**DKG Minutes**

**Date: October 11, 2018**

**Place: Cedar Grove High School Media Center/Library**

**90 Rugby Road Cedar Grove, NJ 07009**

**Call to Order**: Jan Paxton

**Inspirational Thought**: Kim Heilig –delivered inspirational words from the Introduction of the book entitled

We Can Be Kind by David Freidman

**Welcome and Introduction**:

Past Presidents:

Debbie Hoeflinger

Cathy Cleanput

Jean Jaeger

Claire Swanson

Barbara Ann Ellert

**Business Meeting:**

**Recording Secretary:** Theresa Messineo

**Treasurer’s Report**: Cathy Cleenput

* Our checking account balance is $1, 108.10
* The discrepancy between the ending balance (7/31/18) and our balance as of September 1, 2018 is due to expenses paid at the end of our fiscal year.

**President’s Report:** Jan Paxton

* Thanked everyone for their support and commitment to the chapter
* Cathy Cleenput hosted the summer executive board meeting.
* We were well represented at the September state meeting
* Claire and Jan attended DKG International Convention in July in Austin, Texas.

**-**keynotes were: Benjamin Zamder, conductor of Boston Philharmonic and Nadia Lopez, principal in NYC

-voting took place for all constitution amendments which was difficult and time consuming

-of note is the an amendment to include collegiate members to the organization

-congratulations to Claire for her appointment as chair of the international membership committee

* The 2020 International Convention will be in Philadelphia

-all mid-Atlantic states have been asked to act as hosts rather than one state organization hosting

-Barbara Smith is the liaison from NJ

-please sign up on line to help at the convention

* NJ Convention in April, Alpha Chapter will be the facilitators for workshops and programs

-Megan Connolly has created a list of “semi-finalist” books for the book discussion

-members are asked at this meeting to vote for their top 3 books to be submitted and considered as

for the book discussion at convention

**Society’s Business**

**Membership/Scholarship**: Jean Jaeger

* We were lucky enough to have Lacey Rozansky in attendance to be inducted into our chapter
  + Lacey Rozansky – Kindergarten teacher in Secaucus
  + Lacey was inducted as an Alpha sister in a ceremony at our meeting tonight October 11, 2018

**Social Committee**: Kristin Massott

* Kristin and Joan Oehm provided us with a delicious meal of wraps, salads, chips and HOMEMADE desserts
* Everything was delicious.
* We had 25 members in attendance

**Communications:** Holly Corsaro & Jan Paxton

* Holly sent out news about Jesica, Maryann and Argine to the state newsletter

**Expansion:** Chris Laday

* Chris is looking to solicit membership from local colleges WPC and Montclair State
* College Professors
* Practicum and student teacher also may be considered as potential candidates for membership

**Hoitsma:** Cindy Sokoloff (absent)

* A pamphlet was created to streamline the background of Hoitsma’s inception and how funds are disseminated. Included below are a few pertinent details if you did not get a pamphlet
* Money is still there to be used by any sister who has been a member for 2 or more years.
* Let Cindy know if you would like to attend any course or workshop and she will let you know if it falls within the guidelines of the fund
* Some examples are CTAUN, college courses or educational workshops.

**Legislation:** Joyce Bruno, Susan Nakonechny for Joanne Petrisis & Maryann Woods-Murphy

* Most importantly get out and VOTE! In November

**Grant-in-Aide:** (Patti Caruso)

* Starting balance is $202
* We collected $94 ($10 was sent from Pat Marks in Florida)

**Technology:** Jan Paxton

* Jan moved the DKG website from Google to Weebly and we now have a domain name
* A fee was paid for the name
* Jan is looking for assistance administrating the site and eventually turning over all administration duties to another sister

**Program of Work**

**Service Project:**

* Sisters wrote notes of encouragement for women struggling with Cancer for Girls Love Mail
* Dr. Jessica Shackil-Palombi (Jess just completed her doctoral work, congratulations Jean!

-shared a service project idea entitled: **Global School House Initiative**, the sisters may want to consider

-school programs, curriculums, materials, supplies etc are deployed wherever there is need both

nationally and internationally

-https://theglobalschoolhouse.org

**Schools for Africa/ World Fellowship:** Judy Jaeger and Helen Allen

* $90 was collected
* sisters filled out butterflies with good deeds they have done for others
* Evelyn won the drawing for her good deed was selected from the basket
* Still no word from World Fellowship
* Fullbright candidates have yet to arrive in the country to be selected for World Fellowship
* Schools for Africa is planning to announce a new theme

**Program**: Megan Connolly

* Book discussion
* Morningstar

**New Business:**

* Motions:
  + Laura made a motion to accept the minutes from our last meeting. Evelyn seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.
* Announcements
  + Kim Heilig urged retired sisters who are on Medicare to look closely at the states “option” to move from the state Medicare benefit to aetna Medicare as the benefits are not the “same or equal to”
  + A new DKG banner was presented to the chapter made by Theresa Messineo’s mother-in-law

**Closing**:

* Jan thanked everyone for coming and the meeting ended at 6:35