

Eta Mu Minutes
Business Meeting
Friday, Feb 23, 2024

- Prior to the official business meeting, two guests were introduced to the chapter. April Hunger, a science teacher from Thomas Downey High School is visiting as Dawn Pitcock's guest, and Lisette Castorena who teaches at Marshall Elementary was introduced as our Penne Ferrell Award recipient by Kathleen Heinzinger.
 - Taking inspiration from our speaker, Kerry Castellani (Modesto High School, IB Coordinator, speaking on AI and Chatbox) Judy Trask read AI's version of how to remove a PB and J sandwich from a VCR in the style of the King James Bible
 - Business Meeting convened at 7:21 pm
- A. Approval of Minutes from Jan 18, 2024
- B. Treasurer's Report - Theresa Foote sent message to several members as she was unable to attend. Current balance is \$1672.24
1. Budget presentation and approval tabled to a future meeting.
- C. Executive Board
1. Pat presented the slate of officers for the 2024-2026 biennium.
 - a. President- Dawn Pitcock
 - b. First Vice Co-Presidents - Programs - Adele Little and Joyce Brooks
 - c. Second Vice President- Wendy Bruce
 - d. Secretary- Trudi Sigmon
 2. A motion was made to approve the slate of officers by Janice Freeman. The motion was seconded by Denise Carleton Nieto. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Membership Committee -Heart to Heart Reports-
1. Wendy Bruce's mother is having her cancer status re-examined post surgery.
 2. Carol Viera reports that she is temporarily off chemo, which is good.
- E. Programs Committee-updates and info - in date order
1. Anniversary Pins have all been awarded.
 2. **3/1/24 - 8:30 am Read Across America-** Mary Lou Dieterich Elementary
 3. **3/8/24- Read Across America** - Chrysler Elementary School
 4. **3/12/24 - 5:30 pm Next Eta Mu Meeting** at Janice Freeman's home. Potato Fest!
 - a. Kathleen will have "elevator pitch" cards at this meeting. Members are encouraged to take at least five to pass out to potential members. The cards have a QR code listed that will take those interested to our website and more information about DKG.
 5. **3/20/24 6:30 pm Literacy Network** event at the Peterson Center. Please RSVP for head count.
 6. **4/20/24 1 pm ABC Tea-** Pat suggested that members attending pay \$20 per ticket in order to make an extra donation to the ABC Project. Book suggested was Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.

7. **4/24/24 - 5:30 pm- April Eta Mu Meeting** at Judy Trask's home. - Pizza and Salad night.
 - a. Kathleen reported that Sue Zwahlen is unable to speak to us on this night.
 - b. Members agreed that it would be a good night to assemble Jared Boxes.
 - i. A brief description of Jared Boxes and the items that they might contain was given for the benefit of guests.
 - ii. Kathleen volunteered to get all of the boxes to ensure that all boxes and lids fit.
 - iii. Kathleen volunteered to take the boxes to Memorial Medical Center and Doctor's Hospital in Modesto.
8. **4/27/24 Love Modesto-**
 - a. Last year, members indicated that they would like to see the group participate in this event at the schools of members who are currently working. Teachers who wish to do this should contact their administrators and get in touch with Denise and Kathleen.
 - i. Sign ups open 3/1/24- there is a Google Form.
 - ii. Denise and Kathleen will complete the form if the project is at a working teacher's school. If there is no project, it was decided that Denise and Kathleen will choose a project, email all, and each person will sign up for that project..
9. **May 3-5 State Convention in Santa Clara [LINK](#)** - (Dawn's note-- there is a considerable hotel discount if you use the hyperlink in the doc at the link above. **You must book before 4/4/24 to receive discount.**)

F. Visual and Performing Arts- no current report

G. Legislative Report- Heather emailed earlier.

H. Awards and Recognition-

1. **Area XVII Outstanding Student Teacher-** Dawn nominated Megan Rohn for recipient of Area XVII's Outstanding Student Teacher. Megan is a student teacher at Thomas Downey High School who has done an amazing job, stepping in to lead classes ahead of schedule and taking on far more than she needs to at this point. She is a fully collaborative, if unofficial, member of the science department at Downey.
2. **Early Career Educator-** Dawn is also nominating Renee Taro for the ECE Award.
 - a. Janice Freeman moved to accept the nomination for our chapter and forward Renee's name to the area directors. The motion was seconded by Adele Little and passed unanimously.
3. **Outstanding Public Service Award.** Anne Britton has been nominated for the award. While Anne is not a member of DKG, she is a retired librarian who has worked tirelessly in support of the Friends of the Library, organizing twobook fairs each year to raise funds for the library.
4. **Penne Ferrell Award** - Lisette Castorena- Lisette is a teacher at Marshall Elementary School and is grade level lead there.

- I. Other business;
 - a. Board members have been reviewing the Honor Chapter Checklist in order to submit the paperwork to the state organization.
 - b. A final reminder about Love Modesto on April 27th was given.
 - c. Members were reminded to submit their THAT hours as it counts toward the Honor Chapter criteria.
 - d. Janice Freeman -
 - i. **Modesto Gospel Mission** - Janice gave a report on Modesto Gospel Mission as the chapter's members often donate to the organization. The mission has recently purchased a large building in order to assist and house women and children in their "Hannah's House." Janice requested that our next collection for the Mission be earmarked for Hannah's House.
 - ii. **Embrace Grace-** This is an organization through Modesto Covenant to assist young, single, pregnant women. During each 12 week session, young mothers are helped to feel more supported emotionally and spirituality. During each session, the young mothers are honored during a joint baby shower. This year the baby shower will be on 4/7/24. If members feel so inclined to support these mothers, they can donate items or cash (Janice will purchase gifts).
- J. Singing of DKG Song
- K. Adjourned at 8:04 pm