

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA - Zeta Zeta Chapter

Promoting professional and personal growth for members and excellence in education

October 11, 2011, Minutes

Scott's Restaurant, Walnut Creek, CA

- I. Call to order: 5:30 PM, Stephanie Brown-Myers presiding
Guest Speaker: Susan Bonilla, California Assemblywoman from the Eleventh District. Susan is a former high school teacher. She has served on the Concord City Council, Contra Costa Board of Supervisors and since Nov. 2010, as Assemblywoman and Chair of the Assembly Education Budget Committee. Her topic was funding issues in education and their impact on our schools. Budget cuts have resulted in changes in class size, tuition increases, reduction of staff and all have had significant impact. Monies have been deferred and districts are having to borrow to meet their obligations. Teachers are still managing to be effective but she said: "Teachers are pulling the wagon up hill and the wheels are falling off that wagon." The long range effects on our schools and our students preparation for the work force is unknown but could be devastating. Further cuts may be made in December if forecasted monies don't materialize. Susan is trying to write bills that prioritize student needs.
- II. Ice Breaker: Elaine Penning and Carmen Curtis led us as we organized ourselves alphabetically by our first names. We then were photographed in groups alongside the fiftieth birthday cakes that were prepared to celebrate Zeta Zeta's 50th Birthday. Isabelle Zamanian read our Chapter Charter from October 1, 1961, and Sallie Nelson read our Seven Purposes aloud. Carmen Curtis recalled that today, October 11, 2011 was the 100th anniversary of a woman's right to vote in California.
- III. Welcome - Introduction of Guests: Stephanie Brown Myers introduced two guests. Carli Owen a second grade teacher at Country Club School and Charlene McPherson who was a second grade teacher at Country Club School and is now retired.
- IV Attendance: Denise Dolan reported 31 people in attendance tonight. Since Marilyn Steichen was not here tonight and we will not have a regular meeting again until after the holidays, Denise passed around a sign up sheet for the Christmas Angel Program. Marilyn will be in touch with those who signed up and will provide guidelines for gift buying and delivering gifts to her.
- V. Approval of Minutes – Elaine Penning reviewed the minutes for the September 12, 2011 meeting. One correction was made removing Debbie Grilli's name for the raffle since Debbie was not in attendance that night

- VI. Treasurer's Report - Sue Robinson reviewed our current accounts and totals. Sue reminded us that dues should be in by October 15.
- VII. Correspondence/What's Happening? Lynne Heyne passed around the "What's Happening" sheet; it will be sent out via e-mail.
- VIII. President's Message: Stephanie Brown-Myers read a survey from Chi State Executive Committee to which we responded as a group. The questions had to do with planning for the timing of convention intersessions, areas of interest for intersessions and a technology workshop. They also asked if we provided financial incentive for registration for the convention and we do provide for our president and one new member. They wanted to know if anyone in our chapter had written a book. Bobbie Mortenson will be our chapter honoree. For scholarship information look at Stephanie's last e-mail to members for the link to scholarships. If anyone is interested in presenting at the convention, there is a form to complete. Several members volunteered to man the registration table at Chi State Convention, Nov. 12.

IX. Committee Reports:

SOCIETY BUSINESS COMMITTEES:

MEMBERSHIP. Sue Robinson and Denise Dolan, 63 current members and a final count will be provided in November.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:

COMMUNICATIONS: Jeanne Gelwicks, Tonight a pink sheet with a temporary member's directory was available. Please provide corrections to Jeanne.

The final directory will be printed in January.

Public Relations: Jeanne had posters to be passed out at schools and other places where they may be posted to announce the Nov. 12, Area III speaker's topic which is Adult Literacy.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Please see Stephanie Brow-Myer's last e-mail to the membership that gives the link for scholarships information.

WORLD FELLOWSHIPS: Georgia Moore. The collection jar was passed.

PROGRAM OF WORK:

PERSONAL GROWTH AND SERVICE: Donna Bell reported that a needs assessment was completed at the September meeting. A list of goals will be prepared so they are

visible at each meeting. Making meetings shorter was requested and is being discussed.

HOLIDAY PROJECT: Sign up tonight for \$35. Angel gifts with preference female/male.

BACKPACKS: Diana Sawin volunteered to take the backpack supplies that were donated tonight.

BUCK A BOOK: Sue Becker asked us to bring books for sale to the January meeting.

T.H.A.T. HOURS-Hours will be recorded December 1st. Forms can be done on-line and sent to Jeanette Fitch.

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS: Jeanne Gelwicks will send an e-mail once a month called U.S. Forum. Look for information regarding Social Security and Medicare. Also look for DKG state final bill report coming out soon and No Child Left Behind waiver choice.

Karen Martens volunteered to chair Professional Affairs.

HOSPITALITY: Stephanie Brown Myers prepared boxes of treats and suggested we may want to use the boxes to store our DKG pins.

X. Unfinished Business:

Pat Weik's celebration of life will be held at her home this Saturday Oct. 15 from 2:30 to 5:30PM. 458 Florence Dr. Lafayette.

XI. New Business:

Nominating Committee: Peggy Ebersole passed out interest sheets for nominating officers. Peggy will collect nominations in January.

Chi State Business: Diana Sawin reported her experience attending the European Regional Meeting in Baden Baden, Germany. Seven countries were represented and reported on international service projects. Diana thoroughly enjoyed the experience and cultural connections.

Kit King reported that Kathy Searle has pancreatic cancer. Her daughter has a website at Caring Bridge.org reporting her progress.

XII. Raffle: Denise Dolan and Emily Ehm

XIII. Adjournment: 8:00 PM, Stephanie Brown-Myers

Respectfully submitted, Linda Swatek, Co-Recording Secretary, October 15, 2011