

ALPHA IOTA MINUTES
September 26, 2015

Present: Kathy Acree, Mary Ruth Boman, Cathy Schreiber, Bonnie Strohm, Anita Thomaston, Cindy Thompson, Laura Michelle Wood with visitors Allaenna Williams and Jennifer Sanders. Debra Anderson, Deborah Bhanjirow and Cheryl Goff were at the state meeting in Macon.

Kathy Acree gave the inspiration and Anita Thomaston played the piano of an old hymn: Bless Be the Tie. Cindy Thompson took pictures of the meeting for the website.

At roll call, Anita had cards to send to absentees: Vance Wallace in China, Martha Tolcher had another event, Virginia Hasty emailed that she would not be present, Linda Holcomb was on a mission trip and Angela Windisch was still clearing out parents' home. Cards were passed to members to write notes and include minutes of meeting as well as treasurer's report. It was noted that December 5 was the next meeting.

Cathy Schreiber made a motion and Anita Thomaston seconded that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion passed. Those present also looked at minutes from the summer planning meeting. Cindy Thompson made a motion to change our fall meeting to the second Saturday in October. That would be October 8. A discussion occurred about increasing dues to \$110.00 from planning meeting due to need to cover increased church expenses and lunches. Dues can be paid in two installments. A motion was made to accept planning minutes as corrected by Kathy Acree. Bonnie Strohm seconded and motion passed.

Under old business, it was planned that as many as the group that can meet at Jonesboro First Baptist for their Christmas program and then go out to dinner after the program or meet at Olive Garden in Morrow for lunch and then go to program. Anita Thomaston will call for reservations. It was also pointed out that we need to contact Linda Holcomb regarding a check for scholarship fund to Liberia missions.

December 5 will be our silent auction and February 6 will be a joint meeting with the other Clayton DKG chapter.

Under new business, Cathy Schreiber made a motion to increase dues as noted in summer planning meeting; Anita Thomaston seconded and motion passed.

Laura Michelle Wood showed certificate from attending the Leadership Conference in Macon.

Deborah Bhanjirow and Cheryl also attended. The state's theme this biennium is "Impacting Members, Impacting Communities". Laura Michelle also reminded members of scholarships available from DKG.

It was noted that Deborah Bhanjirow's mother had passed away this summer in India. Deborah never received permission from immigration to go to India. Cindy Thompson suggested Alpha Iota do something in memory of Deborah's mother. Anita Thomaston made a motion to make a donation in memory of Deborah's mother to First Baptist Jonesboro. Bonnie Strohm seconded and the motion passed.

Our program was presented by Jennifer Sanders, an Instructional Support Teacher from Fulton County. Jennifer is married and has a son who is a senior at Tuskegee in Alabama. Jennifer has been a special education teacher and a speech therapist. Her topic was on "Inclusion in the Classroom". Mrs. Sanders services two elementary schools and is a liaison between schools and the central office. She stated parents are very aware about rights concerning special education. It is a team decision concerning doing what is best for the student. Special education students should be in as many regular education classes including music, art, physical education and field trips. Jennifer described and defined inclusion and its benefits in her power point presentation. An atmosphere of respect should be implemented for these special education students. Data has to be studied to determine environment of "least restriction". This is according to federal law. An effort is made concerning inclusion to collaborative to co-teaching with special education. She offered points on structuring lessons for these students in her presentation and then took questions afterwards. Cathy Schreiber presented an honorarium to Mrs. Sanders after her program.

Alpha Iota will induct Allaenna Williams at the December meeting. After prayer by Bonnie Strohm, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.