Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

May 13, 2017

Edward Paschke Art Center

The Gale Street Inn

Prior to the meeting, a group met at the Edward F. Paschke Art Center on W. Higgins Avenue. They were given a staff led tour; Vesna, the guide, highlighted specific aspects of the art work currently on display. At the conclusion of the visit, the group walked over to The Gale Street Inn for the meeting, where members and guests enjoyed conversation and a delicious lunch.

The meeting was called to order at 2:25 PM by co-president, Patty Walsh. Co-president, Gale Andersen then welcomed and introduced the following guests: Gloria Leyva, mother of initiate Maricela and Sandy Talbot, mother of initiate, Samantha.

Gale thanked the May committee for organizing today's meeting. Patty will send the Edward Paschke Art Center a letter of thank you for the interesting tour. She also purchased an individual membership to EPAC as an expression of gratitude and support for the arts.

Patty announced the members who regretfully could not attend today's event: Priscilla Barbier - Performing in a Choral Concert, Sandra Favela - Celebrating her sister's Jubilee - Little Sisters of the Poor, Sharon Prosansky, Linda Raphael, Patricia Rivera; Barbara Ruttenberg - Attending the Shriners' Fashion Show, Melanie Sikorski; Suzanne Stanczak - working at a track meet; Andrea Metzl; Kathleen Bandolik and Debra Starkus.

**Approval of the April Minutes -** Motion by Arneson, seconded by Kiviluoma to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2017 meeting.

**Report of the Presidents -** The presidents thanked everyone for the support from chapter members. They feel they have achieved much in their first year. They mentioned the April meeting, felt there was a good exchange of ideas among those in attendance. Walsh shared a quote from Ed Paschke regarding his art and noted that this is a sentiment felt by many of us as women leaders – *“They either love it or hate it but rarely are they indifferent to it.”*

**Membership Committee -**  Currie introduced our initiates for today: Sarah Erekson, Maricela Leyva and Samantha Talbot.

**Treasurer's Report -** Rog reminded all present to see her if they had receipts for reimbursement. She sent the current Treasurer's Report electronically and through the USPS. Rog also mentioned that she received letters of thanks from our December donation recipients - The Chicago Children's Theatre - Red Kite Project and The Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund.

**Committee Reports:**

The **Nominations Committee** is seeking nominees for the following offices for the Spring of 2018 - President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-Pre-President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

**Program Committee** - Forthe October 5 meeting, Walsh is looking at the Northlight Theater as a venue; with dinner nearby.

She reminded members of idea discussed at Board meeting for increasing meeting attendance - for next year, at each meeting, the committee include a free meal for the next month’s meeting as part of the gift exchange;

Also discussed and agreed upon was to change May 2018 meeting date to a Thursday night so as not to compete with the many Saturday commitments of our members. It was agreed upon to change May’s meeting to Thursday, May 17, 2018 in place of the May 19 meeting originally scheduled.

**Old Business -** Andersen reported the following:

* At the Lambda State Convention -
* New State Officers were sworn in: President - Dr. Debra LeBlanc, 1st Vice-President - Bev Johns, 2nd Vice-President - Dr. Joan Rog, Recording Secretary - Dr. Felisha Parsons and Corresponding Secretary - Dr. Margaret Trybus.
* The Keynote Speaker, Dr. David Mouser, Superintendent of the Tri-Valley High School District, Downs, IL gave a humorous motivational speech on how we as educators can help our students.
* She mentioned several breakout sessions - Legislation Seminar describing how educators need to be active in the political realm; Using foldables as a teaching/studying strategy; African-American women in history.
* Hospitality Room - Enjoyed mingling and meeting new, interesting sisters
* Raphael and Rog shared a table selling Dog Toys and Longaberger Products. Their monetary donation was given to the Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc.
* Walsh is seeking committee members to organize monthly meetings. If you are interested, do contact her. She is requesting that a committee member take photos. The following meetings have members on the committee - September - Executive Board Members; October – Walsh and Andersen; December - Bandolik, Barbier, Carlson, McGoldrick, Walsh; February – Walsh; May - Amich, Currie, Gatziollis and Leifer. Following the meeting, new initiates stepped up and joined meeting committees – November Erekson, joined by Andersen and Walsh; April – Leyva and Talbot joined by Walsh;

**New**  **Business**

* A suggestion was voiced to help a college student whose career path is education with a chapter scholarship.
* Upcoming Meetings:
* CCCC 6/3 at Curt's Cafe
* Taming Technology, 6/19-21, Bradley University, registration thru 6/8
* Beta Alpha Executive Board Meeting, 8/19 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Skokie, IL
* Beta Alpha Meeting/Birthday Celebration, 9/9 - Initiation of Megan Peterson
* Beta Alpha Meeting, Thursday 10/5 - TBA
* Presentation to Barbara Arneson - Barbara was presented with a certificate and pin in recognition of her 40 years as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - Beta Alpha Chapter. Arneson spoke of traveling to Tanzania with Emilie Lepthien. She was inspired on the trip with Lepthien and being considered for membership! She was motivated by the commitments to DKG; the tenacity, talents and persistence of the work these ladies did as teachers/administrators and members - L. Yochium, V. Garland, M. Himmel, T. Klos, M. Rohwer, L. Schmidt, L. Tancredi and M. Johnson**. Sidebar** - Barbara was president of Beta Alpha, 1978-80.
* **Membership Committee** - Initiation of new members - Currie was joined by Andersen, Arneson and Walsh for the ceremony. Our three new sisters were applauded; welcomed by those present.

**Gift Exchange - May Committee -**The table centerpieces were the prizes. Additionally, membership for 2017 – 18 was won by Gale Andersen.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rog for Recording Secretary Suzanne Stanczak