

## ALPHA CHAPTER MINUTES

Place: Butler Tri-Boro First Aid

February 10, 2024, 9:30 AM

The meeting was called to order by Theresa Messineo at 9:55AM.

A warm welcome was given to our honored guests, State President, Irene Maskaly and Patty Curtis from Epsilon.

Alpha Past President were introduced: Cathy Cleenput, Jean Jaeger, Claire Swanson, Debbie Hofllinger, Cindy Sokoloff, and Megan Connolly

An Inspirational Thought was given by Kim Heilig, "Craft Pots." Which was given to Kim by Barbara Ann Ellert.

### BUSINESS MEETING:

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Ann Calvin and seconded by Linda Leddy to accept the Minutes of the December meeting.

**Correspondence:** Evelyn Oberndorf reported that she sent a sympathy card to Jean Jaeger, who recently lost her husband and sent get well cards to Ann Calvin and Barbara Ann Ellert.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Cathy Cleenput. Finances are in order and a motion was made by Evelyn Oberndorf and seconded by Linda Leddy. We will be collecting money for convention baskets, scholarships, and Schools for Africa at this meeting. Judy Jaeger asked for members to donate books for the Girl Scouts small libraries.

**President's Report:** Theresa Messineo reminded us that it is time to start planning the slate of officers for the next biennium: President, 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President, Secretary positions are open. Parliamentarians and Treasurer are also up for renewal but are not voted on positions. Let us consider the next slate as we make our way through the meeting and revisit this item in new business. In lieu of Jan's Convention report, Theresa reminded everyone that the State Convention is April 12-14 and registration is now open on the State website. Please be sure to register, as well as, sign up for the programs in which you'd like to take part. Also, everyone should have received a digital copy of Alpha's yearbook. If your information is outdated, incomplete or incorrect, please come and take a post it note and write any corrections along with your full name on the note. Theresa will update our yearbook file. We need to look for a new person to take over the yearbook.

### SOCIETY BUSINESS:

**MEMBERSHIP:** Laura introduced the new initiates: Tamisha McKoy and Diane Blazier spoke to us, Julia Ermafinger couldn't attend the meeting as she was away, and Eleanor Vick was sick. Tamisha and Diane were voted into our chapter and will be inducted at the Convention.

**Hoitsma:** Cindy Sokoloff had no report but explained the Hoitsma fund to the new inductees.

**GRANT-IN-AID:** Letters have been sent to 43 high schools. These are the high schools in the towns where our sisters live or work.

**STRENGTHEN OUR SISTERS:** Jenny Villanueva reported that the bags we donated in December were extremely appreciated. It was noted that they exceeded the expectations of the organization.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Laura Perrius informed us that at the January State Meeting they had evaluated the applications for the Margaret Abel Scholarship. The recipient was chosen and will be announced at the State Convention.

Laura also reminded us that any member who would like to have their art work displayed at the Convention, please contact her or Patty Curtis.

**NECROLOGY:** Cindy had nothing to report.

**BY-LAWS:** Claire Swanson suggested changing the rules in Alpha Chapter Rules. An update was made to change the name of the publication of the International Handbook of DKG. Motion was made by Megan Connolly and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Oehm.

Claire made us aware of the "Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Newsletter" that was started by a Connecticut DKG member. You can subscribe to it and it will appear in your email or can be found on the DKG Connecticut website.

#### **PROGRAM AT WORK:**

Laura Perrius encouraged us to donate to the Red Hawk Pantry.

#### **PROGRAM:**

Kristin Massotto introduced today's program DKG Beyond These Walls, Gail Goolsby, 'My Life as the Director of the School in Kabul.' Gail's book was amazing as was the program!

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:** Irene Maskaly reminded us that the International Convention is an easy drive to National Harbor in Maryland, not Baltimore. It is expensive

but so worthwhile. Jersey Girls dinner will be on Thursday. She also reminded us that scholarships are available for graduate work.

Debbie Hoeflinger presented the slate of officers for the next biennium.

President: Laura Perrius

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Present: Joan Oehm

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Claire Swanson and Cindy Sokoloff

Secretary: Evelyn Oberndorf

The motion was made by Theresa Massineo and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Megan Connolly to accept the slate of officers.

**Announcements:**

We are hoping to see everyone at the State Convention April 12- 14.

We collected \$90 for Schools for Africa, \$300 for Grant-in-Aid and \$105 for Convention Baskets.

Linda Leddy made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Evelyn Oberndorf to close the meeting at 11:55AM.

Alpha's next regular meeting will be Thursday May 2 @ the Cedar Grove High School library.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Oberndorf, Secretary