

Minutes for DKG Meeting—August 14, 2025—Kathy Dressler's Club House

Agenda items:

1. Secretary's Report

- a. moved and approved.

2. Treasurer's Report - Lois Holper shared our DKG monthly balances as of 8/14/25:

- a. Savings - \$5.00
- b. Checking - \$419.35
- c. Money Market account - \$5,766.36

3. Lois shared a letter from UW-La Crosse thanking our group for DKG for our financial gift.

4. Old Business

- a. Thank you to our greeters (Marilyn and Lois), our photographer (Carol E.), and to Marilyn and Barb A. for bringing door prizes.
- b. Brad Pfaff will be our speaker during our next meeting in October.
- c. Barb A. will have the completed brochure for our 2025-2026 Program ready by our next meeting. It defines who can be a member of DKG.
- d. Barb talked about the convention she attended and shared that the challenge is to add 100 state members by 2029 for the bicentennial.
- e. If you have any changes with your address, email address, phone, or have a name change - please give the updated information to Rox Fox

5. New Business

- a. We recognized our August birthdays.
 - Barb A. brought a birthday cake to share with everyone.
- b. Thanks to Kathy D. for providing a place for our meeting at her condo's Club House.
- c. Rox is recommending that we get a new website that is not dependent on her email.
 - The cost would be \$150.
 - The motion was made and approved.

- d. Jan presented an idea for a literary competition, not with the school district, but possibly with the home-schooling organization and/or a virtual School.
- e. Nell, from the La Crosse Public Education Foundation, will be sending letters out to retired teachers with organizations that they may consider joining. She will include information about our DKG chapter. She will also help us get some recognition for our support of Random Acts of Kindness.
- f. Jackie shared info about this year's cancer walk, and shared that a new Free Library will replace the old one. It will be well-built, dry and include a rose.
- g. September 12 will be the date for our regional chapter get-together with Theta. It will be a La Crosse Queen pizza cruise. Please bring a \$10 contribution.
- h. We are looking into starting a collegiate community. These women would be part of our DKG organization with their own campus group.
- Barb would like to get a committee together and approach the Dean of Education at UW-L and Viterbo.
 - It was decided that we should send an invitation to both Theta and Alpha Upsilon to attend our next meeting.
 - Our special guest will be Brad Pfaff.
- i. The Finance Committee gave us their report and then asked us a question about dues: should we raise them or pay \$10 at the beginning of the year for our local chapter?
- Dues will be going up at the international level.
- j. Barb read a letter she received from the international president to thank her for a rose bookmark that she had sent to her..
- k. Jan gave us information about working with home school families from 3-12 grades.
- October 27 pop-up event - 4:30-5:30pm at the Myrick Park Nature Center
 - Event will include a talk about volunteer opportunities there
- l. Linda Watson is helping a young man from Pakistan
- Looking for additional support from an interested family
 - It is the last year for the program because the funding was cut

m. Jan received a thank you for the donation of socks and underwear to Trinity Lutheran Church

- Thanks to everyone who donated!

n. Michele Cook from the Budget Committee noted additions to the budget

- Will need to go up from \$775 to \$1210 to cover:

1. Annual website fee (\$150)
2. National conference cost
3. Additional operating costs
4. Scholarships

o. Membership committee still needs to meet

Submitted by Kathy Fuss, Secretary (September 21, 2025)