**Beta Alpha Chapter September 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Location: The Curragh Irish Pub, Glenview Illinois

Call to order by Presidents Gale Andersen and Patty Walsh, eighteen members in attendance

“Thank You” all around for September meeting group

Co-President shared last weekend board meeting notes and poem “September Thoughts.”

**Sue Currie: Correspondence report**

Names of members unable to attend today’s meeting.

**Barbara Ruttenberg/Secretary: September minutes**

**Presidents’ Report**

Gale and Patty presented Beta Alpha Chapter Goals

1) Increasing membership (currently 31 members)

2) Increasing technology used in DKG to insure better marketing and communication

Free Trial website WIX: many uses to increase convenience in registering for events, etc.

Make sure it is android and I phone APP compatible

Other DKG groups have websites, State webmaster

Future Meeting planning brainstorming ideas

Search for some interesting speakers

Meeting Chairmen often have to use their own money for down payments for venues

Future down payments come directly from DKG bank account

A reminder to keep costs minimal that have to come out of DKG bank account, keep in mind tax and tip.

Generated membership surveys available: new members, resigning members, members changing chapters

Initiate members several times a year perhaps, pros and cons, Bi-yearly? …

Members brainstorm on easier ways to bring members to DKG meetings that are cost effective.

***Committee Reports***

**Joan Rog: Treasurers Report**

Submitted report, thanked all for being so timely in getting dues in (only three left to submit).

**Debbie Starkus-Finance Chair**

Presented proposed budget /voted/ all in favor of new budget.

**Sue Currie, Membership Chair**

Prospective member cards, a possibility, to reintroduce to use with prospective members

Invite prospective members for coffee or lunch and inform them about what DKG is all about.

**Women in the Arts:**

Retreat. Register by Oct. 1st.

**Literacy Committee**

Let’s reintroduce this committee moving forward

June Shachter – honor June with a Book stipend to award to a teacher to build her classroom library

CCCC March luncheon – will present several awards including legislative and student teacher.

**Old Business**

Reminder about The Josephine O’Neil award – given to college student studying the arts

Yearbook updates- new pages will be forth coming.

**New Business**

October Meeting - Dinner and play at Gale Street Inn/Gift Theater **-** A Life Extra Ordinary

Patty also shared information about a play running at The Chicago Children's Theatre in October - A Light in the Dark, which is about the relationship between Annie Sullivan and Helen Keller.

Play focuses on the meaning of communication, independence, movement, and love.

November meeting – information forthcoming, will be held a Jolene’s with an additional excursion

at the Grove Craft Fair

December meeting – Joint meeting at White Eagle with **CCCC** chapter**s** on December 10th

Cindy Roder – Goodwill ambassador of Lambda State joining us for our Oct and Nov meetings.

State Convention – April 21-23 2017.

**Lambda State Business**

Nominations for several positions, our own Joan Rog was nominated!

Reserve member: Eleanor Ball - would like to honor her with a White Rose Ceremony upon passing, she is currently at Brookside.

Schloarships and stipends for professional development due Jan 9th

Foundations for Educational Studies – funding by box tops, so start collecting box tops

Invest in CD’s to increase DKG bank, reimbursed for attending mandatory meetings, and for those being honored

State and Regional conventions encourage bringing guests

Linda Raphael - Gift in Kind Donation forms available

Pins presented to Co-Presidents

Joan Rog circulated get well cards for members to sign

Mentors encouraged to get acclimated with DKG

Consider applying for a state officer position

Barb Ruttenberg was a proctor, encourages members to join in, NAEP testing, get paid.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

Meeting notes submitted by Suzanne Stanczak.