

## DKG MINUTES

March 5, 2022

Call to Order by Megan Connelly at 10:15

Welcome and Introduction of Past Presidents: Claire Swanson, Jean Jaeger, Cindy Sokoloff & Jan Paxton

Inspirational Thought: Kim Heilig offered a story from Inner Peace in Every Step, Thich Nhat Hank

Megan introduced four new members Tammy Cooper, Theresa Maughan, Suezette Given and Jennie Villanueva.

### BUSINESS MEETING:

**SECRETARY:** Evelyn Oberndorf- Review of past minutes December 4, 2021, Minutes were approved by Cindy Sokoloff and seconded by Linda Leddy. Claire Swanson found some names misspelled and will contact Evelyn. Bea Kettleworth has had health problems and Evelyn was asked to send a card from Alpha. Megan asked everyone to let us know if someone should be sent a card. We can't do this if we don't know who is sick or have suffered a loss.

**TREASURER:** Cathy Cleenput noted that Chapter is in good shape. We have money! Sisters continue to be very generous.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Megan reminded everyone about Convention. She polled the group, and several Sisters are attending! She urged everyone to register ASAP. Covid is better and precautions will be taken. Cathy Cleenput will be the hostess and invited Sisters who are coming for the day to use her room.

### SOCIETY'S BUSINESS:

**MEMBERSHIP:** Laura Perrius introduced the three new sisters who were present at the meeting. Theresa Mauthan is the Essex County Teacher of the Year and the State Teacher of the Year. Tammy Cooper is the Passaic County Teacher of the year. Suezette Given was awarded a poetry award, being nominated by a former student who has become a successful published poet. That student feels Suezette was her most influential teacher. Jenny Villanueva introduced herself as a 3<sup>rd</sup>. grade teacher at North End School in Cedar Grove. Jenny was asked to step outside and was unanimously accepted for membership in the Chapter.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Laura Perrius said names of scholarship winners will be announced at Convention.

**HOITSMA:** Cindy Sokoloff gave a background on Hoitsma fund and encouraged sisters to apply.

GRANT IN AID: Pattie Caruso explained Grant in Aid. At this meeting we collected \$270 for Grant in Aid and \$160 for Schools in Africa.

CONVENTION: Jan Paxton again encouraged sisters to register for Convention. She reported that there are many interesting workshops for retirees, as well as active educators. The Convention will be great! It will be as Covid safe as possible, and it is going Green. No paper, no tickets. We were reminded that attendees must present their Covid Vaccination cards or documentation of a Negative Covid Test

PROGRAM: Theresa introduced Father Vince Corso who presented an excellent program, "Self-Care- A Guided Meditation."

NEW BUSINESS:

Red Hawk Pantry is still in operation and donations are still needed.

OFFICERS: Megan Connelly presented the slate of new officers:

President: Theresa Messineo

First Vice President: Kristin Massotto

Second Vice President: Laura Perrius

Secretary: Evelyn Oberndorf

Treasurer: Cathy Cleenput

Aid for Ukraine: Anyone wishing to donate, there is an Amazon Link and a Riverdale family Debbie knows who is collecting. Debbie will give information.

Collection was taken for Convention baskets. We need a \$100 basket and two \$25 baskets. Excess will be donated to Grant in Aid.

Megan asked anyone who has seen our new banner to let her know. It is missing!

Next Meeting is Thursday May 5, 2022 at 4:30 Cedar Grove High School Media Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Oberndorf

Secretary.