

**Eta Mu Chapter, California Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma
December 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

President, Pat Elston, called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM.

Two guests were introduced. State 1st Vice President, Daphne Cagle and Area 17 Director Barbara Nash. They invited members to attend the Fresno Conference April 29 – May 1, 2016. They complimented Pat Elston on the fine Newsletter they received. They enjoyed meeting with us.

Special guest speaker, Lori Aderholt, spoke to us about the work of World Relief Modesto. She gave us a very clear picture of the rigorous screening that each refugee must pass before he is received. She said that of the great number of refugees that have come to America, not one has been a terrorist. She asked us to consider volunteering time to tutor or to make donations of supplies such as furniture and household items. She suggested that churches in Modesto could be a great help.

On a motion by Karen Harris, seconded by Janice Freeman, minutes from the October 20, 2015 meeting were approved.

Committees Reported:

Adele Little presented the treasurer's report. The balance on hand was \$1,698.47. A motion made by Kathleen Heinzinger to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Kay Anderson was approved.

Membership reported that Marie Slate had passed away, Margie Panian had resigned, and Virginia Irons had moved to Elk Grove (her membership is in flux.) Carol Vieira made a motion that we give a donation of \$25.00 in memoriam for Marie Slate to AAUW, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. Members passed the motion.

Communications: Pat Elston will continue to do the Newsletter until Judy Trask returns. The E-Vite seems to be working very well.

Our chapter website, <http://www.etamucaliforniadkg.org> has been certified by DKG International and has the seal of certification.

Kathleen Heinzinger and committee are revising our phone tree.

Pat Elston reported that Alpha Epsilon and Eta Mu might host a luncheon with Eta Mu for installation officers for the next biennium. Pat Elston will meet with Gloria Brocco to discuss.

Grants in Aid, Rewards, and Recognitions committee: Kathleen Heinzinger reported that Sarah Mucha, first year teacher, would be awarded a scholarship.

Distinguished Public Service Awards were announced. Adele Little, Mercedes Hart, and Mary Lou Dieterich were named.

Other Reports:

LIFE: Kathleen Heinzinger reported that LIFE has a no cook cookbook 2016 project. Eta Mu has a Read Across America scheduled at the Mary Lou Dieterich School on

March 2, 2016. Bring a book and read it to a class.

There were no reports for Membership or Chapter Rules.

Transportation is working well. There are no new needs.

A Nominations Committee was established with Janice Freeman, Kathleen Heinzinger, and Pat Elston as members.

Community Projects: Janice Freeman collected donations for the Modesto Gospel Mission and will deliver them. Items for the Jarod Boxes were collected. Kathleen Heinzinger, Karen Harris, and Mary Lou Dieterich will deliver them to Doctor's Hospital. The No-sew blankets were divided between the Gospel Mission (Janice Freeman will deliver them), Stanislaus Family Justice Center, and Doctor's Hospital, (Kathleen Heinzinger, Karen Harris and Mary Lou Dieterich will deliver them).

Ideas for Fund Raising were revisited, but no decisions were made.

Kathleen shared about a great book, "Boys In The Boat", which was highly recommended.

Upcoming events:

Soup and Salad to Warm our Souls, January 21 at Adele Little's Home.

Cooking for Chinese New Year, February 20 at Debbie Mar's Home.

Read across America March 2, 2016: NEED DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND VOLLUNTEER READERS!!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Lou Dieterich, Secretary