

## ALPHA CHAPTER DKG MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2024

The Meeting was called to order at 10 AM by Alpha President, Laura Perrius, and she welcomed our members and guests.

MOTIVATION: Kim Heilig: Read a wonderful story, "Stress During the Holidays."

### BUSINESS MEETING:

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Theresa Maughan and seconded by Claire Swanson to accept the minutes of the October meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Laura Perrius and seconded by Linda Leddy to accept the treasurer's report. Cathy Cleenput suggested members start looking through their homes for new items to donate for the Convention baskets. Emily Hoeflinger will be donating bowls for the baskets. Cathy thanked sisters, Theresa Messineo and Pat Marks, who couldn't be at the meeting today for their donations. We will be collecting contributions for the party room for the Convention.

The Between the Petals event in November was postponed. We will have a Between the Petals event in January, closer to home, possibly in the Butler Museum. There will be an event at Jan Paxton's home in the spring when we do our knitting.

**President's Report:** Laura thanked everyone for all the donations we received for "Strengthen our Sisters." She explained how we were going to pack the bags. She felt it was important for everyone to have that opportunity.

**First Vice President:** Joan Oehm introduced the speaker from Eva's Village. Program planning is going well.

### SOCIETY BUSINESS:

**Membership:** The Initiates Tea is January 19, 2025, and there are thirteen possible inductees.

Grants are available in amounts up to \$8,000 for active teachers. The deadline for applying is March 1, 2025.

At the next meeting, seats will be assigned as sisters tend to sit with the same sisters at each meeting. This will help us to get to know each other better.

**HOITSMA:** No report

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Suezette Given reported there will be an e-mail coming to form a new Scholarship Committee.

**CONVENTION:** Jan Paxton reported that the convention is April 4<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>. Theresa Maughan presented at the International Convention and will be presenting at the State Convention. Our project is the Arts Exhibit which is chaired by Pattie Curtis and Laura Perrius. We will be talking about carpooling to the convention because Barbara Ann Ellert will be remembered at the Celebration of Life Service on Sunday morning. There are sisters who can't go to the convention for the weekend but will want to attend the Celebration of Life Service.

**BOOK SMILES:** Linda Leddy reported 641 books were donated to Book Smiles. The Girl Scouts donated 177. Linda reminded us that the organization is getting fussy, and the children's books should be new or in good condition, if used.

**PROGRAM AT WORK:** We took a break from the business meeting and packed the bags for Strengthen Our Sisters.

Cathy Cleenput mentioned that the envelope being passed around is for G.i.r.l.s Fund which is instead of Schools for Africa.

**PROGRAM:** Our speaker, Kylene Alston, from Eva's Village spoke about their programs and the need for volunteers.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A discussion followed on how DKG can become more visible in schools. Kristin Massotto met with her administrative team, and we will continue to discuss plans.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We will speak at our February meeting about beginning the Secret Sister project.

Kim Heilig suggested that we collect food items for Eva's Village.

\$95 was collected for the Girls Fund and an additional \$300 collected for Grant-in-Aid.

A motion was made by Claire Swanson and seconded by Cathy Cleenput to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05. Attendance at the meeting was 24. The next Alpha Meeting will be held on February 8, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Oberndorf, Secretary.

