

DKG Alpha Omega Chapter Sigma State Minutes

December Meeting/Holiday Gathering

Manny's Restaurant, Onalaska, WI

December 6, 2017

DKG Website: <http://foxrox5r4601.wix.com/alpha-omega-chapter> (Webmaster: Roxanne Fox)
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.

Twenty-three DKG members and guests were present for the December meeting at Manny's Restaurant. A social hour and opportunity to view items available for the Chinese raffle started at 5:00 p.m. Donations of socks and underwear for elementary age children were collected for the Children's Clothes Closet at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The social hour was followed by a meeting, dinner, and the Chinese Raffle. The meeting was called to order by Deb Keller, president, at 6 p.m.

Secretary's Report: The DKG Alpha Omega Chapter Sigma State Minutes from the October 19th meeting at Schmidty's Bar and Grill were emailed to all members prior to the December meeting. No additions or corrections were made.

Treasurer's Report: Connie Albrechtson, treasurer, reported that the checking account has a balance of \$1,691.84, the Money Market has a balance of \$3,173.86, and there is \$5.00 in the savings account. Profits from the 50/50 raffle and the sale of Barb Albrechtson's cards were \$28.00 and \$25.00, respectively. A check for \$21.88 was given to Barb Albrechtson for supplies. \$30.00 was collected and sent to the La Crosse Education Foundation as a memorial for Karen Walsko.

Committee Reports:

Jan reported that the State Leadership Committee has a goal of maintaining ties to other chapters in Wisconsin. Chapters state-wide are revisiting the seven purposes at DKG meetings this year.

New Member Update: Barb Albrechtson reported that she invited 11 people to the December meeting. She received 5 responses.

Business:

Barb Albrechtson 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.

Jan Marson has contacted area school districts regarding the Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition for students. The La Crosse and Onalaska districts have declined. Jan has not received final decisions yet from Holmen and West Salem. She will contact the Home School Association to see if they are interested.

Plans for the February 13th meeting have been changed. Originally, the plan was to read submissions for the writing competition at the meeting. Due to the lack of interest of local districts, this plan has been canceled. Instead, Mary Dunn will give us a tour of the La Crosse Public Library, Main Branch, and will update us on what is new.

Deb Keller and Jan Marson led a discussion of some of the seven DKG purposes. Purpose #1 is "To unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship". We discussed what this means as a group. Thoughts included that we are united under a common purpose and we are trying to have our members share what they are committed to and passionate about. Purpose # 2 is "To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education". Our chapter provides a scholarship for education majors. We discussed possible ideas to support teachers at the beginning of the school year and also ways that we could support new teachers. Purpose #3 ("To advance the professional interest and position of women in education") was also discussed. Deb Keller is completing a 7 Purposes Reflection Form for our chapter.

Deb Keller thanked members for donating socks and underwear to the Children's Clothes Closet. She reported that the Children's Clothes Closet has provided clothing to approximately 700 children this year.

The next meeting will be on February 13, 2018, at the La Crosse Public Library (Main Branch).

Tickets were drawn for items in the Chinese raffle and members collected prizes at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."
- Margaret Mead

Minutes prepared by:

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Recording Secretary

