

## **DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MEETING**

Promoting professional and personal growth for members and excellence in education

### **ZETA ZETA CHAPTER**

January 9, 2012 - Minutes

Scott's Restaurant, Walnut Creek, CA

- I. Call to order: 6:00 PM, Stephanie Brown-Myers presiding
- II. Ice Breaker: Stephanie asked us think about "Why we teach" to share out later in the meeting.
- III. Welcome - Introduction of Guests: Carol Rowley introduced Peggy Loofbourrow and Mary Anne Kolda. Stephanie Brown-Myers introduced Charlene McPherson and Carly Owens. Pat Hansen introduced Barbara Manley.
- IV. Attendance – 44 people were in attendance and 5 guests.
- V. Approval of Minutes – Elaine Penning presented the minutes from the October, 2011 meeting. The minutes were approved.
- VI. Treasurer's Report - Sue Robinson reviewed the proposed budget. We have total assets of \$2,531.23.
- VII. Correspondence/What's Happening? - The "What's Happening" sheet was passed around. News of member's activities will be emailed.
- VIII. Roseann Krane gave an update on the speaker for next month's meeting. A new speaker will be coming to the combined AAUW-DKG meeting. The scheduled speaker is unable to attend due to health problems. We will not have a business meeting at that time.
- IX. President's report-Stephanie Brown-Myers spoke about the upcoming conventions. The State convention will be held in Irvine, May 4-6. Our chapter will be getting the Order of the Rose for having at least 5 initiates or transferees. Members can go to the website for registration information.  
The national convention will be in New York July 19-22.  
The March meeting will be include initiation of our new members.  
The April meeting will include a demonstration of iPads.

Stephanie commended Kit King for her exemplary work on our newsletters. A selected newsletter was submitted by Kit to Chi State for review and possible recognition at the Chi State convention.

Members were given a bookmark with a poem entitled “Why Be a Volunteer”. Stephanie compared the poem written by a student, and one printed in a PTA newsletter. There were subtle differences regarding why people volunteer, however, the message is that we all have talents we can share with others.

#### X. Committee Reports

**MEMBERSHIP:** We will have 4 new members inducted in March. Forms will be sent to the new members and their sponsors to fill out. The forms are available on the web site.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Jeanne Gelwicks passed out addendums to the directory. Committee members were listed in “Committees at a glance.” Members were asked to check at home for the box including the name tags.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Carol Rowley presented information regarding scholarships. Chi State and International Scholarships are available to members pursuing ongoing education. Applications must be in by February 1. Our chapter also awards scholarships and grants to teachers who are working towards credentials and graduate degrees. Applications for these grants are due May 15, 2012. Information is on our website.

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

**HOLIDAY PROJECT:** Stephanie thanked Marilyn Steichen for her work on the project. Marilyn reported that gifts were given to 25 foster children.

**BACKPACKS:** Pam DeBernardi reported that 22 backpacks were delivered to VESTIA. We need more backpacks and supplies to prepare for June. No pens or pencils are needed. Members can donate stuffed backpacks if they wish. Please put a note on it that it has been stuffed with supplies.

**BUCK-A-BOOK:** \$2.00- Bring books to the February meeting. This money helps our chapter and keeps the price of dues down.

**T.H.A.T. HOURS:** Jeanette Fitch reported that 351 hours have been submitted. This is double from last year at this time.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS:** Karen Martens presented information regarding the Governor’s 12 Point Pension Reform proposal. She passed out a summary of the proposal which came from DKG-Chi State legislative representative, Martha Zaragoza-Diaz. Members can see the full proposal on the following website:  
[http://gov.ca.gov/docs/Twelve\\_Point\\_Pension\\_Reform\\_10.27.11.pdf](http://gov.ca.gov/docs/Twelve_Point_Pension_Reform_10.27.11.pdf)

YEARBOOKS/ROSTERS: Stephanie thanked Roseann Krane for her work on the directories.

HOSPITALITY: Bobbie Mortensen was honored at the Area III conference in November, but was unable to attend. Diana Sawin introduced Bobbie, telling of her many achievements and volunteering experiences. She then presented Bobbie with her certificate.

- XI. New Business: Olithia O'Toole was introduced. Olithia is a retired teacher who is a past Area III director. Olithia is an experienced storyteller, and as a member of the Stagebridge program, she brings her storytelling skills to local schools and senior centers. After telling the group about her childhood and family, as well as a very funny story of going to her first dance, Olithia told the group a story of The Conjure Woman, and The Story of Noah, Jonah, and John Smith. As one of our members commented at the end of the presentation, "Good readers and listeners draw pictures in their minds." Olithia had us all drawing pictures in our minds with her incredible story-telling.
- XII. Drawing of 6 prizes was held. This money helps our chapter.
- XIII. Adjournment: 8:15 PM Stephanie Brown-Myers

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Penning, Co-Recording Secretary, January 9, 2012