Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Minutes for March 25, 2019

-Mary Anne Barlow welcomed everyone and blessed our meal.

-After our meal, Carolyn Davison presented the Volunteer Minute and described her work in the different singing and handbell choirs at Tucker First United Methodist Church.

-Mary Anne Barlow called our business meeting to order at 6:35.

-The Treasurer's Report showed a balance on hand of \$9,945.96 and total assets of \$14,910.76. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

-Members had received a copy of the February minutes via email or US mail. Minutes were approved.

-A copy of our directory was passed around so members could write their t-shirt size down. The plan is to order t-shirts for us to wear as we are doing our volunteer service. -Connie Black reported on the volunteer opportunity at the Clarkson Festival on April 27th. Connie and Beth Heckman are heading up this opportunity. The time we are scheduled to serve is 10:00-4:00 at the James Halford Stadium. The website for the festival is: <u>clarkstonculturefest.org</u>. Contact Connie at 404-433-7002 if you are interested or have questions.

-Mary Anne reported on the volunteer opportunity at WRC Safe House on April 13 from 10:00-1:00. Peggy, Connie and possibly Ginny are planning to bring cupcakes for the children at the Resource Center, play games and read books. It was decided to also take juice boxes that will be repaid by matching funds from the chapter. Contact Mary Anne if you are interested in helping.

-Betsy gave a report on the visit to Austin Elementary. Connie, Peggy and she passed out doughnuts, fruit and juice to the teachers there. They also passed out pamphlets about Delta Kappa Gamma. There is a plan to do the same at Avondale Elementary in late April or May.

-Mary Anne and Betsy are going to the Convention on Jekyll Island.

-Mary Anne made a presentation to Betsy Barb thanking her for all she has done for our chapter. The presentation was personalized by comments that had been sent in from members describing Betsy. Her gift was a beautiful garnet necklace with DKG on the top. -We were reminded that our dues of \$70.00 should be paid by Tuesday, April 30 in order for Melinda to get her paperwork done and sent to state and international. Make checks to DKG and put Alpha Kappa on Reference Line.

-Our Volunteer hours for February are 135.

-Our meeting was turned over to member Peggy Haller who presented her activities in Clowning. Peggy was joined by her "friend " Mallie (a mallard duck puppet) and the two of them described the four types of clowns. They are White Faced, Auguste, Tramp Clown/Happy Hobo, and Character Clown. Each of these have pretty strict characteristics. Peggy teaches a judging class for clowns and has judged competitions and marched in parades. Peggy learned about Clowning through The Shriners. Their efforts raise money to support twenty-three Shrine Hospitals in North and South America, Canada and Mexico City. These hospitals do not cost the patient anything due to the fundraising of the Clowns. Peggy's character was born in 1985-"Birdie Mae Dew." She is a bag lady and falls under the category of a Tramp Clown.

-After our program, Lynn Albertson was inducted and welcomed into our chapter. -We had a quick sharing from our working teachers on what they are doing on Spring Break.

-We were reminded that our next meeting will be on April 29th where we will have reports on our volunteering opportunities.

-We were asked to be thinking of program ideas for next year.

-Carolyn led us in singing the first verse of the DKG song. -Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Upcoming Chapter Meeting Dates: -April 29th, 2019

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Davison March 28, 2019