and our organization. - Janet Peterson

Attendance: Janet Peterson, Mary Belleau, Christine Allen, Norma Day, Pam Lyle, Sally Beckerink, April Tharp, Gloria Werner, Jen Dilks, Maria Palmieri, Barb McAvoy, Marcia Madigan, Cindy Blodgett, Terri Borger, Louise Tharp, Diane Meier

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Werner

Gloria reported that the changes are mostly dues in and dues out. She stated that a flower was sent for Mary Merenick's funeral back in July. The wrong amount was charged by the state for dues and was reimbursed as noted on the report.

Motion to accept - Barb McAvoy, Second - Maria Palmieri

Approved (Motion Passed)

Proposed Budget - Gloria Werner and Chris Allen

Gloria reported that we still have some items to sell if there is a convention that could go toward Non-dues Revenue. Reserve dues were paid for Mary Shorman and Mary Merenick before her passing. We were able to save money on meeting space. The proposed budget includes \$250 for new teachers and the supply budget was increased by \$25. The rest was the same as the past. We have Grant-in-Aid and World Fellowship will have to be paid. Cindy Blodgett inquired if the World Fellowship went up to \$100 or stayed the same. Gloria reported that she felt it had stayed the same.

Motion to accept - Cindy Blodgett, Second - Mary Belleau

Corresponding Secretary: Chris Allen

No correspondence had been received, but she is happy to write notes if needed. She has sent a number of cards for special occasions.

President's Report: Janet Peterson

Janet reported that the Standing Rules needed to be approved with a noted addition of the members who worked on the rules added the last page.

Mary Belleau discussed the changes made to the Standing Rules

Motion to accept - Mary Belleau, Second - April Tharp

Janet requested that members double check their information in the directory and let her know of any changes that need to be made as soon as possible.

Janet requested members return their Press Release forms if they have not already so she can include them in publications. On that note, no contact information of members is to be published. Contact information is to be retrieved from the DKG directory as it is password protected.

Resignations: Amy Eaton (hopes to rejoin at some point) and Ruth Nelson
Motion to accept - Louise Tharp, Second - Terri Borger

New Teacher Gifts - 36 new teachers (15 one year contracts) - Jen Dilks will chair the committee; only purchasing for permanent hires (21 total) - Marcia Madigan proposed doing something for all teachers as they are working very hard. Gloria confirmed that there is extra money.

Marcia Madigan made a motion that we give the welcome gift card to all of the new WCSD teachers this year. Mary Belleau - Second
Marcia amended her motion to include the cost of adding the additional gift cards.
Motion passed

Eileen Little email about convention - it will be held June 11-13th, 2021 Hilton in Scranton; Registration in January 2021

Mary Belleau made a motion that we donate \$50 to the LOGOs program at First United Methodist Church in the name of Mary Merenick.
Second - Terri Borger

Committees:

Communications - Barb McAvoy - nothing to report - (Lousie Tharp) suggested newspaper article about DKG recognizing the new teachers for the 20-21 SY after gift cards are given - Barb requested a picture of the gift cards being handed out - press release needed from the teachers

-Facebook page - Alpha Mu - Mandi and Jen Madigan

Finance - April Tharp - No report

Historical Records - Linda Falconer - was able to get record from Beth Watts (not present)

Membership - Louise Tharp - no report - asked for names of possible future members

Nominations - no report (no chair)

Non-Dues Revenue - Marcia Madigan - no report - need to think about projects we could raise money for

Scholarship - Norma Day - possibility of scholarships at the state level; there are many - information available on the state website - participation in DKG is a big part of the rubric

Grant-in-Aid - Susan Loutzenhiser (not present) - candidate Lucy Belleau - senior at Mercyhurst - Spanish Education major - accepted

Motion - Barb McAvoy Second - April Tharp

World Fellowship - Cindy Blodgett - Zarharana (student) - birthday card sent

Unfinished Business:

Induction Ceremony for Maria Palmieri once we can meet in person again

Ceremony for officers

New Business:

Jen Dilks - Adopt a Teacher - handwritten notes for new teachers monthly to provide support

Louise asked for information to send cards to Mary Shorman

Janet Peterson introduced the idea of having social gatherings through Zoom

Memorial Service for Mary Merenick - Mary Belleau and Christine Allen

No Adjournment as members left silently to honor Mary Merenick's memory.

Next meeting - November 18th through Zoom