DKG Alpha Omega Sigma State Minutes

DKG Make& Take Meeting

February 12, 2015

DKG Website: http://sites.google.com/site/alphaomegalacrosse/

(Webmaster: Roxanne Fox)

Our DKG chapter meeting began at 4:30 pm at the Freighthouse Restaurant in La Crosse, WI, with 12 members present. Barb Albrechtson demonstrated how to make two cards- a 'Smile' card and a thank you card. Having all materials pre-cut and set out for us, she patiently guided us step-by-step through the process of recreating each card. Each of us felt accomplished as our cards were completed! Barb had cards available to purchase, with half of the money given being donated to DKG. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BARB!

WINNERS: Jean Wetzsteon was the 50/50 raffle winner, receiving \$30 for herself and \$30 for our chapter. Door prizes from the wooden nickel drawing (a set of 6 notecards and a set of holiday gift tags donated by Barb Albrechtson)were given to Karen Weigel and Claire Jandt. Congratulations everyone!

BUSINESS MEETING: Debra Keller was in charge of leading our meeting since Jan Marson was out of town.

- Deb read a thank you note from the Northside Clothes Closet, acknowledging the \$250 raised by DKG at our Christmas meeting (along with the \$250 received through matching funds) and showing appreciation for the numerous socks and underwear donations we continue to share with the organization. Deb reported that the Franke grant for the Clothes Closet has been renewed, shared some pictures of families getting clothes at a distribution night, explained about an area swim team donating their warm up clothes to the Clothes Closet, and mentioned that 60-80 people often show up on Monday nights. More underwear is still needed, especially Girls size 6-8 & 8-10 and Boys size 4-6 & 6-8. Size 6 black snow pants are also needed. Trinity Church now coordinates their Monday Meal Night with shopping time and realizes that adult sized coats, hats, and mittens are needed in addition to children's clothes. POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECT: Perhaps our DKG chapter would like to help serve a meal one Monday night next year in conjunction with our service goals or help with Shoe Night in the fall, when new shoes are distributed to families before school starts.
- Cyndy Schaper announced that New Horizons has a store located in Bridgeview Plaza that will accept donations of clothes and supplies also.
- The DKG State Convention is scheduled for April 24-25 in Milwaukee. Please check on-line or in the February DKG newsletter for more information and reservation details. The convention committee is making final plans for these meetings. Cyndy Schaper shared that she has a sample display board which she will pass on, if our chapter wants to use it.

- The Sigma State Fellowship Display board will be available to chapters until March 7, if we wish to look at it. (Since our chapter does not meet again until April, it will not be an option for us.)
- Deb clarified that the DKG website is a secure site. Passwords will be needed to get into the portal, so we need not worry about our personal information being accessible to others.
- A member from the Beta Chapter of DKG passed on information from the Wisconsin AFL-CIO to BUY WISCONSIN or buy things made in the USA. A sample list of items made in WI by union employees includes: Regal Ware pots and pans, Wigwam Socks, Rowe Pottery, Miller Beer, Usinger's Sausage, Klement's Sausages, Carmex Lip Balm, John Deere lawn mowers, Master Locks, and Speed Queen washing machines.
- Mary Dunn shared bus trip opportunities being offered through the La Crosse Public Library. Brochures were available highlighting trips to Mason City, IA on June 23 (Explore the World of the Music Man), Music Man at the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, MN on July 22, Dressing Downton Abbey: Changing Fashion for Changing Times in Oshkosh, WI on August 26. For more information or to make reservations contact Mary Dunn at 789-7145 or m.dunn@lacrosse.lib.wi.us Mary also told about weekly Wednesday book chats at Java Vino from 10:30-11:30am between February 4-March 11, 2015.
- It was brought up that our DKG chapter had arranged previous field trips years ago. Perhaps we would like to organize a field trip in the future.
- La Crosse Community Theater Ushers: 9 people have signed up to usher at LCCT on March 29. Louise will send those volunteers more information closer to the date.

Treasurer's Report: Connie Albrechtson reported that the Chinese Auction at Christmas brought in \$310, Donations (Barb's cards) \$24.50, 50/50 Raffle at December meeting-\$45.

The Money Market account has \$2381.49, the checking account has \$1974.02, and the savings account has \$5.00 in it.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

"People who care about each other enjoy doing things for one another. They don't consider it servitude."

-Ann Landers

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