

DKG Meeting/County Jail Visit

March 7, 2019

Eleven DKG members met at the La Crosse County Jail at 4:30 for a tour of the facility led by Captain Steve Anderson and Chaplain John David. The Jail services cities and towns within La Crosse County. We learned many interesting facts and were given a first hand look at how persons are booked and processed. We also learned many interesting facts about the people that become incarcerated there. We learned that most are incarcerated for drug related issues and mental health issues and that 80% return. For many, a stay in the La Crosse Jail is a better standard of living that they experience outside of the walls there. There are about 200 people in the jail on any given day with 9 jailers on duty at any shift time. Approximately 5,700 persons are processed through the La Crosse Jail annually. The La Crosse Jail offers many mental health and social service programs that seek to help inmates find ways to succeed outside of jail and improve their lives. The Jail Chaplain works with other community faith centers and community agencies to provide spiritual and other support as needed. Chaplain John David shared ways that our DKG could provide support for many incarcerated persons who little support in their lives. We thank Captain Anderson and Chaplain David for a look at a world many of us didn't know existed.

Our Tour was followed by a dinner meeting at Fayze's in downtown La Crosse. Thirteen members were present. The meeting notes are as follows.

Jan called the meeting to order and welcomed the group.

*Purposes 6 and 7 were reviewed by Jan and a discussion about the connections to our jail visit took place. It was decided that an honorarium of \$50.00 and a thank you would be sent to Chaplain David and that our group would seek other ways to support programs as well. Marilyn is our contact person and will provide Connie with an address to send note to.

**Minutes from the December meeting went amended and were approved.

***Connie gave the financial update. We had income of \$25.00 from Barb's cards, \$49.00 from the Chinese raffle and \$330.00 from the Chinese Auction. Our money market has a balance of \$3,154.20. Our checking has a balance of \$1,887.97 and our saving is at \$5.00.

****This year's scholarship recipients were discussed and it was suggested that a \$250.00 scholarship would go to Stephanie Subject(Our sister) and a \$250.00 scholarship would go to a WWTC student. Please note that after further discussion by leadership after the meeting it was decided to push the WWTC scholarship to next year and increase Stephanie's scholarship to \$500.00.

***** Committee assignments were discussed and a copy of who is on what committee is added to the end of these notes. Members are asked to sign up for committees if they have not done so.

***** Jan gave a state convention update. Registration forms were handed out and members were encourage to sign up by the April 1 deadline. We are co-hosting this conference so PLEASE try to be there to help on Saturday if possible.

Carol and Mary gave a basket update. Our group will be contributing two baskets for the Saturday raffle. Thanks to Carol and Mary for making this happen. They will send with Jan on Friday night.

Jan reminded our group that Clair will be recognized at the necrology service at 4:00 on Saturday.

Jan reviewed our duties for the conventions. She reviewed that she will be handling the technical equipment requests duty that was assigned to our group and will need people from our group to be session introducers and timekeepers. She reviewed the sessions being offered and asked who would be attending and if they had a preference to work a specific session. She will assign those duties. Carol and Mary are creating a basket for the raffle and Jackie Meyer will be writing thank yous to the presenters. Thanks to all who are helping. Please remember to send in your registration and let Jan know if you can help that day.

*****Jan reminded that we are seeking a vice president and membership coordinator for our next bienieum. The nominating committee should be thinking about that.

*****Other business

Jan asked if a June meeting should be scheduled. One possibility could be a local winery. We could use that meeting as an opportunity to gather ideas for next years program. No decision made.

Mary brought the resource group of Woman in Power up as a possible resource to check out.

*****Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Keller

DKG Committees

Revised Febraury 2018 Sign up April 2018

The Nominating Committee

This Committee prior to the April meeting of an election year, shall present to the membership a slate of officers with one nominee per office to be elected for a two year term. Meetings will be scheduled by the chairperson for as many as needed in two years.

1. Jan Marson 2. Cyndy Schaper

The Membership Committee

This committee shall select new members for membership and present the candidates to the chapter for initiation. They are to encourage chapter members to invite women educators to join the membership and give the committee the names of people they feel would like to join DKG.

Membership forms shall be available at each meeting. This is an ongoing committee and will meet at the discretion of the chairperson.

1. Barb Albrechtson

2. Dottie Baumgartner

The Scholarship Committee

This committee shall inform the membership of internal and external scholarship opportunities and the recipients for each scholarship. They are to meet yearly at the chairperson's discretion. At this time we give one scholarship per year to graduating student at UWL, Viterbo or WWTC.

1. Joanne Zigler 2. Carol Egge 3. Connie Albrechtson 4. Jackie Meyer 5. Terri Daley Mack

The Program Committee

This committee shall plan the programs and the activities for the membership each year. Information must be turned in by August 15 each year to the corresponding secretary.

1. Louise Sedevie 2. Lois Holper 3. Marilyn Arndt 4. Karen Weigel 5. Carol Nelson-Britten

6. Mary Swingle

The Fundraising Committee

This committee shall present to the membership ideas and leadership for fundraising projects. Timeline is ongoing throughout each year and meetings will be scheduled by the chairperson. Current fundraisers include:

Holiday baskets/raffle; Clothes closet undie drive

1. Cyndy Schaper 2. Barb Albrechtson

The Service and Charity Committee

This committee shall select local charities that need our help. The committee shall make recommendations to the membership each year with their input and approval of membership. This committee disperses the funds. Timeline to be completed by March 1.

1. Marilyn Arndt 2. Lois Holper 3. Deb Keller 4. Janie Lundstrom 5. Joann Zigler

Communication Committee

Description to be determined.

(Include local website and communication to state and local DKG communication tools.)

1. Rox Fox 2. Deb Keller

