

Alpha Iota Chapter Meeting

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



October 7, 2017

Jonesboro United Methodist Church
142 South Main Street

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order	Cheryl Goff
Roll Call	Your favorite color
Inspiration	Debbie Bhanojirow
Initiation of New Members	Alpha Iota Officers
Officer Reports	Debra Anderson, Treasurer
	Kathy Acree, Secretary
	Martha Tolcher, Secretary
	Debbie Bhanojirow, Vice President
Old Business	MyDKG
	Literacy Project Committee Report
	Bylaws Committee
	Supporting Early Career Educators
	Deltahostel
New Business	State Executive Board Meeting
	Social Events
	Committees
	Chapter Meetings
Speaker	Patti Brown, Henry County Ferst Foundation
Work Session	MyDKG, Committee Meetings, Book Crates, Grants
Adjourn	Cheryl Goff
Lunch	Fajita Bar from Moe's Southwest Grill

Alpha Iota
Treasurer's Report

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Balance Forwarded	\$6,905.55
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Expenditures

May 6, 2017	Ck# 4175 Linda Holcomb	137.00
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Liberia -Student Tuition

September 24, 2017	Ck# 4176 Jonesboro UMC	100.00
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Sub – Total	\$6,668.55
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Deposits

September 25, 2017	Deposit	952.00
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Happy Jar 27.00

Dues 925.00

Balance	\$7,620.55
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ALPHA IOTA MINUTES

May 6, 2017

Present: Debra Anderson, Deborah Bhanjirow, Cheryl Goff, Linda Holcomb, Cathy Schreiber, Toni Smith, Cindy Thompson, Martha Tolcher.

We met outside on the porch of the restaurant as they were busy cleaning up from Cinco de Mayo celebrations. After the meeting, members went inside for lunch.

Cheryl opened with roll call by asking everyone to state their birthday. Our meeting then began with Mike Zaren from TRS. He gave us many statistics concerning TRS such as there are 230,000 active members. He also stated there is a serious shortage of teachers. Many do not stay in teaching (less than one half stay ten years; many leave after three or four years). The average retiree benefit monthly is 3200.13. The average age of retirees is 58 years old. Some retirees have gone back to teach. Some retirees have taught for over 40 years. There are 95 retirees that are 100 years old (only four are men). Mr. Zaren also explained about TRS money: 67% of assets are in stocks with the rest being in treasury bonds and notes. School systems now take out money for Medicare - at least the minimum. The GAE, GREA and Page are associations that watch legislation concerning retirement money. Mr. Zaren also mentioned Hunter Hill, a state senator from Smyrna who is not a friend to education. "New teachers need more support" was another statement from Mr. Zaren.

Cindy Thompson gave us our inspiration by reading the story *Thank You Mr. Falker* by Patricia Polacco. Debra Anderson then gave the treasurer's report. AI had \$6,791.30 as of February and we have \$6,905.55 as of May. Linda Holcomb asked if we wanted to continue contributing to support the teacher in Liberia. It was also mentioned that we voted to support the Stilwell student who is going to Australia. Debra also mentioned we have not given any scholarships lately.

Linda made a motion to accept minutes as amended and Cindy seconded. Linda also mentioned two bills in the U.S. House that are supposed to overturn two laws that would limit Social Security benefits. Toni Smith reported that NEA has been working on this for over ten years. It is Senate Bill 915 and House Bill 1205.

Deborah mentioned the clothes AI had collected in February. She had taken them to the Church of the Nazarene. She also had a picture of one of the ladies wearing one of the donated items.

In Old Business only three members have registered on "My DKG". Cheryl encouraged us to register. On May 18 we have the reveal party with our pen pals at 8:00am. Refreshments are needed. Martha and Cindy will contribute paper products. Cheryl also suggested a gift card for Ms. Knight, the teacher through whom we coordinated the pen pal program.

Reports came in about where book crates had been placed. The Reading Bowl celebration did not take place as nothing worked out. The Bylaws Committee has not yet met. Cheryl then reported on Psi State Convention in Athens.

AI needs diversity, younger members and we need leadership. It was suggested that we have either an open invitation, invite people you want to work with and have a tea with orientation concerning AI.

Cheryl mentioned speaking with Beverly Garner from Clayton State. AI could mentor new teachers through teacher program there and even help with a teacher bulletin board for the teacher preparation program. AI could also have a round table discussion with students.

AI is having a planning meeting on June 1. A brunch meeting was suggested with possibilities of us meeting at IHOP, Barnes and Noble or Atlanta Bread Company.

AI then adjourned as several members left and the others went to lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Acree

AI recording secretary