

DKG Minutes

Virtual Meeting May 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was opened by Megan Connelly via Zoom at 4:36

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

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: Kim Heilig gave an inspiring message "Twinkies and Root Beer."

BUSINESS MEETING:

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: Minutes were approved by Kim Heilig, 2nd. By Cathy Cleenput

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

TREASURER: 27 Members sent checks to Cathy for our various programs. Dues of \$75 are due June 30th and should be sent to Cathy. We will donate \$300 for Schools in Africa and we will double our Emergency Fund to \$100.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Megan will be forwarding information on CTAUN Meeting on June 6th, which will be Virtual. There is no State Meeting this year. Laura Perrius volunteered her house for a DKG Social early in June. An invitation will follow.

SOCIETY'S BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP: Laura congratulated our new members initiated at the Virtual Convention in April. No prospective members for next year yet.

HOITSMA:_Cindy Sokoloff: Laura submitted a Grant to Hoitsma Fund to cover her Harp Lessons. Approved.

SCHOLARSHIP:_ Laura Perrius: Scholarship was awarded at Convention. She found the process of choosing the recipient interesting.

PROGRAM REPORT: Theresa Messineo: Theresa could not attend the Meeting but she is continuing to work on our history.

GRANT-IN-AID: Pattie Caruso introduced Alexis Danyus and she thanked us for the Scholarship. Please see attached letter from Alexis. It is Amazing!

CONVENTION: 2021 Convention was Virtual. It went well. For those who registered the workshops are still available online. 2022 Convention will be at the Doubletree again on April 1- April 3, 2022. Jan asked for volunteers for State Level Committee Chairs for State Meetings and Convention.

PROGRAMS AT WORK:

RED HAWK PANTRY: Laura Perrius: no report

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA: Judy Jaeger: We will donate \$300.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP: Judy Jaeger: No report

PRESIDENT'S BOOK CHALLENGE: Linda Leddy: No report

PROGRAM: Theresa Messineo: A presentation by Karina Ravinale on "Bias Equity" was presented. Because so many sisters had to sign off Zoom, the Presenter agreed to let us record her presentation and forward it to our members to be viewed at their convenience. Unfortunately it disappeared into Cyberspace!

MOTIONS: Laura made a motion to close the Meeting prior to the Presentation since so many Sisters had to leave the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Alpha's next meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Oberndorf, Secretary

2021 Grant-in Aid Winner

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Jefferson Township High School

I'd like to introduce you to Alexis Danyus, who hails from Oak Ridge, and is a senior at Jefferson Township High School.

Diligent, determined, motivated, and adaptable are words used to describe this year's Grant-in - Aid winner. Her teachers go on to say that Alexis is a strong role model and an ambitious leader with a high caliber of integrity and character. We, as educators, know the importance of these qualities in today's world of education. It is also mentioned that her humanitarian qualities are highly respected by her teachers, peers, and entire school community.

Alexis has volunteered with the *Christian Outreach Program* where she helped repair homes for those who couldn't afford to do so, or were physically unable to do it on their own.

She has also volunteered at her church's Vacation Bible School for the past 4 years as a group leader-teaching children ages 3-12.

It is worthy to note that Alexis is an admirable high school athlete. She has played basketball, soccer, and softball at both the JV and varsity levels. She has earned 3 MVP awards as well as 2 Coach's awards throughout her career. Those of us who have coached and/or have children that played sports, know how coveted these recognitions are ... again, a testimony to her character.

Aside from her own academics, work, and sporting responsibilities, Alexis has found the time to volunteer for the past 3 years at a softball camp run by her high school softball coach for girls in grades 5 thru 9- helping the younger girls learn the fundamentals of the sport.

The most meaningful activity for Alexis has been her affiliation with a *Challenger Basketball Program*. Through this program, Alexis works with special needs children and young adults ages 5-20. She leads them in warm up and stretching activities, as well as explaining how to play the game and work as a team. Through this opportunity, Alexis has had the chance to strengthen her own leadership and role model skills while assisting youth athletes with developmental disabilities.

Alexis contributes her determination to never give up to these children because she sees how strong they are...not allowing obstacles to stand in their way. She enjoys making a difference in their lives and credits this experience for leading her to pursue a career in special education.

"Push yourself because no one else is going to do it for you" is a quote Alexis finds inspiration from. Her guidance counselor comments, "... this is a true testament to her character for she is one of the most driven students I have ever met."

We wish Alexis well as she begins her studies as a Special Education major at Kutztown University in the fall.