

Delta Kappa Gamma

Promoting professional and personal growth for members and excellence in education

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September 2, 2008

Scott's Restaurant, Walnut Creek

1. Call to Order, 6:20 PM, Kit King, President announced that our Image Brochure was included in our packets and that the white copy could be used to make copies for distribution. There is also a copy available online.
2. Tuition Grant Winners, Carol Rowley introduced tuition grant winners, each recipient received a certificate noting that \$2250.00 had been sent to the institutions they each attend. Each had an impressive resume and spoke eloquently of their appreciation and plans for the future. Recipients: Jessica Stewart, Vanessa Rebecchi, Aimee Keil and Erika Batten.
3. Inspiration: Isabelle Zamanian and Ozma Ferren led us in a choral reading of The Delta Kappa Gamma Song.
4. Introduction of Guests: Kit King introduced her guest, Peggy Ebersole, who is a Resource Teacher at Del Amigo High School in Danville.
5. Kit introduced this years officers:
President: Kit King
First Vice President, Membership: Sydney Allison
Second Vice President, Program: Gail Costello and Joe Anne Doyle
Treasurer: Sue Robinson
Corresponding Secretary: Pam DeBernardi
Recording Secretaries: Linda Swatek and Stephanie Brown-Myers
Parliamentarians: Roseann Krane and Loretta Wilhelmsen
Area Director: Diane Sawin
6. Treasurer's report: Sue Robinson
 - Total in account: \$118,947.55
 - Cd's: \$104,723.87 and \$3,158.22
 - Checking: \$1,437.01
 - Scholarship Fund: \$9,628.45 (\$9,000.00 of this was awarded)Copies of the proposed budget for 2008-2009 were given out.
This report was followed by a discussion of the dues increase breakdown.
The dues are now \$85.00. The largest percentage of the dues collected goes to Delta Kappa Gamma International to promote literacy internationally.
 - To offset the increase in dues two proposals were discussed. Should we eliminate the March meeting and should we make the May meeting a potluck. Since we have a contract with Scott's Restaurant that includes

the March meeting that proposal was scrapped. It was moved and approved that the May meeting be a potluck, details to follow.

7. What's Up? Pam DeBernardi passed around a sheet for updates on what's happening to our sisters who were not able to attend tonight's meeting, and to indicate events in any member's life that she wants to share. An e-mail will be sent out summarizing the information given by Kit.
8. Finance Committee Report:
 - Pam DeBernardi reported that the budget had been audited and signed by Gail Costello.
9. Communications: Pam DeBernardi passed out birthday cards for members whose birthdays are in August and September.
 - Carol Rowley made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Life Foundation in the name of Phyllis Severa, the motion was passed.
10. World Fellowships: Valerie Kellner asked for donations of spare change for the World Fellowship Fund and passed around a special pottery jar for the collection.
11. Program of Work:
 - Marilyn Steichen described Adopt an Angel program that collects Christmas gifts for teenage foster children. More information will be provided at the November meeting.
 - Diana Sawin discussed various scholarship awards available through:
 - 1) Dues, (3 years membership required) at International in Chicago there was lots of discussion about the dues increase which passed,
 - 2) Chi State Scholarships (applications available Dec. 3rd for members of 2 years standing working on PHD),
 - 3) Leadership North or South (apply for scholarships, Continuing Ed. Award), and Legislation Study Award (covers registration fee and hotel). More details can be found at: DeltaKappaGamma.org
 - "Christmas is for Everyone" donated backpacks and Sydney Allison reported the backpacks are ready to be filled. Many members donated or brought backpacks and supplies. There is still time to donate items just bring them to the next meeting. They will be filled and ready to give out mid year.
 - "Buck a Book" is available at each meeting, be sure to pick up a book for a dollar. Bring books you've enjoyed to the next meeting to add to the supply..
 - T.H.A.T: Judy Simkin described some ways to help another teacher and handed out a record for keeping track of hours. These records are collected each November and May.
 - Hospitality: Bobbie Mortensen made the beautiful folded paper bookmarks that were part of the place settings tonight. She also described a "Coffee Basket" that she put together for our chapter to donate to the Area III Meeting in October.
12. Initiation: Carmen Curtis and the Initiations and Nominations committee presented two new initiates. Each initiate was given a rose as a symbol of Delta Kappa Gamma and a pin.

- Paula Tye, Second Grade Teacher at Neil Armstrong, SRVUSD,
 - Pat Low, a retired administrator from Fremont (lives in Lafayette)
13. Tonight's Program: Kathy Swanson led us in making Halloween Cards to be sent to our Armed Forces in Iraq. Kathy provided a variety of papers, stickers, buttons and shiny things and lots of inspiration to help produce a "no fail" project.
 14. All those who paid this year's dues tonight received six raffle tickets for tonight's raffle. The many attractive packages made this raffle a special one.
 15. Newsletters: If you don't use e-mail and wish to receive your chapter newsletter by regular mail, please give Pam DeBernardi five self addressed envelopes.
 16. Meeting adjourned: 8:25 PM.

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 18, Area III Fall Conference, Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville, CA

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, Scott's Restaurant Walnut Creek, 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Swatek, Recording Secretary
September 4, 2008