

Eta Mu Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Jan 18, 2024

Guest Speaker- Jennifer Johnson from CSU Stanislaus- Trauma Informed Education/ Post Covid brain research.

Welcome- Linda Chrabas/ Judy Trask- Judy welcomed everyone to meeting
Handing out of DKG Pins- Judy Trask.

Five year pins- Denise Carlson-Nieto and Heather Nonaca

Ten year pin- Marla Rucobo

Fifteen year pins- Janice Freeman, Linda Chrabas, Pat Elston, Trudi Sigmon

Twenty five year pins- Mary Lou Dietrich, Susan Neufeld, Bev Eaton

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

- A. **Minutes-** Minutes from previous meeting (9/9/2023) were previously emailed to all.
- B. **Treasurer's Report-** Theresa Foote
 1. Line item budgets were presented showing projected income and expenditures for the year. Cash on hand currently is \$2377.24
- C. **Executive Board Report-**(November 2023 Meeting) Judy Trask and Linda Chrabas
 1. Committees need to make sure that they choose a chair and meet periodically. All meetings can be held via Zoom if desired.
- D. **Membership Committee-** Wendy Bruce (absent) - Judy gave her report.
 1. Heart to Heart- Reports on Carol Viera and Adele Little were offered.
- E. **Programs Committee-** Denise Carleton- Nieto
 1. December 2023 event had to be cancelled. Next year, Epsilon Nu would like to join us.
 2. Read with Chrysler is Friday, March 8th. Contact Ms. Ayer (or Denise) for information or to be placed on the contact list for this event.
 3. Adele Little informed everyone of the Literacy Network's Event on March 20th. It will be an evening event this year in order to ensure that all families may attend.
 4. Pat Elston reminded everyone of the Jared Box organization evening on May 14th at 5:30pm. This is not an official meeting evening, but an opportunity to assist in the preparation and packing of the Jared Boxes prior to delivery.
- F. **Visual and Performing Arts Committee**
 1. The qualifications for this are very broad. Even a karaoke night would qualify.
 2. As stated previously, Epsilon Nu would like to join us for our VAPA events, particularly our December event.
- G. **Legislation Committee-** Heather Nonaca
 1. Bill Evaluation Training will be Feb 24, 2024 at 9:00 am. Heather reports that there will be "Bill Buddies" for those new to this process/ activity so that they might feel more comfortable in the process.
- H. **Awards and Recognition Committee**

1. Please forward nominations for the following award types to Pat Elston asap.: Service to Chapter, Service to the Professional Community, and Public Service (this award can be ANYONE-- they do NOT need to be members of DKG).

I. **By Laws Committee**- Wendy Bruce, Janice Freeman, Judy Trask, Linda Chrabas

1. Meeting via Zoom next week
2. Bylaws have been changed to align with the DKGI- Pat E. reports that the changes are reflected on the website.
3. Clarification on the position of president on committee-- ANY past president may serve on this committee. It need not be the CURRENT president.

J. **Nominations Committee**- Debbie Mar, Pat Elston and Adele Little

1. Clarifications regarding positions (see Chapter ByLaws [HERE](#) -- password protected)
 - a. Positions that must be elected: President, First VP- Programs, Second-VP Membership and Recording Secretary.
 - b. Positions that are appointed by the President: Treasurer (and possible Assistant Treasurer) and Parliamentarian. The Treasurer must be approved by the Executive Board. Parliamentarian should be a past president.
 - c. Two persons are allowed to share each position in that they overlap terms of duty (one serves for one year with the other serving as back-up, then switching positions the following year)
2. Pat stated that she believes she has a full slate of officers for the next election.
3. A request was made that when members receive forms that they fill them out and return them promptly.

K. **Global Awareness** - Heather Nonaca and Judy Trask

1. Schools for Africa and World Fellowship - All chapters are encouraged to disseminate information and collect donations at chapter meetings.
2. There will be an opportunity to participate in a community service event at the state conference in May. It may be a "pillowcase dress" or something different.
3. Our Lady of Fatima is accepting donations of new and gently used shoes to donate to those in need in Haiti. Deadline for donations is 1/30/ 24
4. Members can also donate to DKGIEF (DKG International Education Fund)

L. **Gospel Mission** - Janice Freeman

1. Our chapter collects donations for the Modesto Gospel Mission three times per year: December, January and March. Make checks out to the Modesto Gospel Mission. Janice Freeman will collect and deliver.

M. **Other Business**-

1. Request From Heather Nonaca to attend DKG National Legislative Seminar in Washington DC. March 9-13, 2024
 - a. The budget has not been approved.
 - b. Pat Elston moved to make a line item in the budget to allocate \$500 for Eta Mu members to attend DKG Events. Motion seconded by Denise Carleton-Nieto. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Dawn Pitcock moved to grant Heather Nonaca \$500 out of the new line item to assist her with her travel expenses. Pat Elston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 2. Someone needs to check with Kathleen to ensure that Jennifer Johnson received the honorarium for tonight's presentation.
 3. Donations for the LIFE (Learning is for Everyone) silent auction/ raffle at State Convention are now being accepted. Contact Pat Elston to make donations of new and gently used items that might be suitable for this event. Members can bring these items to the February meeting.
 4. Linda will be attending a Zoom meeting this week regarding membership ideas. Please text ideas to Linda. (Pitch cards!)
- N. **Singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song**
- O. **Adjournment** Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm