

DKG Minutes
Date: October 8, 2020
Place: Zoom

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:05

Welcome and Introduction:

Past Presidents: Deb Hoeflinger, Cindy Sokolof, Cathy Cleenput, Jan Paxson, and Claire Swanson

Guests: No guests were present

Inspirational Thought: In Kim's absence, we had a brief discussion about dealing with Covid.

Business Meeting:

Recording Secretary: Minutes were approved and second was made.

Treasurer: Cathy gave the treasurers report. No financial problems. There is \$1,000 in regular checking, however, there is a loss of revenue in the Chapter. We are not in person to collect money for our Scholarship, Grant in Aid or Schools in Africa. It was discussed if there should be a button on the website to donate or should members just be asked to donate? It was pointed out that expenses are down meeting Virtually. We are not paying \$15 for food at the meetings. Members should be encouraged to donate by sending checks to Cathy and designating where they would like the money to go. Also ways to donate online will be looked at. It was suggested if each Sister can donate \$25 or \$30 before the end of the calendar year that would help. But it was pointed out many Sisters are far more generous and donate more at our regular meetings. Cathy will work on updating the budget.

Corresponding Secretary: No correspondence, however, Jan shared that Ann Calvin has moved close to Jan. Ann had an emergency appendectomy but is doing very well now.

President's Report: Megan announced that her Theme for this year is "Promoting us as Strong Women & Relevant woman." She met with Chapter Presidents. Ingrid's Great Book Challenge continues. She also would like every Chapter to increase their membership by five members and maintain current membership.

Society's Business

Convention: Convention Committee has not met but Convention was discussed by two committees at State Meeting. Convention will be held April 16-18 and will be Virtual this year. Jan was contacted for information on how the basket waffle could be done virtually. Her church had such an event. Cathy volunteered to write and read Margaret's tribute at the Neurology Ceremony.

Membership: Laura discussed the process in selecting perspective members for our Chapter. She reminded everyone that she is available to answer any questions and she uses her cell phone only.

Hoitsma: Committee has not met but there were there were two grant requests. One is for Shannon Neville-Greenwood for \$1,000. She is working on her master's degree. The other is Laura Perrius for \$678. She is using it for her project, bedside harp lessons. There is \$6,325.04 in checking account. CD's are earning very little.

Scholarship: Laura reported that the Scholarship deadline is 12/15.

Grant in Aid: Patti Caruso read a beautiful thank you note from Mia, our recipient last year. Everyone agreed she was a wonderful person to get the award.

Program of Work

Red Hawk Pantry: Laura has not heard from them, however, she suggested looking into supporting a group in Wanaque, Strengthen our Sisters. Several Sisters have heard of the group and they have advertised on TV for help. Laura will get more information about what is needed.

Schools for Africa/World Fellowship: Haven't heard

President's Book Challenge: For the Love of Books Alpha DKG Book Collection

From September 2019 to August 2020 our members collected 1542 books, This was more than 25 books per member. Debbie Hoeflinger distributed quite a few to an elementary school in Paterson. Many more were picked up by the state book collection chairperson, Susan Murphy, and taken to Book Smiles. The last batch was given to Kiddie Academy in Sparta. They were setting up a full-day school age program and needed K-5 books. Any books that they weren't able to use for that program got distributed among the pre-school classes. They were so thankful for the books.

In addition to this, any adult books that were mixed in with the donation of childrens' books, were taken to a book depository at a church near my home. I found social media to be the best way to collect and donate the books. I collected quite a few through FaceBook. I also collected some from a local church sale, and one of the schools I was substituting at was having a book swap and gave me two boxes of books at the end of the swap. I found out about the Kiddie Academy through the Nextdoor app. Here is the information to contact Susan Murphy to come pick up any books that you collect for the 2020-2021 Book Collection: susierudd@aol.com 609 738-5769. You can also message Susan Rudderow Murphy through FaceBook Messenger.

Submitted by Linda Leddy

Other Committees

Historical Committee: Megan worked with Mu during the summer. There will be a consistent database for each Chapter to record the Chapter's history. Jan Paxton added that she has records for our Chapter dating back to 1947 which will be a big help.

Program: Theresa Messineo lead a remarkably interesting discussion on the Book "The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett."

New Business

Motions: All motions passed.

Announcements:

Leadership Conference via Zoom- Saturday, October 17th 9AM – All Welcome but must register.
Alpha next meeting Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 9:30 via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn L. Oberndorf