

DKG Minutes

Virtual Meeting February 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order by Megan Connolly at 9:35

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Cathy Cleenput, Jan Paxton, Debbie Hoeflinger, and Claire Swanson were recognized as Past Presidents.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: Kim Heilig gave an inspiring message about the Power of Prayer from the Daily Guidepost.

BUSINESS MEETING:

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: There were questions about the December minutes. The questions were answered. The Golden Gift supports International Funds. The Minutes were accepted as adjusted.

SECRETARY (CORRESPONDENCE): Evelyn Oberndorf: None was received.

TREASURER: Cathy Cleenput reported that one account had to be closed as it was delivered to Cathy's neighbor. Bank required that it had to be closed but all is good now. Cathy efficiently took care of the problem. Twenty-six Sisters give very generously so financially we are ok.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Megan attended a President's Zoom meeting and Convention was discussed. There will be a \$10 Registration fee. The Tricky Tray brings in a lot of funds but must be canceled as there is no way to do it virtually. State needs donations. It was asked that Sisters donate as they are not spending to go to Convention and getting a hotel room. State is \$10,000 in the hole! If a member joins after January of any year, dues are half. Do we want to do that? Jan asked if this was permanent. Yes it is.

SOCIETY'S BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP: Laura Perrius: No change. It was suggested that everyone send the name of one suggested member to Laura. Laura will send an invitational letter and then we will vote.

HOITSMA: Cindy Sokoloff: No report

SCHOLARSHIP: Laura Perrius: Margaret Able Scholarship gets selected and announced at Convention.

PROGRAM REPORT: Theresa Messineo: Theresa attended a State Meeting, and we need to look into how records are being preserved. For example, The Rose and Key Awards from 1940 to the present. They have been carefully preserved on a thumb drive, but it is time for them to be put on forms.

GRANT-IN-AID: Patti Caruso: Patti reached out to forty schools: schools our members teach at or towns they live in. Deadline is May 1, 2021. Patti sent to the main high school in East Orange, however, East Orange has five high schools. Jameelah suggested that sending to the main high school is perfect this year because it is the only high school open due to Covid. Next year, all five high schools should receive the letter.

CONVENTION: Jan Paxton: Convention is April 16-18 and is Virtual. Registration is open for Convention. Registration fee can be paid online or by sending a check. The workshops will be recorded and still available to watch after Convention. The workshops have been “rolled over” from last year. The Business Meetings, Induction and Celebration of Life will be live.

PROGRAMS AT WORK:

RED HAWK PANTRY: Laura Perrius: Funds have been distributed. There has been publicity on News 12 and in the Bergen Record.

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA: Judy Jaeger: no report

WORLD FELLOWSHIP: Judy Jaeger: no report

PRESIDENT’S BOOK CHALLENGE: Linda Leddy: Linda could not attend the meeting, but it was reported that books could be donated anywhere. Someone asked about little neighborhood library boxes. That is fine. Debbie announced her Granddaughter is collecting children’s books for Girl Scouts. If you want to donate Debbie will pick up or they can be delivered to Debbie’s house. Please keep track of the books you donate.

PROGRAM: Theresa Messineo: An Enlightening and Uplifting program was presented in our Strong Women Series: “Raising Our Awareness About Unintentional Bias Through the Lens of Amanda Gorman: An inspirational Strong Woman!”

MOTIONS: We need to look at bi-laws and how they line up with the State storing of historical data.

NEW BUSINESS: Having an “in person” May meeting was discussed. Maybe outdoors in a park? It was decided to keep the Meeting Virtual as we have a Speaker scheduled and they may have video equipment which will need electricity. It was suggested that we have a gathering in June. It was decided it was better to have it at a Sister’s backyard rather than a public park. Sisters were asked to donate since we are not spending \$100’s on Convention. These donations will go to designated funds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Alpha’s next meeting will be May 6, 2021 at 4:30 on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Oberndorf, Secretary