

DKG MINUTES October 11, 2022

Meeting was open at 5:15 by President, Theresa Messineo.

Past Presidents were introduced: Cathy Cleanput, Joan Konetschny, Claire Swanson, Debbie Hoeflinger, Jan Paxton, and Megan Connolly.

An Inspirational Thought, "Smile", was presented by Kim Heilig.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Laura Perrius, 2nd by Linda Leddy

Correspondence: Evelyn Oberndorf sent a get-well card to Cindy Sokoloff and Chris Laday.

Cathy Cleanput gave the treasurer's report. We have had lots of expenses. Motion was made to accept the report by Claire Swanson and 2nd. by Jean Konetschny.

Beyond These Walls was discussed. What is our role? Alpha is 75 years old. Maybe Judy Merz could help us? We need to explore ways to keep members involved. We should try to get more college students as members.

Not much was brought back from the State Meeting. DKG metal name tags were discussed. At the State meeting in September the State executive board approved a proposal by the finance committee to increase the state dues which will be put forth to the general membership at the State Convention for Approval.

MEMBERSHIP: Ways to encourage new members to join DKG was discussed. Perhaps more activities, book studies, scholarships, stipends for a classroom, table at the NJEA Convention, gift baskets for teachers, a letter to Superintendent or Principal were all suggested. The following women were recommended for membership and will be contacted to determine their interest in joining Alpha Chapter. They are Angelica Allen McMillian, Gina DiMaggio, Andrea Ritacco, Emily Blumberg, Kristen Dunleavy, Ariel Babcock, and Lizanda Albury.

Reserve Membership shall be granted only to a member who is unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of medical, disability, geographic and/or technical connection/skill.

International Convention was held in July in New Orleans. Terrific convention! Judy Merz spoke. Brass Band led DKG Members down the street! Unfortunately, the attendees were fewer in number.

We can donate to Red Hawk Pantry online.

Deadline for Scholarship is December 15th. Laura Perrius read for requirements.

PROGRAM: Kristen Massotto led an excellent book discussion on "Carnegie's Maid" by Marie Bennett.

\$130 was collected for Schools in Africa and \$185 for Grant and Aid. Cathy Cleanput requested donations for Convention Baskets.

Next Meeting is December 3 at 9:30 at the Butler First Aid Squad. Helen Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05, 2nd. by Megan Connolly.

Respectfully submitted, Evelyn Oberndorf, Secretary