

Minutes for Eta Mu Business Meeting
3/12/24

Prior to the official start of the business meeting, Judy and Kathleen recognized returning visitors Sherrie Reeve and April Hunger, who will join Eta Mu at the Welcoming Ceremony at Eta Mu's annual Garden Party on June 6th 2024. Both are science teachers at Downey High School in Modesto. We are excited to have these outstanding women join us!

The meeting was called to order at 7:46 pm

Business Meeting:

- A. Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2024 (emailed earlier)- no action required
- B. Treasurer's Report- Theresa Foote
 1. Current amount in account: \$1647.24
 2. Budget has been updated to include new members, breakfast expenses, convention monies available, honorariums paid to speakers, and the \$500 grant that was given to Heather Nonaca to attend the National Legislative Seminar.
 3. Judy pointed out that the budget format was reworked to align with the format that DKG California uses.
 4. Theresa also pointed out that there are four checks that have to be written every time we induct new members to various parts of the DKG organization. .
 5. **MOTION:** A motion was made by Dawn Pitcock and seconded by Andrea Cadrett to accept the budget.
 6. **DISCUSSION:**
 - a. There are a number of concerns regarding the budget. Theresa states that Eta Mu currently only retains \$28 of the \$100 dues
 - b. Money left over from COVID years to help through last few years.
 - c. Kathleen inquired about sisters on reserve: Karen Mendonca (lives in Moraga), Valerie Spencer, and Roberta Bica. Are we still paying for them? Theresa stated that sisters have been very generous when paying for their own dues and are already paying a bit extra to help offset these costs.
 - d. Kathleen raised concern regarding International dues. These are included in the four checks that the treasurer writes upon admission of new members.

- e. Adele asked if dues needed to be raised from \$100 to \$125 per year. Janice stated that this should be addressed with the next budget this summer, but that we should seek input from the other members.
- f. It was suggested that the treasurer attend the treasurer's training online or at convention in May. Theresa stated that she had looked into online trainings.
- g. Kathleen asked what the "proposed scholarship" was for? Adele clarified that scholarships are awarded to non DKG persons, while Grant and Aid is for members. Janice stated that the line item should be amended to read "Awards-Scholarships, Grants and Aid."
- h. Theresa wanted to be sure that members understood that at the current membership fee schedule (\$100 per year), Eta Mu would only add \$728 to the current accounting. (\$28 that are kept from fees x 26 members)
- i. Judy addressed the concern regarding voting on honorarium paid to speakers. It is not necessary to vote on this each time we have a speaker.
- j. Judy asked if there was any further discussion to be had on the budget prior to approval- there was none.
- k. **MOTION**: Dawn Pitcock moved to approve the budget as amended to change the title of the line item currently titled "Scholarships" to "Awards- Scholarships, Grants and Aid." The motion was seconded by Andrea Cadrett. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- l. It was suggested that it be put into the minutes and the next newsletter that the group needs to consider an increase in the cost of dues to see if any sisters had thoughts or concerns regarding this (Yes? No? If so, what should new dues amount be set at?) The suggested amount was \$125.

C. Membership Committee - Kathleen and Judy on behalf of Wendy Bruce

1. Heart to Heart- Member updates

- a. Roberta Bica- participating in book clubs
- b. Debbie Mar is currently caring for her brother who is in hospice.
- c. Heather Nonaca is enjoying her time in Washington D.C. and was honored to be able to assist Debbie LeBlanc (International President of DKG) in laying a wreath from DKG International at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

- d. Heather Nonanca and Linda Chrabas are actively trying to recruit Heather Blount Vasquez.

D. Program Committee- Kathleen Heinzinger

1. Upcoming Events-

- a. Next Meeting - 4/24 at Judy's house. Pizza will be served. Sisters are asked to contribute to cost. Jared Boxes will be assembled. Kathleen asked that the group decide which age level they wanted to prepare the boxes for as it helps with gathering supplies. The decision was made to focus on elementary aged children. Suggested items include markers, crayons, coloring books, small toys, etc. Kathleen will research cost of pizza and alert sisters ahead of time as to approximate cost.
- b. Love Modesto - 4/27/24- Dawn stated that she had emailed admin regarding a service project for Downey and received no feedback. Denise and Kathleen will coordinate to choose something for Eta Mu.

E. Gospel Mission - Janice Freeman- no new news.

F. Other Business-

1. Linda stated that it was a wonderful experience to go and read at Mary Lou Dieterich Elementary School and to see our own Mary Lou Dieterich honored there.
2. Other sisters who commented on the pictures that had been shared via email prior to the meeting. Many members also had fantastic experiences for Read Across America included Susan Neufeld (who read in Turlock), Caralyn Mendoza who read at an elementary school in Newman, Linda and Janice who went to read at Chrysler Elementary. Kathleen was especially excited to read in Heather Nonanca's son's class.

G. Delta Kappa Gamma Song was sung.

H. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm .