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Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



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Minutes of May 19, 2018
Gamma Lambda Chapter
Delta Kappa Gamma

The May regular meeting was held at T & R Junction in Garrett, Indiana with twelve members present. Becky Wilmes was hostess assisted by the Garrett and Butler Groups. Judy Moughler said grace and a delicious breakfast was served at 9:10 A.M.

Leslie Hamman called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. Patti Brooks did the opening centered on a teacher related poem.

Recording Secretary Report-Betty Wagner

- The April 21, 2018 minutes were approved as corrected.

Corresponding Secretary Report-Jo Drudge

- A note was read from a new mother. She thanked Gamma Lambda for the book given to her baby at the hospital when the child was born.

Treasurer Report-Carol Gear

- The balance in the treasury today is \$ 1,765.05.

State Conference Report-Leslie Hamman

- Changes have been made to the State By-laws and Standing Rules. Twenty-five cents (\$.25) per miles will now be allotted for gas mileage.
- Three travel/study mini-grants will be given per year.
- Discussion of the International Constitution, By-laws, and Standing Rules will be voted on at the International Convention in Austin, Texas on July 16-20, 2018. Over one hundred items will be voted on with the objective of trying to streamline as many items as possible. This will mean changes to our documents as Greek letters may be changed or eliminated.
- Leslie Hamman has been elected to serve as state treasurer for four more years.



Society Business



- CCOT meetings will be held Saturday, June 9, 2018 in Mitchell, Indiana or Thursday, June 21, 2018 in Kokomo, Indiana.
- The Janet O'Neal Seminar for leadership and other avenues will be Saturday, November 10, 2018 at Logansport High School. Guests are welcome.
- The 2019 State Convention is April 26-28, 2019. It will be held in Lawrenceberg, Indiana.

Standing Committee Reports and Special Assignments

Educational Excellence-Bev Ellert

- Money for SEE baskets (Support for Early-career Educators) may be brought to any meeting.
- Information changes in the program booklet need to be given to Bev.

Legislation-Patti Brooks

- Patti discussed the education bills related to and voted on in the 2018 Indiana Legislative Session. These are listed in ***The Connection***, dated May 19, 2018. A website for more information is also listed.

Books in Hand-Jo Drudge

- Books will be purchased in memory of Vivian Watts after the June meeting. These will be presented to DeKalb Central High School where Vivian had been a Special Education Teacher.

Unfinished Business

- A Personal Growth Experience Certificate was presented to Kandace Haines.

New Business

- Leslie Hamman passed around a paper for us to sign up to serve on Committees for the 2018-2020 biennium.

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- A celebration of Life for Vivian Watts, who passed away January 12, 2018 was held. Leslie Hamman, Jo Drudge, Bev Ellert, and Kandace Haines took part in honoring the life of Vivian.

Announcements

- Becky Wilmes and her committee were thanked for taking care of details for this meeting.
- Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Rieke Lodge in Auburn at noon. Bev Ellert is hostess with the help of the officers.
- The installation of officers will take place at this picnic meeting. Founder's Day plus the 40th birthday of Gamma Lambda will be celebrated.
- A suggestion to change the June picnic meeting date in future years was brought up. This would allow several members with yearly schedule conflicts to be able to attend the picnic.

Program and Closing

- The program was led by Patti Brooks entitled ***How Red Is Your Rose?*** Patti gave each of us a picture of a numbered rose and red pencils or crayons to color in the rose



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She asked us sixteen questions and if our answer was “yes” to the question, we were asked to color that numbered rose petal. It reminded each of us of past and present events that were a part of our lives.

- Betty Wagner did the closing. She reminded us to not judge people by the way they look and to remember the veterans who sacrificed their time and lives to give us our many freedoms.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M. with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song led by Judy Moughler

Recording Secretary
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Leslie Hamman

Legislation

Patti Brooks, Chair

In the aftermath of the Noblesville Middle School shooting and others around the nation, local school corporations are taking matters into their own hands to provide safety measures for their students by seeking additional money and resources on their own.

Schools currently compete for matching school safety grants with funds of \$14 million and 390 applicants.

Lawmakers did increase school safety funds by 5 million during May’s special session which will result in an increase of approximately \$7,000 per school.

As for any legislation that may increase school safety, House Speaker, Brian Bosma, and Governor Eric Holcomb are waiting on reports and recommendations from government agencies before considering legislation.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/yahbrzxw>

Educational Excellence International Projects

Bev Ellert, Chairman

A special thank you goes to the members of Gamma Lambda who donated their “basket money” last month to help provide next fall’s new teachers with a basket of supplies. We will continue to collect money for this project so keep putting your loose change in your basket. Donations may be brought to the September meeting. Remember, every little bit helps!

Dorothy Couey has moved to be closer to her family, and we have a new address for our Gamma Lambda sister:

Dorothy Couey
Hearthstone Health, Room 209
3034 North Lintel Drive
Bloomington, IN 47404

Let’s keep her in our thoughts.

I’ll be working on the 2018-2019 program booklet over the summer so please let me know if any of your information needs to be changed.

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Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/GammaLambdaDKG/>

Website

<http://dkggammalambda.weebly.com/>



Society Announcements



Red Roses to...

Gamma Lambda Projects

Books in Hand

Donations of gently used or new books are always accepted by Jo!

Silent Auction

It's never too early to start thinking about items for our Silent Auction!

SEE Baskets

Thank you, Gamma Lambda, for collecting change for our SEE Baskets!

Becky Wilmes and her hostess committee for arranging our May meeting

Patti Brooks and Betty Wagner for giving the Opening and Closing Thoughts

Leslie Hamman for attending State Conference and sharing information

Patti Brooks for our May program

Betty Wagner for reporting on our meetings for local newspapers

Leslie Hamman, Jo Drudge, Bev Ellert, and Kandace Haines for the memorial for Vivian Watts

Jo Drudge for purchasing books in memory of Vivian Watts

save the date

Coming Events:

July 2018	DKG International Convention Austin, TX
Sept. 15, 2018	Gamma Lambda T & R Junction Garrett, IN
Oct. 20, 2018	Gamma Lambda Rome City UMC Rome City, IN
Nov. 10, 2018	Janet O'Neal Leadership Seminar, "Slam Dunk Saturday" Logansport High School Logansport, IN