

## DKG Business Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2024

Guests: Kathlan Latimer (DKG California President), Renee Taro (ECE Award Recipient), Rose Anne Walker, Anne Hazelton

Inspiration provided by Linda Chrabas related to the rich history of our chapter evidenced by the bequeath of Mrs. Harrell's DKG memorabilia (jewelry, pins, etc). Discussion will be had a later time to decide what should be done with the collection.

- The business meeting was called to order at 12:24 pm.
- A. **Minutes** from Mar 12, 2024 were approved.
- B. **Treasurer's report-**
  - i. Dawn reported for Theresa that there was \$1056.40 remaining in the account.
  - ii. Discussion was had as to the raising of fees from \$100 to \$125.
    - 1. Motion to approve this change was made by Dawn
    - 2. Motion was seconded by Marla.
    - 3. Motion passed unanimously.
  - iii. Discussion was held regarding the due dates for our annual dues. Carol stated that sooner is much better. Finally, a date of Jun 15, 2024 was decided as the deadline. Checks should be made out for \$125 to Eta Mu (DKG) and mailed to Dawn Pitcock at 390 Vintage Dr., Turlock, CA 95382.
- C. **Membership Committee -**
  - i. Wendy Bruce reported that the "Elevator Pitch" cards that can be passed out to any potential member have been printed and that it would be greatly appreciated if members would carry several with them in case the need arises.
  - ii. Dawn reported that Wendy Bruce had recently completed her Masters degree and had taken a job as the Vice Principal of Prescott Middle School. Wendy will be taking a year off of her own educational path before beginning her PhD.
- D. **Program Committee-** Joyce and Adele reaffirmed that the next meeting will be held at Adele's home, 2805 Veneman Ave., Modesto 95356, on July 18th, 2024, at 10 am. Brunch will be served and all are welcome. This is a very fun meeting to attend. Your input is greatly appreciated.
- E. **Presentation of Chapter Awards.**
  - i. Linda Chrabas was presented with the award for Service to Chapter.
- F. **Early Career Educator Award-** Renee Taro was presented with the award for Early Career Educator. Renee teaches 1st grade in the Escalon School District. She has just completed her second year of teaching.
- G. **National Legislative Committee-** Heather thanked her Eta Mu sisters for supporting her trip to DC and gave a report on her visit to DC with the DKG Legislative Committee. She was able to meet with DKG International President Dr. Debbie LeBlanc as well as legislators from our local area. Heather reminded us that if we are given the opportunity to tell our stories to legislators, we should absolutely do so. It makes an impact on them and truly influences decisions when elected officials understand the impact of their actions on real people. One of

the highlights of Heather's trip was helping to lay a wreath on behalf of DKG at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

#### **H. Report on Convention-**

- i. Judy reported that Eta Mu is a five star, Order of the Rose chapter.
- ii. Dawn gave Order of the Rose pins from the convention to Wendy B (who in turn awarded one to Salinda as her sponsor), Andrea, and Wendy T. Order of the Rose pins were given to the new members (and their sponsors) to members of chapters who welcomed three or more members this year.
- iii. Adele reported that she enjoyed the convention immensely and that topics were relevant, interesting and timely.
- iv. Heather reported that she and Dawn both felt it was a remarkable opportunity to network with other intelligent, like-minded women.
- v. Pat reported that Kathleen Hailey will take over Area XVII Director duties in July of this year.
- vi. Heather stated that one of the convention's Keynote Speakers was DaLoris Hazzard Cordell. The speaker was entertaining and engaging. Heather asked members if they would be interested in reading her book, "Her Honor: My Life on the Bench...What Works, What's Broken, and How to Change It," as a "summer book club". She would like to order the books from a new independent bookstore in Modesto as they have told her that if she would order copies through them, they would provide a 50% discount to the group on the order. Many members stated interest.
- vii. Heather Nonanca and Kathleen are now members of the Nominations Committee for the State organization.

#### **I. Gospel Mission**

- i. Janice reminded members that their March contributions went directly to the Hannah House fund. She explained that there has been a marked increase in the number of women with children who are experiencing homelessness. She reported that the Gospel Mission is having issues finding beds for women with children, but that they have recently acquired a property to fill this need. Janice stated that our donations will be earmarked for this project. Members of Eta Mu can still donate by cash or check made out to the Gospel Mission with DKG in the memo. These monies can be remitted to Janice Freeman (3909 St Nicholas Drive, Modesto 95356 ) or mailed directly to the Gospel Mission. Donations are tax deductible.
- ii. Additional donations of (obsolete) Instructional materials for students at all levels would be greatly appreciated.
- iii. Janice additionally reported on the Embrace Grace ministry and the newly minted Downey graduate, Prayer Brummett. Prayer has now graduated (and had her baby with her at the ceremony!) and has moved to her own apartment to be nearer to the father's family. Two more babies are expected in the coming weeks.

- J. **What is My Why-** Dawn reported that she has been attending the on-line Leadership Meetings (available to everyone!) via Zoom. At one of the meetings, the idea of asking members why they continue to be involved in DKG was presented. Membership internationally is down; this activity was designed to collect information about what members feel are the most important

parts of their chapter are. This information will be used for planning purposes and as a basis to seek new members.

- K. **Other Business**- Seder Dinner at the Synagogue in Modesto will be held on June 2nd, 2024. Tickets are \$15 and can be obtained from Marla. Discussion was had regarding perhaps doing a Hannukah dinner at Marla's at a later date. Members were excited about the prospect of this.
- L. **Business meeting was adjourned** at 1:10 pm.

- Installation of the following members followed the business meeting.
  - President- Dawn Pitcock
  - Co-First Vice President (Co Chairs Programs)- Joyce Brooks and Adele Little.
  - Co- Second Vice President (Co Chairs Membership- Wendy Bruce and Salinda Padilla
  - Secretary- Trudi Sigmon
- Members sang the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.