

DKG MINUTES

December 3, 2022

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

Past Presidents were introduced: Jan Paxton, Cathy Cleenput, Megan Connelly, Claire Swanson, Cindy Sokoloff, and Debbie Hoeflinger.

An Inspirational thought was presented by Kim Heilig "Elementary School Children Shall Lead Them."

State Meeting: There is a full slate of Officers. Mu Chapter oversees legislation chair and is asking for liaisons from each chapter to report back. Cathy Cleenput volunteered to be Alpha's liaison.

It was reported that Chris Laday is having heart surgery on Monday.

The minutes were accepted with a motion made by Joan Oehm and seconded by Theresa Maughan.

Cathy Cleenput gave the treasurer's report. The State is proposing raising dues. Vote will be taken at Convention. International dues will remain the same. Cathy Cleenput asked for help with Convention. Alpha pays \$300 for the big hotel room, but the cost is much more than that. Having the big room gives sisters who attend for the day a place to "hang out" and change their clothes for evening events. In addition, the room is used for our parties. We agreed we should help Cathy as she brings the wine, cookies, snacks, etc. Good news is that our CD interest rate has gone from 1.73% to 3.9%.

West Caldwell Library Meeting Room fees are "Nonprofit Group, Outside West Caldwell: \$50 for the first hour, \$25 for each additional hour." There is a \$35 fee to use the kitchen so for our first meeting there i (4 pm to 7:45 pm) we paid \$160. If we need to use their projection equipment it will be an additional \$25.00. Mary Hall informed us that we may use the Butler Rescue Squad building for free. However, we feel we want to give a \$100 donation each time we use the building. Discussion followed about meeting days and time. Are Saturday mornings preferred or is during the week better? A survey will be sent out and the Executive Committee will decide.

The deadline to apply for a scholarship is December 15th. Laura Perrius reminded us how the scholarship she received helped her take harp lessons. Laura now plays harp at Nursing Homes providing the patients with musical therapy.

We currently have 56 active members and 5 reserve members. Peggy Firtion has moved to Hilton Head, SC. Evelyn Oberndorf asked Patti Caruso to please send her Peggy's new address as we know she will want to receive The Rosebud and keep up with Chapter News.

Cindy Sokoloff gave a report on Hoitsma. Members may apply for funds to take graduate classes, go to conferences, or anything else which would enhance their education. She encouraged we take advantage of this money. The fund currently has \$51,360.64 in it.

Jan Paxton had nothing new to report about Convention except to consider coming. It is an uplifting experience with lots of good information. The State Meeting in January will be held on Zoom because our State President, Nora, has moved to Delaware.

An outstanding program "Lessons Learned" was presented by our own Theresa Maughan who was the 2021-2022 State Teacher of the Year. Theresa also is the recipient of the Horace Mann Award.

Evelyn Oberndorf announced that \$85 was collected for Grant and Aid, \$92 for Schools in Africa, and \$96 was collected for Convention Baskets.

Our next meeting will be held on February 4, 2023, at the Butler Rescue Squad.

There was a motion made at 12:00 noon by Claire Swanson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Linda Leddy.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Oberndorf, Secretary