

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA - Zeta Zeta Chapter
Promoting professional and personal growth for members and excellence in education
April 25 2011, Minutes
Scott's Restaurant, Walnut Creek, CA

- I. Call to order: 5:45 PM, Stephanie Brown Myers presiding
- II. Ice Breaker: Stephanie asked us to discuss whether we would choose to be teachers again if we were just now selecting a career. None were heard to say they would not do it all over again.
- III. Welcome - Introduction of Guests: Stephanie Brown Myers introduced Carli Owens, second grade teacher at Country Club School. Donna Bell introduced Sandy Madewell a retired teacher from Vista Grande School and Pat Hansen the principal at Vista Grande School. Valerie Kellner introduced Ann Kyle from Pleasanton School District.
- IV. Attendance/Registration – Denise Dolan reported 39 in attendance tonight. Our next meeting will be on May 23rd. at Diane Keeton's home at 29 Winding Glen, Alamo. A sign up sheet for pot luck items was passed and Denise will send an e-mail to those not attending tonight. Hot dishes should be heated at home. The executive committee will bring paper goods and plastic ware and non alcoholic beverages. Denise reviewed the costs of dinner at Scott's for next year and the cost of \$34. was approved.
- V. Approval of Minutes - Linda Swatek presented the minutes for the March 28, 2011 meeting, which were reviewed. Two typos were corrected and the minutes were approved.
- VI. Treasurer's Report - Sue Robinson reviewed our current accounts and totals. Sue offered to accept two payments of dues for those who need it, \$40. now and \$45. later. If this option is chosen, \$40. Is due before June 1st.
- VII. Correspondence/What's Happening? Lynne Heyne passed the "What's Happening?" sheet around. "What's Happening?", news of members' activities, will be e-mailed.
- VIII. President's summary:
T.H.A.T.: Jeanette Fitch is recovered from a ski accident and will collect T.H.A.T hours before the end of the year if anyone wishes to turn in hours now.
BACKPACKS: Pam DeBernardi has 12 backpacks and needs 20 by the May meeting. Pam will announce a time to meet and pack the bags.

IX New Business:

PROGRAM: Patti Platt, Deputy Chief Officer for benefits and services at CalSTRS was tonight's speaker. Some highlights of her speech:

Patti shared that teachers live longer and California teachers live the longest.

CalSTRS was founded in 1913 and is in its 98th year. It is the second largest public pension fund in the U.S. It has a membership of 850,000 and has never missed a payment. It pays out eight billion dollars a year. The employee contributes 8% of pay, the employer contributes 8.25%, the state 2% and 55% is from investment. In 2000 it was 110% funded, in 2010 it was 71% funded. The year 2009 was the low point; to date this year it is up 20%. It is not necessary to have all the money at any one time. Funding has to be planned for over the long term. She assured us that CalSTRS is secure and will continue to pay benefits.

X Raffle - Debbie Grilli

XI Adjournment: 8:00PM Stephanie Brown Myers

Next meeting: May 23, 2011, Sharon Keeton's home at 29 Winding Glen, Alamo
Pot luck-please watch for an e-mail and let Denise Dolan know what you will bring.
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Respectfully submitted, Linda Swatek Co-Recording Secretary, April 26, 2011