**Beta Alpha Chapter of DKG**

**October 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Location: Gale Street Inn, Chicago, IL

Called to order by Co-Presidents Gale Andersen and Patty Walsh at 6:30 PM. 17 members in attendance.

**Introduction and Welcoming of Guests**

Megan Peterson – returning guest

Samantha Talbot

Mari Leyva

Nohemi Urena

Cindy Roder – Lamba State Good Will Ambassador

**Correspondence**

Those who regretfully could not attend tonight’s event:

Linda Raphael, Joan Rog, Suzanne Stanczak, Lois Schmidt

**Approval of September Meeting Minutes**

Moved to accept as corrected.

**Report of the Presidents**

Support shown to the new co-presidents, by members, is greatly appreciated. Thanked Judy for her donation of the centerpieces.

The list of committees is included in the new yearbook. Thank you to all those members who stepped up to volunteer to become a member of a committee. The chapter profile is complete. We would like to customize a survey for our chapter.

We have a goal of having our chapter website up by January.

***Committee Reports***

**Finance Chair- Deb Starkus**

Reported on the Certificate of Deposit research. TCF Bank looks like it has the best interest rate so far. There is a plan to visit PNC Bank by the co-presidents or the treasurer to gather information on CDs available there. Opening a money market account may be of interest to us as well.

**Women in the Arts Chair- Patty Walsh**

Application for the Josephine O’Neil award is due by 2/1/17.

From the Lamba State Music Committee - Treble Maker t-shirts are available for sale. Judy Sands has order forms.

There is a May 13th event at the EPAC.

A reminder about A Light in the Dark with CCT.

**Yearbook Chair- Barb Ruttenberg**

Distribution of the newest version of the yearbook.

**Educational Excellence Chair- Patty Walsh**

Scholarship and Stipend brochures were distributed.

**Old Business**

The November meeting, on November 12th ,will be at Jolene’s restaurant with a visit to The Grove Craft Fair.

The December meeting with the Cook County Coordinating Council will be on December 10th. Reservations are due by October 31st. Please bring hats, scarves, gloves, mittens.

The Lamba State Convention will be on April 21 – 23, 2017 in Frontenac, Missouri. Barb Arneson will be honored with a 40 year pin. Books to be discussed at the convention, sponsored by the Literacy Committee, are Ties that Bind by Davis Isay and The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah.

**New Business**

The chapter Executive Board Meeting is welcome to all members and will be held on Saturday,

January 14th at 1:00 PM as a potluck lunch. The location has not been determined as of yet. Please email suggestions for meeting topics to Gale and Patty.

Lois Schmidt’s 97th birthday is December 9th. She is a 50 year member and we would like to take her out to lunch on Sunday, December 11th, or celebrate it in another special way.

Items to be collected for the beginning teacher survival kit, please bring to the November or January meeting.

If you would like to enter a student’s written work for the Lamba State Literary Arts Recognition Award, please complete an entrance application. Judy has forms.

**Guest Speaker**

George Karzas discussed the history of The Gift Theater and the actors who perform there.

**Gift Exchange – Patty Walsh**

Prizes included two Gift Theater subscriptions and table decorations.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.**

***Notes submitted by Sharon Prosansky***