

Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Minutes for April 29, 2019

- Mary Anne Barlow welcomed everyone and blessed our meal.
- After our meal, Cecelia Ropp presented the Volunteer Minute and described her Wednesday evening practices with handbells at the North Ave Presbyterian Church. She helps count money once weekly and is also a member of the church choir that meets twice a week, year-round.
- Mary Anne Barlow called our business meeting to order at 6:42.
- Melinda's verbal Treasurer's Report showed a balance of total assets of \$11,394.84. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
- Members had received a copy of the March minutes via email or US mail. Minutes were approved. Thanks to Carolyn for taking the March minutes.
- Connie Black reported on her volunteer work with Beth Heckman at the Clarkson Festival on April 27th at the James Halford Stadium. They helped direct traffic and had time to enjoy the festival which had food, purses, candles, jewelry, clothing, a music stage with bands. Dekalb Co. School District also had a space.
- Mary Anne, Peggy, Connie, Melinda and Ginny reported on the volunteer opportunity at WRC Safe House on April 13. They played games with the children and read books. Ginny was able to tutor a teenager. They brought cupcakes for the children and hand creams for the moms. It was a very positive experience for all of us. The facility has lots of games, books, snacks and toys for the children. The mothers can always use gift cards to CVS, or Kroger. Mary Anne has created a schedule for members to go once monthly on the second Saturday of each month through September.
- Betsy and Mary Anne gave reports on the State convention in Jekyll. There were changes made to the state amendments, a president's lunch, and presentation of awards. Alpha Kappa received the Exemplary Communications Award and 4 of our members received a 50-year member recognition. They are Billie Smith, Marge Lovewell, Ann Edwards, and Elsie Strother. Betsy is no longer district II director. She will be the Achievement Award Committee Chair and Mary Anne will be the Personal Development Committee chair. Dr. Kathy Brown is the new state president. The new state theme is "The Power of Sisterhood". A White Rose Ceremony was held for deceased members. Louise King, Kathryn Cook and Patti Ireland were honored. Betsy shared an ad in the state program thanking past presidents for 2016-2020. Peggy Haller, Melinda Morin, and Mary Anne Barlow were honored with the Leading Women Educators Awards who have excelled and gone above and beyond. The State Executive Board meeting

will be Sept. 28. Che Guilford and Gi'Anna Henderson will attend the Leadership Seminar II training this summer in Macon from May 31-June 2. We were reminded to pay our dues tonight in order for Melinda to get her paperwork done and sent to state and international or before July 1 for 2019/2020.

-Betsy sent a thank you note for her garnet necklace presented to her by the chapter last month.

The State Emergency Fund has been depleted because of the hurricanes in South Georgia. Helen Chilton motioned that Alpha Kappa donate \$300 to the fund. The motion passed. Betsy put a challenge on the DKG FB page to other Georgia state chapters to meet the challenge of contributing money to the Fund.

-Our Alpha Kappa members contributed 202 volunteer hours for March. Aalam presented some information about the Resources of Young Afghans (ROYA) program and encouraged members to sponsor a child for \$7-\$10 monthly, or by a one time gift. \$7-\$10 monthly provides for a child who cannot otherwise afford to attend school. Many of the sponsored students then become mentors to other students. The email address is: agaaroozo@gmail.com. She suggested that on line giving is easiest for the organization.

-Mary Anne welcomed back Janet Goldin after her leg break, and lots of healing after 2 months in rehab.

-Our auction/fundraiser will be in October 2019. Each member is expected to provide items for the auction and purchase items. Each member is expected to spend \$50. With the number of members decreasing this only will bring in about \$1000.

-Mary Anne asked each table to brainstorm and write down for ideas for programs and turn them in to her.

-Alpha Kappa's executive board will meet this summer and plan for the next year's meetings and programs.

-We were reminded that our next meeting will be on Sept 23, 2019.

-Carolyn led us in singing the first verse of the DKG song.

-Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Robinson
May 1, 2019