

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Alpha Psi State, Maine  
General Session  
Saturday, October 21, 2017  
U Maine Hutchinson Center, Belfast**

**Call to Order:** President Elaine Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

**Welcome:** Eta Chapter President Robyn Butler welcomed us to the General Session Meeting of Alpha Psi State.

**Collect:** Mary Hyland led us in the recitation of the Collect.

**Thought:** When Donna Kennison was informed that she needed a thought for the meeting. She decided that that she wanted all of us to do some thinking too... about our Early Career Educators. These are teachers who have 0-5 years of experience. Discuss in your chapters how you can reach out and share with them.

**Roll Call:** Recording Secretary Rachel Danner conducted the roll call:

State Officers: 9

Past State Presidents: 9

Chapter Presidents: 18

**Report of the Registrar:** Elaine Graviett reported that a total of 93 people were registered plus 1 guest: 39 for the Executive Board Dinner. There were 5 First Timers.

**Action on Minutes:** The minutes from the April 29, 2017 General Session at the Bangor Hilton Garden Inn were approved as submitted.

**Correspondence:** Corresponding Secretary Priscilla McFarland shared the following correspondence:

- 1) Lisa Dalrymple from Xi Chapter, a Ph.D. candidate, expressed her thanks for receiving the Alpha Psi Scholarship Award.
- 2) International Guest Hannah Fowler sent a thank you to Mary Whitten after her visit to Alpha Psi State.
- 3) Immediate Past President Mary Whitten sent a thank you to Alpha Psi State for the gift card from Jared's she received. Mary just completed her biennium as State President.

- 4) Crystal Ward sent a special request to send a birthday card by November 1<sup>st</sup> to Madelyn Linscott who is at a Memory Care Facility. Crystal hopes that 96 cards will be sent because Madelyn will be 96 years young.
- 5) Carolyn Pittman sent an acknowledgement that \$823.00 was sent to the World Fellowship Fund.
- 6) Harriet Trafford of the Waterville Food Pantry sent a letter to Mary Whitten and Gail Smith to thank them for their financial contribution. The Waterville Food Pantry services 5 Waterville School Pantries averaging 83 children and families per month.

**Executive Board Highlights:** Five members from Epsilon Chapter invited us to the Spring Convention. There were two motions passed. Elaine proposed several ways to streamline meetings. Georgene Coombs discussed the continuing plans for our Supreme Birthday Celebration.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Treasurer Maureen Downs summarized her report from June 30, 2017 to September 30, 2017

Current balances:

Checking- \$16,562.87

Clara Soule- \$4,392.67

Permanent Fund- \$1,520.94

Investment in CD- \$3,000.00

Scholarship Fund- \$11,701.89

Investment in CD- \$10,615.07

Founder's Fund- \$1,161.34

Investment in CD- \$5,000.00

Key Saver- \$9,912.15

Business Service Account/UBS Financial Services-\$221,455.50

**Committee Reports:**

- a) Rules and Bylaws: Kathy Wilcox will wait till Spring Convention to report.
- b) Webmaster: Betty Morrell is the new Webmaster and showed us some of the updated sections including the Home Page, About Us, Officers and email addresses, Committee Chair people, some Chapters, Scholarships and Dates to Remember. All links are active. Email any information to her. Go to [Alphapsi.Weebly.com](http://Alphapsi.Weebly.com)
- c) Membership: Mary Hyland listed some statistics about Alpha Psi Maine. We peeked in the early 1990's and our numbers have been declining ever since. Since 2012 our numbers went from 599 to 450 members a drop of 24.9%. The 2015-2016 time period showed a drop of 8.72% with 39 members dropped, 12 initiated members, 3 reinstated members and 9 members died. Mary stated that DKG is a gift that can be contagious. How

can we grow the organization? Some suggestions to think about include using the \$200 from the State to pay for reinstated members to attend the Supreme Birthday Celebration as a way to honor them. You may also find some current members that may need the financial assistance. You may decide to pay the dues for the second year member since this is when some members drop. Check out the site at DKG "Keeping Nancy new member."

- d) Leadership development: Mary Whitten stated the training for incoming officers will be Friday, April 27 at the Methodist Church in Bangor. You will get professional development hours so if you are actively working you can ask for a professional day. Chapter Presidents will get details as the time approaches.
- e) STRETCH Workshop: Mary Whitten informed us that the keynote speaker for the Workshop. Sylvie Bastien -Doss is an International DKG member from Canada. She will also present at a session. Some other sessions include, Autism, Origami Math, and Integrating Compassion into our Content Teaching. Mary is applying to the International Foundation for financial assistance to defray the cost of the workshop. She will be asking chapters to also contribute as they have previously. Please put flyers in schools and public areas. Registration will be available by January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- f) UN Liaison: Nancy Grover asked us to check out the UN website at DKG.org. as well as the CTAUN site. Information can be found at the Schools for Africa site. There are two flyers in our folder.
- g) Historian: Judy Gilbert reminded the Chapter Presidents that the Chapter Histories are due at Spring Convention of 2018. Guidelines are in the Presidents' folders. Hard copies as well as digital copies are acceptable. Judy relayed a story about Violet Gillette who was an Honorary Member from Delta. Her information was found in our archives. Judy is looking for the Alpha Psi Charter that Lorraine Bowdoin framed and used for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. Georgene Coombs remembers having it during the 2011-2013 term and is in the process of trying to locate it.
- h) Achievement Award: Donna Kennison has sent information to the Chapter Presidents that includes a copy of the guidelines, the recipients of past awards and the nomination form. Donna needs the information by December 1<sup>st</sup>. She has sent the information via email.
- i) Scholarship: Rheba Michaud informed us that all the information for scholarships is on the State Website. The scholarships include the Alpha Psi State Scholarship, Founders' Fund, First-Timers to International, and International Scholarship for those completing a Master's or Doctorate Degree.
- j) US Forum/Legislative Report: Crystal Ward is unavailable today but left all the information on the referendum questions in your folder. She has asked to pay particular attention to number 4 and then to decide for you what to do.

- k) World Fellowship: Linda Hussey noted that during 2017-2018 the World Fellowship Awards totaled \$100,000. There were 36 women who were selected to receive the Awards. Alpha Psi contributed a total of \$1,026 last year. Remember to bring your baskets to this year's Super Celebration at the Spring Convention.
- l) 75<sup>th</sup> Super Supreme Birthday: Georgene Coombs updated members about the progress of the Supreme Birthday Celebration. The money appropriated by the Executive Board will be used to provide \$200 grants to individual chapters, to provide memorabilia at the event and for the fashion and music extravaganza. There is a questionnaire in each Chapter Presidents' folder to be completed in order to make final arrangements for the Celebration. There was a steering committee with 14 members in attendance to discuss scheduling. They also discussed the invitation of special guests and a special honor to Past State Presidents and Achievement Award Members who cannot attend. Shirts orders are still available from Rena Kearney. This is your personal memorabilia for this grand occasion. The Executive Board has been 100% on board to help the chapters attend and for members to actively participate in this event so a big thank you them from Georgene. The Finance Committee and the Executive Board have been fully supportive in honoring the memory of Roberta Rogers through the use of her bequest and also of all the members since 1943 that have served as key educators. This Celebration in Georgene's words "is about Alpha Psi, for Alpha Psi and by Alpha Psi".

**Northeast Regional:** Mu Co-Presidents Mako O'Connell and Debbie Hillman shared their experiences at the Northeast Conference in Windsor with pictures and stories. Some highlights included the Flag Ceremony, 10 minute Breakout Sessions, the Market Place, US Forum, Workshops, beautiful sculpture gardens, Maine Night and the Casino. It was a wonderful time.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Ted Ruark has travelled often with Nancy and Melanie to various DKG events. During the sessions he does some sightseeing and photography. In Nashville he noticed that there was a time when men met and shared things about themselves. Ted is proposing a Men's Auxiliary here in Maine similar to what he experienced in Nashville at the International Conference. He could set up a time when the men could meet and talk about themselves, maybe do some sightseeing etc. He is hoping to set something up at the Spring Conference. There is a flyer in your folder and on the registration table that explains this in more detail. This is an exploratory year.

**Birthday Cards to Madelyn Linscott:** She is going to celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. Crystal Ward sent a special request to send a birthday card by

November 1<sup>st</sup> to Madelyn Linscott who is at a Memory Care Facility. Crystal hopes that 96 cards will be sent. The Centerpiece from this workshop will be sent to Madelyn on behalf of Alpha Psi. The Address is in your folder. It is her sister's address and she will take the cards to her.

**Education Editor for the Mainspring:** Beth Schultz will find a practicing teacher to write an article for the Mainspring, which will be published in the Spring Issue.

**President's Challenge:** Elaine reiterated her challenge to us:  
Install one new member and reinstate one former member.  
Have 5 people from our area to attend the STRETCH Workshop.  
Share what you are doing in your chapter to get and retain new members.  
There will recognition for completing any part of the challenge.

**Fall Workshop Numbers:** Elaine stated that 93 members had registered but only 55 had registered for a particular workshop. Elaine cancelled 3 sessions because they had less than 5 members registered. In order to obtain more data as to the type of workshops the members are interested in she has put an Exit Ticket in your folder for you to fill out. The questions include: What did you like? What sessions did you attend? Are you a practicing teacher? Why did you attend (not) attend a session? And do you have any recommendations? Elaine is considering an Ad Hoc Committee to study the data that will be received. There is a bucket to place your exit tickets into.

### **Announcements:**

This year's Book Award is New Ways to Engage Parents

Mainspring articles are due February 20, 2018.

STRETCH Workshop is March 17, 2018 at the U Maine Hutchinson Center, Belfast.

Leadership Training will be held April 27, 2018

Spring Convention will be held April 27-29 at the Bangor Hilton Garden Inn

International Convention will be July 16-20, 2018 in Austin Texas, the birthplace of DKG.

Gamma Chapter announced a presentation by Commissioner Robert G. Hasson, Jr. speaking about the future of Maine Education, Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the Viles Estate, 71 State Street, Augusta at 5:00 P.M.

### **Invitation to the Supreme Celebration:**

Five Supreme members of Epsilon Chapter wowed us with their invitation to the 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Birthday Celebration.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Danner, Recording Secretary

Elaine Hendrickson, President