Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

November 18, 2017

 Hackneys on Lake

The meeting was called to order by co-president, Gale Andersen at 12:30 PM.

Guests Toni Morgan and Gabrielle Toth were introduced and welcomed.

Sarah Erekson was introduced as our guest speaker. She gave a very informative presentation on governmental resources available to teachers and was asked

by co-president Patty Walsh, to consider giving her presentation again

at the Lambda State Convention this April.

The October minutes were accepted as read.

Those members who regretfully couldn’t attend today’s meeting were mentioned.

The Report of the Presidents included a reminder of the State convention in Lombard on April 20th – 22nd. It was mentioned that professional development will be offered during the pre-convention events, 4/19 – 20th. One doesn’t need to be a DKG member to attend, and it hopefully would motivate ladies to join. The pre convention workshops will be offered by the US Department of Education and Powered by Teach to Lead Network.

Also, the following members regretfully resigned from Beta Alpha as of

June 30, 2017:

Suzanne Stanczak

Sandra Favela

Brenda Posey

Donna Buti

Suzi Gantz

Alexandra McCrory

Judith Kasiazek

Committee Reports:

Women in the Arts – A report on the Creative Arts retreat, which was held last month at the Lorado Taft campus in Oregon, IL. It was thoroughly enjoyed by members Patty Walsh and Joan Rog. Patty attended dance and writing workshops. Joan attended Arts & Crafts-based workshops.

Nominations – The Nominations Committee consists of past presidents. Joan suggested that Beta Alpha should be following Lamba State’s system of having a President position, Vice President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. The new officers would take office on July 1, 2018. Contact Joan if you are interested in accepting a position as a Beta Alpha officer.

Treasurer’s report – The Treasurer’s report was read and accepted by a motion. Melanie Sikorski’s phone number was updated and distributed to members.

Old Business:

The payment of this meeting event through our website was successful. Adding Paypal to be able to accept payments online did not increase the cost of the event, compared to our last meeting held at this same restaurant. Through Paypal, it was an extra 2.9% + .30 ($1.03). Any extra cost through Paypal for meetings is easily offset by time spent notifying members of meetings, accepting and depositing checks in the bank and snail mail cost.

New Business:

Gale asked for someone to volunteer to act as recording secretary until July 1st,

since Suzanne Stanczak has resigned. No one expressed interest at the meeting, but members were asked to think about taking on the role and letting one of the

co-presidents know if she was interested.

The invitation to the December meeting was sent out today. It is December 9th at

10 AM on the 53rd floor of The Clare in Chicago. Donations of warm hats, scarves and gloves will be greatly appreciated and given to a school chosen by the chapter. We will also be voting on organizations as recipients for our annual holiday charitable contribution(s).

The Executive Board meeting of the Beta Alpha will be held January 13th at Curt’s Café in Evanston.

The CCCC Executive Board Meeting will be held on January 20 at Manny’s Deli.

Our February meeting date will be at St. Paul’s School in Skokie. It will be a painting party to include a pizza lunch and possibly a bring a dessert to share event. Ideas for possible themes for the painting were discussed.

The CCCC Awards luncheon will be held at the Wilmette Golf Club on March 3rd.

Applications for student teacher awards, which will be presented at the meeting, are due by January 16. There was a brief discussion of a possible Beta Alpha member as a recipient of the chapter achievement award.

Beta Alpha’s March chapter meeting will be on March 24th.

After the gift exchange, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Peterson for former Recording Secretary Suzanne Stanczak