

DKG Alpha Omega Chapter Sigma State Minutes

February Informational Tour/Meeting

Hixon House/Piggy's Restaurant, La Crosse, WI

February 22, 2017

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There is a link to the Wisconsin-Sigma State DKG website and the DKG International website.

Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Thirteen DKG members were present for a tour of the Hixon House. Barb Albrechtson and Connie Albrechtson, DKG members and Hixon House docents, provided us with excellent tours, including much historical information.

The Hixon House was constructed in 1858 for Gideon Hixon, a lumber baron. Mr. Hixon moved to La Crosse from New England in 1856 with his wife Sarah, who passed away the year of their arrival. The original home was inhabited by Mr. Hixon, his mother, and sister. Mr. Hixon married Ellen Pennell in 1861, and they had five sons. The first addition to the house was the library in 1870. A new sitting room was added in 1881, and a Turkish Nook was later added.

The Hixon House remained in the family until Alice Green Hixon donated it to the La Crosse County Historical Society in 1965. The house has been restored to the way it was around 1900. The house contains beautiful, intricate woodwork and some of the rooms have the original wallpaper. Approximately 95% of the furniture belonged to the Hixon family. The tour was a fascinating step back in time.

The February meeting was held at Piggy's Restaurant. Total attendance at the meeting was 18, including 5 guests: Bridget Hill, Lora Busch, Ellen Marin, Carol Nelson-Britton, and Mary Swingle.

The meeting was called to order by Barb Albrechtson, Corresponding Secretary, at 7:15 p.m. Deb Keller and Jan Marson, President and Vice President, were unable to attend the meeting.

Secretary's Report: The DKG Alpha Omega Chapter Sigma State Minutes from the Holiday Gathering and Meeting on December 6, 2016, had been emailed to all members. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Connie Albrechtson, treasurer, reported that the checking account has a balance of \$1,726.44, the Money Market has a balance of \$2,964.96, and there is \$5.00 in the savings account. \$70.00 has been sent to Creative Canvas and Board to reserve a place for the May 3rd canvas painting class. Profits from the 50/50 raffle and the sale of Barb Albrechtson's cards were \$29.00 and \$37.50, respectively. The Chinese Auction on December 6th made a profit of \$335.00.

Business:

Barb Albrecthson brought her hand-crafted greeting cards. They were available for members to purchase, with half of the sales amount being donated to the DKG treasury.

Upcoming meetings were discussed. Directions for registering for the Creative Canvas event will be sent via email. Members may bring a guest to this event. Janie Lundstrom will announce a time and place for Building Fairy Gardens (June meeting). If you wish, you may purchase items for your fairly garden in advance.

At the time of the meeting, one more volunteer was needed to usher at the La Crosse Community Theater performance of Titanic on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at the Weber Center. Update from Louise Sedevie-Lawrynk: The number of ushers needed has been reduced to 6 and all slots have been filled. Thank you!

Winners of the door prize drawings were Karen Weigel, Jackie Meyer, and Marilyn Arndt. Door prizes were a Hixon House book and Hixon House mugs donated by Connie and Barb.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

“We must know what came before us; what happened in our past, what it was like in earlier times. We need to know where we came from before we can know where we want to go in the future.”

- Donna Finn, Hixon House Docent and La Crosse County Historical Society Board Member

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