

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Psi State, Maine
Executive Board Meeting
Friday, October 20, 2017
U Maine Hutchinson Center, Belfast**

Call to Order: President Elaine Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Invitation: 5 members of Epsilon Chapter presented invitation to the Spring Convention.

Eta Chapter President Robyn Butler welcomed us and led us in saying grace.

Epsilon Chapter invited all members to the Supreme 75th Celebration at the Spring Convention, April 27-29, at the Bangor Hilton Garden Inn.

Collect: Mary Hyland lead us in the recitation of the Collect.

Thought: First Vice President Donna Kennison encouraged all of us to take some time to reach out to our early career educators. These are teachers who have 0-5 years teaching experience. She suggested we discuss this with our chapter members to decide the best way to reach out and share with new teachers.

Report of the Registrar: Elaine Graviett reported that a total of 93 people were registered: 39 for the Executive Board Dinner.

Roll Call: Recording Secretary Rachel Danner conducted the roll call:
State Officers: 9
Past State Presidents: 9
Chapter Presidents: 14

Action on the Printed Minutes: The minutes from the April 28, 2017 Executive Board Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor were approved as corrected.

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 that she received.

- 4) Crystal Ward sent a special request to send a birthday card by November 1st to Madelyn Linscott who is at a Memory Care Facility. Crystal hopes that 96 cards will be sent.
- 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.

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: Report will be given during Spring Convention 2018
- b. Membership: Mary Hyland reported that as a result of attending Northeast Regional she decided she needed a plan. The plan has three strategies that can be implemented this year. The first strategy is to meet with the Membership Chair of each chapter and discuss the Membership Recruitment Plan and offer any assistance the chapters may need. The second strategy is to support Mary Whitten and Donna Kennison as they plan the STRETCH workshop being offered March 17, 2018. The third strategy and opportunity is the 75th Celebration during Spring Convention. It is a good time to reconnect with former members who may wish to be reinstated. Other ideas may include a membership category for college-aged students and looking at defraying the cost of dues for membership. Mary stated that DKG is a gift.
- c. Leadership Development: Mary Whitten informed us that the New Leaders' training would take place the Friday before Spring Convention at the Essex Street Methodist Church in Bangor. The reason for the change is the result of a poll taken by Chapter Presidents.
- d. Achievement Award: Donna Kennison stated that the Award would be presented at Spring Convention. Donna sent a letter to chapters in September. It contained a copy of the guidelines, the recipients of past awards and the nomination form. The deadline for the nomination is December 1st. Alpha, Zeta, and Lambda are

members. Each chapter will send a member who will serve on the Nominations Committee.

- e. World Fellowship: Linda Hussey reported that the Spring Raffle brought in \$690 but with donations the total amount raised was \$1,026. She asked members to read the write up in the Mainspring. There was \$100,000 awarded to 36 women, 17 of them working towards their Masters Degree. We will continue to raffle baskets at the Spring Convention.
- f. U.S. Forum/ Legislative Report: The information is found in your folder. Crystal Ward has asked you to pay particular attention to number 4.
- g. 75th Super Supreme Celebration: Georgene Coombs presented an update on the progress of the 75th Supreme Celebration. There is a questionnaire in every chapter folder to complete as soon as possible. The Executive Board has approved to give each chapter the amount of \$200 to help members to attend the State Convention. The details to be worked out by each chapter after which a report is to be to the State Treasurer about their plan to use the money. The Finance Committee has also approved the sale of shirts for the 75th celebration. Rena Kearney has all the information needed to order them. Also approved is the printing of 300 booklets for the Celebration. Georgene Coombs moved “that the disbursement of \$1875 for payment of jewelry made for the 75th Anniversary Celebration to be taken from the Roberta Rogers Fund”. The motion was adopted after debate. There will also be a fashion show. Chapters may choose the decade they wish to represent or ask to be assigned a decade to represent. Dawn McPherson-Allen is the contact person for this part of the event Celebration.
- h. STRETCH workshop: Co-Chair Mary Whitten is looking for 6-7 presenters for the upcoming workshop. She hopes to have them booked by January 1st. She is also trying to invite an International Speaker. She is asking individual chapters to help with gifts and/or money to give to the presenters. The workshop is scheduled for March 17, 2018.

Unfinished Business:

Holds Harmless: Mary Whitten stated that Holds Harmless Document was sent to lawyers and is tied to the copyright law. Alpha Psi State has signed it and is now asking chapters to sign it as well.

New Business:

- a. Men’s Auxiliary: Ted Ruark presented a proposal at the Administrative Meeting in July, 2017 about the possibility of having a Men’s Auxiliary here in Maine. Mainspring, Fall 2017 has an article explaining the background for this proposal. There is a brochure available at this workshop for chapters to take.
- b. Crystal Ward has asked to send 96 birthday cards to Madelyn Linscott. The address is in your folder.
- c. Education Editor for the Mainspring: Elaine Hendrickson is looking for someone interested in publishing a column on educational issues in the Fall and Spring issues of Mainspring Newsletter.

- d. Monetary Donation to Emergency Fund: Motion made by Rena Kearney “to give \$1000 from Clara Soule Fund and \$2000 from Roberta Rogers Fund to the Emergency Fund. The motion was adopted after debate.
- e. President’s Challenge: Alpha Psi President Elaine Hendrickson explained her challenge to each chapter for the coming year. Challenge #1: Recruit one new member and reinstate one former member.
Challenge #2: Share at least one program that you do to help publicize who we are to attract and maintain your members. Your chapter may accomplish this by writing a description for Bright Ideas, sharing it on the Alpha Psi Face book Page, or presenting at a panel discussion at the 2018 Fall Workshop.
Challenge #3: To support the S-T-R-E-T-C-H workshop by recommending presenters and publicizing and promoting the program to your own members, as well as teachers in your greater community. Have five members and/or local educators attend.
There will be recognition for accomplishing one, two or all three of the challenges. There is a more thorough explanation in the Mainspring Newsletter, Fall 2017.
- f. Fall Workshop Numbers: Elaine noted that 93 members registered for the Fall Workshop but only 55 members signed up for sessions. She had to cancel 3 workshops. In order to get data and valuable information Exit Tickets are being used. The information will help in planning workshops that the members would like to attend.

Announcements:

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 27-27 at the Bangor Hilton Garden Inn

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

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.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Danner, Recording Secretary

Elaine Hendrickson, President