

ALPHA PHI LINES

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PERRY & SPENCER COUNTIES

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Mission Statement

Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence of education.

President's Message

I remember when I was younger my Grandmother would tell me how quickly time passed the older you got and I always thought that was such a silly concept. However, now that I am "there" I completely understand! It seems we were just swimming and taking our summer vacation and now here we are making Christmas lists, buying holiday baking supplies, and looking for the Christmas card list! My, how time flies!

One of my favorite holiday season traditions is the December Delta Kappa Gamma meeting; partly due to great fellowship, but also for the annual SILENT AUCTION! Don't forget to bring some goodies for bids, and make sure to bring along some Christmas cash so you don't leave the December meeting empty handed. There are always so many beautiful handmade items and tasty treats awaiting bids, and we also have tickets and certificates for area attractions and even tickets for a St. Louis Cardinals game and a Cincinnati Reds game that will be up for bids!

I look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday, December 3rd at Bill and Dave's Smokin' Pit at 6 PM for a time of holiday fellowship. It is sure to be an enjoyable evening.

Happy Holidays!!

Stephanie Walsh

Alpha Phi President

Delta Kappa Gamma

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Saturday, October 5, 2019

The third Delta Kappa Gamma meeting of 2019 was held at the Tell City First Baptist Church in Tell City on October 5th at 10:00 A.M. Present were Stephanie Walsh, Joan Melsheimer, Becky Hubert, Whitney Keown, Susan Newkirk, Mary Phillips, Carolyn Pfeiffer, Sharon Schaefer, Clara Kress, April Owen, Linda Freeman, Susie Knox, Kitty McGee, Diane Plassmeyer, and guest Jo Jones. The tables were decorated with fall leaves and pumpkins with favors of assorted delicious chocolates provided by hostesses Stephanie Walsh and Whitney Keown.

President Stephanie led the group in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stephanie introduced our guest, Jo Jones, Indiana State Organization Past and Current President.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the Alpha Phi Lines.

Mary Phillips reported that she had received a Thank You card from Eryn Jochim, thanking the chapter for the recruitment grant. She said that she was using it for her last year of college and was looking forward to becoming a teacher. Mary also reported that she sent a card of condolence to Pat Arteberry on the passing of her husband last week.

Sharon Schaefer shared the budget for July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 that is in everyone's' packets. She reported that we have a checkbook balance of \$903.74. While this reflects more than usual at this point in time, we collected dues earlier than in previous years. Sharon also reported that Mary Phillips had audited the budget and found everything to be in order. Stephanie pointed out that we have a negative balance projected in June of 2019, but we have in place our Christmas Auction that should offset that negative balance. Susie Knox commended Sharon for her many outstanding years of serving as Treasurer.

Clara Kress pointed out the following items that needed to be edited in the new program book: Brenda Fella is now retired and no longer uses her school email. Brenda's new email is brendafella@gmail.com. In addition to Whitney Keown's entry being out of alphabetical order, Whitney has a new address of 438 11th Street, Tell City, IN. Diane Plassmeyer requested that we use her home email address of dplasmeyer@gmail.com. Stephanie Walsh requested also using her home email address of kswalsh@att.net.

Susan Newkirk apologized for the problems with this quarter's Alpha Phi Lines. She hopes to get the computer problems fixed before the next issue.

Sharon Schaeffer said that she would be collecting money towards the subs, desserts, drinks, and other expenses after the meeting.

Stephanie reminded all members to be alert for potential new members. This is very important for the growth of our chapter. Applications may be found in the packet and recommendations are due at the February 2020 meeting. In addition, mini grants, travel grants, state and international scholarship application are also available in the packets. Grants in Aid recommendations are due at the February 2020 meeting with this year being a selection from Perry County.

A very generous food drive was acknowledged. Perry Central Honor Society contributed to this cause as part of their service project. The food will be divided to go to both Perry and Spencer Counties with Becky Hubert taking items to the Catholic Charities in Tell City and Joan Melsheimer taking items to Spencer County. It was suggested that in lieu of food items, next year the chapter may want to take monetary donations to submit to the various schools' backpack programs.

Stephanie updated the members on the new chapter rules. Stephanie is still awaiting an answer to questions she has but should have them for voting on at the December meeting.

Stephanie also reminded members that anyone can submit a poster for the State Convention in Muncie. It can be about the Alpha Phi Chapter's activities, teaching practices, or even personal hobbies including travels. Jo Jones pointed out that there is a possibility of Jim Davis, Garfield Author, being the Key Note Speaker at next year's April 25th meeting in Muncie!

Stephanie recognized Angie Shelby for receiving a Travel Study Grant Award. In addition, Mary Roberson and Sharon Schaefer received recognition as Women of Distinction at the April Indiana State Organization Stat Convention that was held in Lawrenceburg.

Anniversary Awards were passed out by Stephanie for the following awards: Angela Shelby-25 years, Becky Hubert-25 years, Barbara Wilkerson-40 years, Clara Kress-40 years, and Carolyn Pfeifer-50 years.

Susan Newkirk's Alpha Phi Lines have once again won an Honorable Mention for her newsletters. Stephanie pointed out that an obstacle preventing higher accolades is that the Alpha Phi Lines are posted quarterly rather than five times a year. The posting of the summer work meeting might fulfill that fifth issue requirement.

Stephanie passed around the new Roster Spread Sheet for everyone to check their information for accuracy.

Stephanie gave an update on the new format of Regional Conferences that was held in Des Moines, IA. She and Jo Jones were in attendance. She reported that the Des Moines theme was on Leadership. Indiana was represented in the various Regional Conferences.

Stephanie thanked everyone that attended the Summer Planning meeting.

A fall pumpkin decoration as door prize was won by Mary Phillips.

Joan Melsheimer, Kitty McGee, and guest Ann Moore delivered a most informative program of their European River Cruise from two years ago. Scenic and historic pictures were presented on iPads for everyone's pleasure. A brunch of Subway sandwiches, and various desserts were enjoyed during the presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Hubert, secretary

News from Members

From Francie Wagner: It has been awhile since I have submitted my happenings. We have traveled to Cuba, before the newest restriction. On our cruise it was mandatory that we select a "People to People" excursion. We chose a walking tour of historic Cuba. Our guide was very good and honest about life in Cuba. The people were so appreciative of our tourists and very welcoming. There is a lot of historic restoration going on in Cuba. All government buildings were beautifully landscaped yet the people live poorly, but the Cubans love and are proud of their country.

We just got back from a cruise to the Bahamas and Key West. We had booked this cruise prior to the hurricane in the Bahamas and were worried it would be rerouted. Our cruise did deliver humanitarian aid to Freeport, so we felt better about our trip.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone, Francie Wagner

Silent Auction

Our most anticipated activity of the year is fast approaching. At our December 3 meeting bring lots of items and cash to participate in the annual Silent Auction. We hope to have a large turnout!

December Meeting

Tuesday, December 3

Bill & Dave's Smokin' Pit

1527 11th St

Tell City, IN

6:00 p.m.

Christmas Party & Silent Auction

Buffet Meal

Hostesses: Brenda Fella, Susie Knox, Angie Shelby