

## DKG MINUTES

December 9, 2023, Tri-Boro First Aid

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President Theresa Messineo.

Theresa welcomed everyone and introduced the Past Presents in attendance: Jan Paxton, Cindy Sokoloff, Cathy Cleenput, Claire Swanson, and Debbie Hoeflinger.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: Cathy Cleenput, in Kim Heilig's absence, read "A Season of Love."

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes of the previous minutes were reviewed. made a motion to accept the minutes BY Linda Leddy, seconded by Cindy Sokoloff. Evelyn Oberndorf reported that Ann Nash had a fall and is in Wayne Care Center. Chris Laday sent a collection of her lesson plans and would like a young teacher to use them. Chris taught kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup>. grade for many years.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Cathy Cleenput discussed the treasurer's report, and all is in order. A motion was made by Laura Perrius and seconded by Cindy Sokoloff to accept the report. Cathy thanked everyone who brought a dish to share today. The spread was outstanding.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Theresa Messino informed us that the Avenue M Report from International is available online. There will be Town Hall Meetings open to all on zoom. The deadline to submit a proposal for the International Convention in Baltimore Harbor, MD is December 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot of information on the International Website. Theresa encouraged everyone to log on to DKG.org, create an account. If it is your first time, your username is your membership number, then create a password. Go to the first header on the left "My DKG" then click on "MY Account" publication options are on the bottom right. Make sure to save your profile, preferences, and updates when you make a change. There are many benefits to DKG membership: friendship, comradery. Shopping discounts to name a few. They are all on the website. =,

### **SOCIETY'S BUSINESS**

**Membership:** Laura Perrius welcomed our guests today. She read ten reasons to join DKG. This was beneficial to prospective members, as well as long time members.

**Convention:** Jan Paxton shared that the State Convention will be held April 12-14, 2024, at the Doubletree in Somerset. Our website has all the information. Please book a room through DKG. We must guarantee one hundred rooms and when members book through the hotel website or other websites, DKG does not get credit and must pay a penalty if one hundred rooms are not booked. Our new State President is outstanding, and the State Convention promises to be wonderful. There will be a keynote speaker this year, Denise Ammeraal Furlong who won the 2023 DKG Educators Book Award for her book, Voices of Newcomers: Experience of Multilingual Learners. She is a Jersey girl.

**Hoitsma:** Cindy Sokoloff, for the benefit of our visitors explained the Hoitsma Fund and its benefits.

**Grant-`in-Aid:** Patty Caruso will be sending out Grant in Aid mailers to forty high schools in January. Mailings go to the towns where our DKG sisters live or work.

**Necrology:** Cindy Sokoloff luckily had nothing to report.

**Program Planning:** Book Discussion choices for Convention 2024 are “The Personal Librarian” by Marie Benedict and Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver.

Legislative: Cathy Cleenput will report any updates and will post them on the DKG website.

**PROGRAMS AT WORK:** Red Hawk Pantry: We will support it with Amazon donations through their website. We will be making bags for Support Our Sisters today and Jennie will deliver them this afternoon.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No motions were made that required a vote.

**PROGRAM:** Kristen Massotto presented a fun program, Person and a Plate-Sharing: DKG with Educator’s Beyond These Walls. We had a speed dating type activity in which visitors or members with less than 10 years of membership asked members with more than 10 years of membership questions for three minutes before moving along to the next person. It was fun and informative.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Cathy Cleenput reported that at this meeting we collected \$95 for Schools for Africa and \$200 for Grant in Aid. She thanked everyone for their generosity. Claire Swanson was congratulated for the article she wrote “Educators: Taking an Intelligent Approach to Artificial Intelligence” which is published in the latest issue of DKG Bulletin Collegial Exchange.

Next meeting is Sat. February 10, 2024, at the Triboro First Aid in Butler, NJ.

**CLOSING:** Meeting was closed at 11:35.

The attendance was 24.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Oberndorf, Secretary