

## Minutes for DKG Meeting— December 1, 2025 at the Freight House

### Agenda items:

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the last meeting can be read on our webpage (<https://www.alpha-omega-chapter.com/>)

**Treasurer's Report** - Lois Holper shared our DKG monthly balances as of November, 2025

- Savings - \$5.00
- Checking - \$737.02
  - \*Outstanding checks = \$91.38
  - Vicki Lyons - \$50.00, Rose for Kathy F. \$26.38, Barb A. stamp purchase) - \$15.60
- Money Market account - \$4993.65 – November Interest Earned: \$1.03

### Old Business

- Thank you to our greeters (Pam Brose & Mary Clark), our door prize donors (Carol Nelson-Britten and Mary Swingle), and to Carol Nelson-Britten for taking photos. Joanne Z. volunteered to take photos at our February meeting.
- We are looking into starting a collegiate community. We need volunteers to approach the Deans of Education at UW-L and Viterbo. Our goal is to involve young people before they are working in the field. After a period of time, they would then be eligible for scholarships.
- Karen Weigel is putting together a Pop-Up at WAFER for January. More information to come.

### New Business

- ❖ Kathy Dressler has offered the community building by Traditional Trades on January 5, 2026 from 4:00-5:00 PM for Brad Pfaff's presentation to our group. Lois H will bring water for the group and Rox will bring cookies. (Fraser Way, Onalaska, WI – in the cul de sac)
- ❖ Barb A encourages our group to ask teachers and college students to join DKG.
- ❖ Welcome to our new members – Pam Brose, Sarah Stuber, Dr. Nancy Rogers, and Denise ?
- ❖ Joanne Z spoke to the group in attendance about alternating our meeting time and place to other options, including during the day and at other venues. A committee will be formed to research venues.
- ❖ Our January pop-up gathering is scheduled for Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Java Vino. We will share our favorite winter activities past and present. **PLEASE RSVP** Barb A. if you will attend this gathering. Three people signed up for the Nature Place event last month and only Barb showed up. The presenter stayed late for us and Barb was the only one there.

- ❖ February 12, 2026 is our next meeting. Dr. Nancy Rogers will give a presentation about her passion for being an author. Our charity will be Kindergarten students at Hamilton Elementary School. Please plan to bring two new or slightly used books.
- ❖ April 18-19, 2026 is the DKG state convention at Wisconsin Dells. Barb A. will be presenting on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>: “Make Your Body Move in Space” (belly dance). More information to come.
- ❖ We will not ask for a \$20 donation for our scholarship fund at our February meeting, as we will be hosting a **Garage Sale in May**. Mary Wetterling has generously offered her garage again. Please continue to collect/set aside items for the sale.
- ❖ All current officers will return for the upcoming term, except for Barb A. who will continue to serve on the Executive Board, as noted in the Alpha Omega Chapter Rules/ByLaws. Joanne Z will be President, Kathy Dressler will be Vice-President, Kathy Fuss will be Recording Secretary, Roxanne Fox will be Corresponding Secretary, and Lois Holper will continue as Treasurer.
- ❖ Susan Tatar from Lambda had recently been diagnosed with cancer and has since passed away. We met her at our June gathering at Norskedalen. Her obituary/tribute can be found at the website for Stafford Funeral Homes, Spring Green, WI.
- ❖ Thank you much to the By Laws Committee that met last week to update our Chapter Rules for the state DKG organization: Carol Nelson-Britten, Cyndy Schaper, Mary Swingle, Roxanne Fox, and Barb Albrechtson. We were very efficient and revised what needed to be changed in a short amount of time.
- ❖ Our June meeting will be Tea With Beta. More information coming.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Roxanne Fox

Mary Wetterling has once again donated her garage for our DKG rummage sale. It will be in May 2026. Money raised will be for scholarships. Please start saving items for the sale.

- We are looking for new ways to promote our chapter. Some of the things we are already doing include - taking a day trip to a historic site, sponsoring a scholarship fundraiser, having a garage sale, participating in a 5K walk (we already support Encouragers for Stepping Out in Pink), and building and filling a “little landing library”. We could also consider staffing an information booth at a farmers market or county fair during the summer, walking in the Oktoberfest parade, or seeing OK that’s all in there if we can get on a waiting list for having a rotary lights tree.
- The nomination committee needs to pick a date to meet.
- The by-laws/rules committee also needs to pick a meeting date. The Wisconsin State organization is in the first year of its 2025-2027 biennium, signaling that a review of the chapter rules will be taking place. The last review of local chapter rules took place in 2023.
- A Pop-Up Tour of The Nature Place will be Monday, October 27 from 4:30 to 5:30.

- Our November gathering will be November 8th at 10:00 at JavaVino. The topic will be sharing our upcoming holiday plans.
- If anyone has something they would like to add in the newsletter (such as a poem, statement, etc.) just let Barb Albrechtson know.
- Our December meeting will be Monday, December 1. Our charity will be a donation to WAFER and a personal donation of food items for Rotary Lights. We will do a walk/drive through. There will be no white elephant or gift exchange.
- Thank you to Vicki Lyons for providing us with information about quilting and her business in Spooner, Wisconsin. Her quilts were beautiful and she provided door prizes as well.

Motion to adjourn and seconded.

- Submitted by Kathy Fuss, Secretary (October 13, 2025)