

Alpha Iota Chapter Meeting

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



December 2, 2017
Morrow United Methodist Church

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order	Cheryl Goff
Roll Call	Your favorite method of communication
Remembrance	Mrs. Agnes Fisher Beers
Initiation of New Members	Alpha Iota Officers
Officer Reports	Debra Anderson, Treasurer
	Martha Tolcher, Secretary
Old Business	MyDKG
	Literacy Project Committee Report
	Bylaws Committee
	Supporting Early Career Educators
	Deltahostel
New Business	Passing of Mrs. Witty
	Service Projects
	Social Events
	Chapter Meetings & Election of Officers
Program	Birthday Card Workshop by Cindy Thompson
	Silent Auction
Adjourn	Cheryl Goff
Lunch	Holiday Meal by Dawn Carter

Alpha Iota
Treasurer's Report

December 2, 2017

Balance Forwarded	\$7,620.55
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Expenditures

October 7, 2017	Ck# 4177 Martha Tolcher	9.80
	Stamps	
October 7, 2017	Ck# 4178 Morrow UMC	200.00
	12/2/2017 and 2/3/2018 fees	
October 7, 2017	Ck# 4179 Moe's Southwest Grill	183.60
October 31, 2017	Ck# 4180 Sacred Journey Hospice	25.00
	In memory of Ms. Agnes Fisher	
October 31, 2017	Ck# 4181 Ferst Foundation of Henry Co.	180.00
	Sponsor-One Child	
October 31, 2017	Ck# 4182 DKG	100.00
	Delta Hostel	
November, 10, 2017	Ck# 4183 DKG - Dues	1,276.80

<u>Sub - Total</u>	\$5,645.35
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Deposits

October 11, 2017	Deposit	709.00
	Happy Jar 23.00	
	Dues 425.00	
	Prepaid Meals 261.00	
November 13, 2017	Deposit dues/meal	62.00

<u>Balance</u>	\$6,416.35
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ALPHA IOTA MINUTES

October 7, 2017

President Cheryl Goff called the meeting to order and proceeded with roll call. Those present: Debra Anderson, Angela Windisch, Lynn Vidikis, Anita Thomaston, Janet Thomaston, Bonnie Strohm, Cathy Schreiber, Martha Tolcher, Cindy Thompson, Deborah Bhanjirow, Maureen Keillor, Leslie Pratschler. Each answered with the name of their favorite color. Toni Daniel is moving into a new home; Toni Smith is also moving.

The speaker for this meeting was Patty Brown who lives in McDonough and owns a Serve Pro Company in Clayton since 1999. She is a member of McDonough Presbyterian and is part of the Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy. Mrs. Brown gave AI some background on the Ferst Foundation. It was founded in 1999 by Robin Ferst who after retiring had an "AHA" moment. She knew company owners were looking for literate employees. She began an organization with some research and connected with Dolly Parton. Ms. Parton has a reading/literacy program in Sevier County, Tennessee entitled Dolly's Imaginary Library. In this program there are different books for each age level. Ferst eventually broke away and got books for every child in her county. People heard about her endeavors. In 2007, Henry County began a Ferst Foundation with every penny raised for this organization staying in their county. Each chapter keeps its own money. The mission statement of this foundation is to improve childhood literacy in Henry County by providing free books to all preschool children. Ms. Brown spoke about the word gap between three year olds. Three year olds should know 1100 words, but those in low income only have a vocabulary of around 500 words. Henry County's Ferst Foundation wanted to close the gap. At birth children should have books read to them to begin building vocabulary. If you cannot read on grade level by third grade, a student is more likely to drop out by high school. Those who can't read in school are frustrated, act out because they feel it is better to be bad than stupid. The first step is to get books in the hands of preschoolers. Ms. Brown also mentioned how the monetary crash of 2008-2009 hurt their program. It is now recovering from that crash. Ferst Foundation has a committee to pick appropriate books including looking for Georgia authors. This organization wants children to love getting a book every month and has sent out over 141,000 books. It is a hundred percent volunteer organization. There is a luncheon in the spring with tables to host costing \$350.00. A book is picked and the table decorated according to the book. There is also a talent show hosted by Ferst Foundation to raise money. Ms. Brown stated it takes time to put an organization together with volunteers and businesses to support their efforts including getting the school superintendent involved. It cost \$180 for 1 child for five years. It also helps to get the libraries involved.

Deborah Bhanjirow gave the inspiration for the meeting telling AI members about the way we look at the world. She had each of us give thanks to the person on our right and then read a poem entitled "Go Not to the Temple".

Debra Anderson gave the Treasurer's report. AI had \$6,905.55 with \$137.00 expenses (student tuition in Liberia) and \$100 to Jonesboro United Methodist Church for meeting in their facilities. Deposits were \$952.00 with \$27 coming from the Happy Jar and \$925.00 from dues. AI has a balance of \$7620.55.

The caterer for the December meeting will have a traditional menu. It will cost \$13.00 for today's lunch and \$25 for both today and December's meal.

There was a new member tea on September 10 at Anita Thomaston's home as well as a planning meeting. At the tea there were four new potential members present. Minutes were voted on as corrected with Bonnie Strohm making that motion and Anita Thomaston seconding. Deborah Bhanjirow reported on the clothing drive and where shoes and clothes were distributed.

In Old Business, Cheryl discussed going into "My DKG" to check reports. The password is DKG2014society. It is the way the state, national and international societies connect with us. The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl is November 4 at Kendrick Middle with set up on Friday, November 3. Literary book crates are working well if in a doctor's office. You can choose a pen pal for that project today. May 15 is the reveal party. Parents were contacted and gave permission this year. Anita and Catherine have emailed regarding by law changes. Cheryl made contact with Beverly Garner in regards to supporting early educators. However, Beverly never completed connections so Cheryl asked for a volunteer to coordinate with Beverly Garner. AI could have a round table discussion with these beginning educators as well as helping with a bulletin board. Cindy Thompson volunteered as a contact source for Ms. Garner and maybe even having her as a speaker at AI. Angela remarked that bulletin boards are not as important today as in years past.

Cheryl stated that she had given up the Delta Hostel idea until she went to the state meeting. Delta Hostel occurs every other year in March. Cheryl went to a hotel meeting to get prices. The lowest price for a bus tour of Jonesboro is around \$400.00. Would a church lend AI their bus? A speaker for Friday night would be needed. The dates are March 16 - 18 for the Delta Hostel. A "goodie bag" for those attendees also needs to be organized.

In New Business the state board meeting was in September. Cheryl, Deborah and Debra attended and each one reported on the meeting they attended. A few AI members met at Bay Breeze for a social event. Cheryl mentioned AI needs someone to coordinate social events. Committees were named: Literary - Cindy, Martha and Cheryl; Nominations Committee - Cheryl, Martha, Cathy and Finance - Debra, Laura and Kathy; By laws - Anita, Cathy and Lynn; Town Meeting - Toni Smith, Anita and Cheryl. These should be on our Google document.

On December 2 the AI meeting will host the silent auction and Cindy Thompson will help members make cards. The February meeting will be in Morrow. AI hopes to obtain Beverly Garner and we will donate books and clothing. It will be a soup and salad potluck. The May meeting will be breakfast at Golden Corral and the speaker will be from Arts Clayton with officer's initiation taking place.

Anita Thomaston moved that AI donate to the Ferst Foundation. There was a discussion regarding how many children to sponsor and if we should sponsor a table. Bonnie moved to sponsor one child for five years and for our chapter to sponsor a table. Cindy seconded. Bonnie amended the motion to sponsor two children and Cathy seconded. Bonnie then moved we sponsor a table with individual DKG members. Both motions carried. Cathy moved we donate \$100 to Delta Hostel. Debra seconded and the motion carried. Cheryl reminded us of several things: sign up on My DKG, cards to sign, the Happy Jar was sent around and door prizes awarded. Two new members to AI were initiated as well: Janet Thomaston and Maureen Keillor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Acree
AI recording secretary

