

ALPHA IOTA MINUTES

April 25, 2015

Present: Anita Thomaston, Linda Holcomb, Laura Michelle Wood, Cheryl Goff, Deborah Bhanojirow, Cathy Schreiber, Bonnie Strohm, Leslie Pratschler, Martha Tolcher, Cindy Thompson

Absentees: Mary Ruth Boman has out of town guests; Virginia Hasty at a reunion with friends from high school; Benita Moore has a previous commitment; Angela Windisch had a death in the family; Linda Vidiksis traveling

1. Thank you to Cheryl Goff for table decorations.
2. It was mentioned that members need to train themselves to look at the website/email a month before the meeting. It was also suggested that a postcard be sent out as a reminder.
3. Suggestion: go to dinner together during the day. Several places were mentioned as getting together with another culture.
4. Inspiration by Kathy Acree on thankfulness.
5. For summer planning – meet at central location and go to Bonnie Strohm's home in Newnan on June 23.
6. Minutes – corrected on Candice Jester's name. Leslie made a motion to accept minutes as corrected; Bonnie seconded and vote was made and passed.
7. Discussion on testing in schools. Comments: paper and pencil testing different than on a computer. Do all students have keyboarding skills?
8. Old Business: a) Anita and Debra are to pick out jewelry for Merry Greenwood to recognize her for service as treasurer to Alpha Iota. Anita also moved to send a music box to Merry. Cindy seconded and motion passed.
b) Cookbook – Linda sent items to Cheryl but inspirational stories are still needed. Cheryl sent emails to Boards of Education in Clayton, Henry mayors, television personalities for original anecdotes and poems.

9. New Business

a) State conference – Cheryl Goff presentation on Delta Kappa Gamma – its mission:

1. Promotes personal and professional growth
2. Leads women educators to impact education worldwide
3. Impacts members and therefore, impacts the community
4. Has seven purposes
5. Founders: Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and eleven other educators in Austin, Texas in 1929
6. Gives scholarships and grants each year
7. Has five different regions in the world with 79 states/countries and over 2,000 chapters
8. has a professional journal and a bulletin of DKG news – Georgia has Psi State news on its website
9. DKG also has insurance programs, emergency funds, a speakers' list and project grants
10. Overall, membership has declined – discussion concerning decline
11. Alpha Iota received an award for website

10. Have a tea in August at Cindy Thompson's to invite potential new AI members.

It was mentioned to have a backup plan for this.

11. Anita made a motion to pay for those going to leadership training in June.
Bonnie seconded and motion passed.

12. Meeting adjourned with lunch. Next meeting is September 26.

