

Alpha Iota Chapter Meeting

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



February 17, 2018
Morrow United Methodist Church

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order	Cheryl Goff, President
Roll Call	The best concert you've ever attended
Inspiration	Angela Windisch
Officer Reports	Debbie Bhanojirow, Treasurer's Report Martha Tolcher, Secretary Cathy Schreiber, December Minutes
Old Business	Silent Auction Item Bylaws Update Literacy Project Committee Report Supporting Early Career Educators Deltahostel
New Business	Leadership Institute Leadership Conference Service Projects Election of Officers Committees
Program	Birthday Card Workshop by Cindy Thompson Premier Designs Jewelry Fundraiser
Adjourn	Cheryl Goff
Lunch	Soup & Salad Pot Luck

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Treasurer's Report

February 17, 2018

Balance Forwarded	\$6,416.35
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Expenditures

December 2, 2017	check #4184	Martha Tolcher	9.80
		Stamps	

December 2, 2017	check #4185	Dawn Carter	260.00
		catered lunch	

<u>Sub – Total</u>	\$6,146.55
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Deposits

October 11, 2017	Deposit	656.00
	Happy Jar	46.00
	Dues	200.00
	Initiation fee	10.00
	Silent Auction	257.00
	Lunch	143.00

<u>Balance</u>	\$6,802.55
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ALPHA IOTA MINUTES

December 2, 2017

The December meeting of the Alpha Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was held on December 2, 2017 at the Morrow United Methodist Church. While enjoying a delicious brunch, the items for our Silent Auction, benefitting the Scholarship Fund were arranged and the bidding began. Also during this time, member birthday cards, as well as cards to our absent and reserve members were signed.

The meeting was called to order and the Roll Call was answered by everyone responding with their favorite form of communication. During the Roll Call, the reasons for some member absences were also noted. Deborah Bahnojirow was seeing her daughter off to India. Linda Holcomb, Maureen Keillor, and Benita Moore were attending to family commitments or other gatherings. Lynn Vidiksis, Kathy Acree, and Angela Windisch were out of town visiting friends and family.

We were pleased to have several visitors joining us for this meeting. Carol Bentley brought Susan Correia and Karen Burns. Anita was accompanied by her granddaughter, the delightful Stella Howe. Bonnie Strohm and Janet Thomason introduced their friends Janice Lockhart and Lori Hamilton.

A Ceremony of Remembrance was held for Agnes Fisher Beers (May 10, 1914 –October 20, 2017). She was a charter member of Alpha Iota since May 2, 1953. She was an amazing woman, who after retiring from a career in education became a master gardener at the age of 90. Her obituary was read and we commemorated her passing with our traditional flower, the rose.

Next, we conducted Initiation for Carol Bentley and Shirley Hanner and welcomed them into the fellowship of Alpha Iota. After signing the membership book, and lighting their candle, they were each presented with a red rose.

Debra Anderson presented the Treasurer's Report which shows that we began with a balance of \$ 7,620.55 and detailed approved expenditures, leaving us with a balance of \$ 6,416.35. Alpha Iota Corresponding Secretary, Martha Tolcher read a thank-you note that was received from Sacred Journey Hospice for our donation of \$25 in memory of Agnes Fisher Beers. We also received a thank you from the state treasurer for being a sponsoring chapter of Delta Hostel and for our donation of \$100.

As we began discussing old business, we were reminded to sign up for "My DKG." President, Cheryl Goff will call headquarters to check on membership numbers for our new members, so they can access the site.

The Literacy Committee reported on the first ever Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl for younger students who read picture books. Carol Bentley and Leslie Pratschler were volunteers on November 4th and were impressed by the knowledge and enthusiasm of the young participants. The Clayton County superintendent was even present! Members were encouraged to sign up to help with the Elementary and Middle School Reading Bowls which will be held January 27th. Bonnie Strohm asked for more information about Reading Bowls for those who were not familiar with the competition. It was explained that students as a team, read 20 Georgia Book Award books and then compete with other teams in a quiz bowl format to answer objective questions. Volunteer opportunities include being a moderator, a score keeper, a timekeeper, or a buzzer operator, as

well as helping with hospitality for the teams and their parents. Cheryl Goff and Cindy Thompson discussed the possibility of hosting a celebration for the winning teams and inviting an author or illustrator.

In other old business, the Pen Pal project is going well. Please send any letters to Linda Holcomb and she will make sure they are delivered. The Bylaws committee has finished the update. Plans on the collaborative project with Clayton State for Supporting Early Career Educators are on hold pending further discussions with Beverly Garner from Clayton State.

Cheryl Goff shared the exciting plans for Delta Hostel which will take place on March 16th – 18th here in Clayton County. Various members congratulated Cheryl for organizing the Delta Hostel – a first for our chapter. Those attending will be treated to a “Gone with the Wind Tour,” a tour of the Georgia Archives, a Spivey Hall concert, wonderful speakers, and fabulous food. Cheryl encouraged us to register for all or part of the event, either on-line or with a paper registration which will be e-mailed to us. Obviously, there will also be a need for volunteers, because we are a sponsoring chapter. A list of volunteer opportunities will be e-mailed to us soon. Since we will be hosting a dinner at the Morrow United Methodist Church, Cheryl mentioned the possibility of buying round table cloths. Laura Michelle Woods made a motion that we purchase 12 round table cloths for \$10 or less. The motion was seconded by Shirley Hanner and approved by a majority vote.

As we began our new business, the passing of Mrs. Francis Elizabeth (Betty) Dunning Witty (1-16-1927 – 10-28-2017) was noted. A former Jackson, Georgia resident, Mrs. Witty is the mother of our Premier Jewelry fundraiser representative, Caroline Soto.

Our service project for this month was to bring individually packaged food items for “Nothing But the Truth” which provides food for 80 needy students in four elementary schools in Clayton County. The students are identified by school counselors and the food is sent home in backpacks on Fridays, ensuring that these students will have food for the week-end. Additionally, this organization provides other services, such as cookouts, homework assistance, crafts and games in a facility called “Truth’s Place” at the Keystone Apartments in Jonesboro. We also brought books to contribute to our on-going project to help supply classroom libraries. In addition, the “Happy Jar” was passed around and everyone making contributions for the schools in Liberia told of thankfulness for family, friends, and sister-hood.

Next, we discussed chapter social events. Cheryl Goff and Leslie Pratschler attended the “Day of the Dead” at the Atlanta History Center and extolled the beauty of participating in different cultural celebrations. Anita Thomaston and Cheryl Goff were present for an author’s visit at a local church. Christopher Paul Curtis, who was the first African American to win the Newberry Award with his book, “Bud, Not Buddy” explained the writing process and inspired children to follow their dreams.

Election of officers for the new biennium is upcoming and members were asked to volunteer for the nominating committee. Bonnie Strohm, Cathy Schreiber, and Toni Smith volunteered to serve.

The meeting was adjourned to place final bids in the Silent Auction, award Door Prizes, and enjoy a sumptuous traditional holiday meal catered by Dawn Carter.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Schreiber, Recording Secretary pro-tem