

## DKC Meeting

Cedar Grove High School Media Center

October 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to Order by Megan Connolly at 5:30

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION: Past Presidents present were Cathy Cleanput, Debbie Hoeflinger, Cindy Sokoloff, Claire Swanson, Jan Paxton and Jean Jaeger.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: Kim Heilig, "The Hockey Pokey" What is it all about? Smiling and joy is what life is about!

### BUSINESS MEETING:

Review of past minutes: (May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021) Minutes were approved by Jan and seconded by Laura

Secretary: Evelyn Oberndorf reported that she received a note from Denise Doychak thanking Evelyn for sending the Meeting Minutes to her. Denise included a check for her dues.

Treasurer: Cathy Cleanput reported that four members from Kappa have become reserve members of Alpha. We received a thank you card from Alexa Danyus, for awarding her the scholarship. Cathy reported that members have been extremely generous in their donations, sending them to her while we were on Zoom last year. Evelyn was reminded that she should be submitting her expenses for stamps when she snail mails members correspondence.

President's Report: Megan reported at State Meeting Nora's initiative is "Forward Moving."

Plans for Convention was discussed as well as Membership. Japan added a second chapter DKG Membership. Archives have been moved back to Georgian Court. Scholarship applications must be in by December 15, 2021. The International Convention will be in New Orleans in July 2022.

Key Awards must be in by February 1, 2022. There needs to be more alignment between State and Local Rules. Many rules do not match between State and Local Chapters. Sisters were asked to update membership sheets. Please log in, check information, and email a picture to Cathy and she will put it on the website.

### SOCIETY'S BUSINESS:

Membership: Laura Perrius urged everyone to think of prospective new members. A form must be completed and submitted for each new candidate. Former members may return if they have been inactive. Three names were given for consideration for membership into Alpha: Theresa Maughan, Tammy Cooper, and Susette Given

Scholarship: Laura Perrius reminded everyone that deadline for Scholarship Applications is December 15<sup>th</sup>. Money is available for scholarships.

Hoitsma: Cindy Sokoloff reported the fund is alive! \$4,400 is in the checking account and \$56,000 in CDs. Megan reminded Sisters to use it. Several active sisters have taking advantage of the fund.

Program report: Theresa Messineo gave a description of the programs to follow for the rest of the year.

Grant-in-Aid: Pattie Caruso was not present to give a report. At this meeting, \$227 was collected for Grant in Aid and \$93 for Schools in Africa.

Convention: Carol Schwartz, Jan Paxton and Sue Davis are on committee to plan Convention. It is April 1-3, 2022, hopefully in person at the Double Tree. NJEA rules for Covid will be followed.

Alpha is in charge of prepackaging. Should we give masks, hand sanitizer, gloves and not money?

The presenters from last year who were unable to present because of Covid will be asked to present this year. Presenters were asked to scale down on technology as Doubletree charges \$25 a person for technology used. A list of books will be sent out for the book study.

#### PROGRAMS AT WORK

Red Hawk Pantry: Laura Perrius- Several charities were suggested for us to work with in addition to Red Hawk Pantry. When we donate to Strengthen our sister & I support the girls. We can go on Amazon and send to the charity of our choice. Jan will send the links.

PROGRAM: A book discussion followed on "Big Magic" by Elizabeth Gilbert led by Theresa Messineo. It was agreed this is a great book and very uplifting. If you didn't read it, you must.

MOTIONS: The budget as presented by Cathy was approved by Laura and seconded by Linda Leddy with amendments.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Announcements: Leadership Conference via Zoom is Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. All are welcome to register.

Next Alpha Meeting is Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, at 9:30 at the First Aid Building in Butler, NJ

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Oberndorf