

Sept 23, 2019 Minutes Alpha Kappa chapter of DKG international

Peggy Haller gave the inspirational about the important things in life.

Mary Anne Barlow called the meeting to order at 6:45. Melinda Morin's treasurer's report (\$9680.45 in the checking account) was voted on and approved as were the April 2019 minutes.

Ginny Robinson presented information about TRS. As of June 2019, TRS had \$78,713,718,000 with 229,268 members actively contributing, and 118,449 receiving benefits. Open enrollment will begin October 21 and go through Nov 8. According to current information, benefits for current employees will not change (vendors, co-pays, co-insurances or deductibles) but retirees will have changes in UHC and Anthem BCBS premiums. Read the insurance information and make selections during Open Enrollment.

Pam Berry submitted a resignation letter and the chapter voted to accept it.

Beth Heckman reported our financial goal for the auction, which is our fundraiser for scholarships, Eagle Woods Academy, and the WCR is to raise \$2000. It is recommended that each member spend at least \$50 (preferably more) at the auction and bring items such as baked goods, gift cards, hand made items, themed baskets, things for Eagle Woods to be sold. Steve Skinner will be our auctioneer. If you cannot attend send your donation to Melinda.

Rosemary Chisolm and the nominating committee will be asking members to fill positions for the 2020-2022 biennium. Officers take office on July 1. No officer is permitted to hold the same office more than 2 successive terms, except the treasurer who is selected by the executive board. The parliamentarian is not an officer and is selected by the president. The slate of officers will be presented to the chapter before the March meeting.

Che Guilford and Gi'Anna Bell presented information about the leadership conference in

Macon this summer. They learned about body language, negotiations, and other communication skills. They both enjoyed it and learned some useful skills. The leadership conference in Spring will be about how to perform officer duties. The State Executive board meets Sept. 28 in Macon.

Mary Anne Barlow thanked the chapter for honoring the life of her brother Lonnie by donating to her parents' scholarship fund that Lonnie established at Middle Georgia State University.

Beth Heckman introduced Angela Smith, the administrator at Eagle Woods Academy. EWA serves middle and high school students from DeKalb, Rockdale and Decatur City School systems. GNets grants fund the teachers' salaries. Many of the students are wards of the state and come from group homes or foster care system. Some have been in and out of jail and/or psych hospitals. Almost all of them have experienced a lot of trauma in their lives. EWA uses a positive behavior reward system. Behavioral expectations are consistent.

Based on appropriate behavior students earn Eagle bucks and use earned bucks to spend in the school store. Alpha Kappa presented Angela with a table full of items for the store and a check for \$250.

The chapter sang the first verse of the Delta Kappa Gamma song and the meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Robinson, recording secretary-2018-2020