



Alpha Iota

May 4, 2019

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Roll Call** – What artistic ability do you possess?

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. **Program:** Arts Clayton Art Gallery

10:45 **Business Meeting**

Officer Reports:

Treasurer	Debra Anderson
Secretary	Martha Tolcher
Vice President	Deborah Bhanojirow
President	Cheryl Goff

Business:

Nothing But the Truth (Guest)
Ferst Luncheon
Pen Pal Reveal Parties
Joint Meeting (Arolue Flemmen, Gamma Alpha)
Planning Meeting
Prospective Member Event
Nominations Committee
Dues Drawing
Other

Service Project: Donation for Nothing But the Truth

Lunch by The Fig Tree Cafe: Order from the menu



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

Alpha Iota Delta Kappa Gamma
Chapter Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2019

Members and guests visited during the Brunch period. Carolyn Soto set up her jewelry display from Premier Designs. Missions are supported in 67 countries by this group.

President Cheryl Goff called the meeting to order and had special guests introduce themselves;

Virginia McChesney, state DKG president

Shar'ronW. Russell, speaker from Georgia Power Company

Shaun Eller-retired ESOL teacher

Ardlue Flemmen Prater from Gamma Alpha, Henry County. We are all invited to their meeting on March 16th at 10:30 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Stockbridge followed by lunch at O'Charley's. The speaker is Dr. Ruth Baskerville.

Latonja Wright-Media Specialist at Jonesboro Middle School, author of *You Are Amazing, Remember That*

Elaine Kilgore-retired ESOL teacher

Virginia McChesney talked about the origins of the Delta Kappa Gamma song. Annie Ruth Blanton and Cora M. Martin spent a lot of time and put a lot of thought into the words of this song. At the time, it was illegal for women to organize and have meetings unless they were social events. We joined hands and sang together.

Linda Holcomb shared about our project to help students in Liberia. We sponsor two students each year for their schooling. Schools have come back into session since the Ebola epidemic.

Cheryl started the Happy Jar around for members to share wonderful events and tell what they would do if no harm could come to you in the next 24 hours.

Officer Reports

Cathy Schreiber moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report and Minutes from December as written, seconded by Cindy Thompson. These reports were approved. Debra shared that our last check to Liberia was in 2017 and that we have approximately \$160 dollars from our Happy Jar fund. This will be given to Linda Holcomb today to send to Liberia.

Dues for the next biennium are due on or before May 4th. Cheryl has set up a PayPal account (no fee) for our group (alphaiotaga@gmail.com). This will give us some flexibility about money. Dues will be \$100 which includes two meals. Send money to Debra Anderson, 11844 Markham Way, Hampton 30228.

Be sure to sign Virginia's notebook. The DKG Fine Arts Gallery is taking submissions, including photography, drawing, artwork, crafts, etc. It is easy to submit your creative work.

Celebration of Champions

This event will be on **Monday, February 4th** and is sponsored by our group. Winning teams from the Clayton County Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl are invited to hear Deron Hicks who wrote *The Van Gogh*

Deception. Much assistance is needed with this event—please sign up and come help! There are a variety of jobs to be done. **Be there at 5:00 please**. We are providing Reading pins to each student on the winning teams. Winning teams were from Callaway Elementary, Elite Scholars Academy and Jonesboro High School. The Regional Competition is on February 9th at Clayton State University. See Cheryl for details.

Ferst Foundation Spring Luncheon will be on **March 20th**. Tickets are \$35.00 each and we need to sell 10 tickets. A committee is needed to decorate our table. Last year we did *Pete the Cat* and it was in the newspaper. Anita, Cindy and Bonnie will help with this. We are also sponsoring three children (\$108). Ten tickets: Bonnie (3), Cindy and Randall, Cheryl, Anita (2) and Janet. One more is available.

Online Directory (My DKG) We need to go on-line and update our information (My Participation tab—can add yourself to the statewide online directory which is private). Password dkg2014 society, use your membership number to sign in. Everyone needs to do their Member Profiles.

State Convention—April 26-28 at Jekyll Island. Program Ads are being sold for this program. Cheryl proposed purchase of an ad in honor of our members with 50+ years in the organization, Jeannette Serbin, Virginia Hasty and Joyce Sorrell. Bonnie moved that we purchase a one-page ad, seconded by Vance Wallace and approved by the membership. Cheryl will be inducted as the statewide Recording Secretary and Treasurers are encouraged to come to learn about new procedures concerning dues. Registration and two meals costs \$170. Cathy Schreiber moved for us to pay the expenses for Cheryl and Debra to attend the Statewide Convention including registration and hotel, seconded by Vance Wallace, approved unanimously.

May 4th Chapter Meeting—plans must be adjusted. The planned speaker is Sonia Davis, the Homeless Coordinator for Clayton County Public Schools. The meeting could be here at Morrow Methodist. Farm House Catering has been proposed, and Laura Michelle Woods said the food is excellent. She also talked about a possible meeting at Southern Belle Farms where there is strawberry picking, etc. It is on Turner Church Road in McDonough. Cheryl will contact them about having the meeting there. Bring your summer schedule to the May meeting so a date for summer planning can be chosen.

Other Business: Linda Holcomb shared that AARP will complete tax returns at no charge. She is happy to give you more information. Kathy Acree shared that Susan Croft (CCREA President) said that the legislature is once again trying to make changes to our TRS retirement funds. They want to reduce what the state pays into TRS and change the COLA. Be sure to contact your legislators. Virginia McChesney shared that DKG representatives will be speaking at the Capitol on February 18th.

Service Project—items were brought by members (cleaning supplies, etc.) to donate to Calvary Refuge Center in Forest Park. Cheryl said she'll take the items.

Guest Speaker: Shar'ron Russell, Customer Choice-Business Development & Project Manager at Georgia Power Company provided a Metro South Update, focusing on Clayton County. She is here on behalf of Lisa Smith, Regional Manager (office on Smith Street), who is working with Super Bowl preparations. Ms. Russell loved math and science in school and has her degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. She has worked in a variety of jobs at both Alabama and Georgia Power Companies. As educators, we are encouraged to motivate students and help them have a vision for the future. Our local Metro South area has many positive facets, including the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, great transportation infrastructure (roads and railroads), Clayton State University and Atlanta Area Technical School. Georgia Power wants to build strong community-business relationships in a collaborative way. The Airport Aerotropolis Atlanta is

working on business development near the airport, including the Mountain View area. Stay in touch with your local legislators to influence positive change since a strong partnership is needed between the community and legislators. Great things are being done in Clayton County, and they need to be shared. Georgia Power Company goes into schools as a part of career education with “The Learning Power Program”. enhancing STEM activities for over 600,000 students across the state. Contact Education Coordinator for Clayton County, Tosha Morell, for more information (tmmorell@southernco.com or 770-603-5378). There are many careers possible through Georgia Power, and they support Career Academies. Ms. Russell encourages us to participate in the Principal Partners Day hosted by the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce (October 2019) and Smith with any concerns or ideas at any time.

Virginia McChesney gave this blessing:

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry,
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless,
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency,
Bestir my compassion, and help me to be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen -Samuel F. Pugh

Members shared a potluck soup/salad luncheon. Door prizes were won by: Vance, Linda, Cheryl, Martha, Cindy, Debra, Elaine, Anita, and Shaun.

Virginia McChesney talked about the need for volunteering and leadership in our local chapter. This year two chapters may be dissolved statewide. Cheryl asked us to think about our schools and communities for possible DKG candidates.

Important Dates: May 21st Pen Pal Reveal

Fall meetings: September 7 and November 2

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Thomaston

Anita L Thomaston, Recording Secretary

Alpha Iota
Treasurer's Report

May 4, 2019

Balance Forwarded \$6,529.81

Expenditures

February 5, 2019 ck# 4192 - Maureen Keilor - PenPal Party - drinks	26.95
February 2, 2019 ck# 4197 Cynthia Thompson	491.89
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February 2, 2019 ck# 4198 - Ferst Foundation - luncheon	350.00
Feb. 2, 2019 ck# 4199 - Linda Holcomb - Liberia Student Tuition	215.00
Feb. 13, 2019 ck# 4200 - DKG PSI State - registration state convention	340.00
March 3, 2019 ck# 4201 - Ga. State Organization convention— Program Ad	50.00
Feb. 18, 2019 ck# 4204 - Cindy Thompson - Decoration table -Ferst Foundation	160.67
April 25, 2019 ck# 4205 - SBG Foundation - Mock Trial	100.00
April 27, 2019 ck# 4207 - Cheryl Goff - State convention hotel fees	455.76
April 27, 2019 ck# 4208 - Debra Anderson - State convention hotel fees less dues	355.76

Sub-Total \$3,983.78

Deposits

Feb 11, 2019	Happy Jar 54.78	Total	459.78
	Dues 300.00		
	Ferst Foundation - meals 105.00		
Fen. 19, 2019	Dues 200 - Ferst Foundation 105 - lunch		305.00
Feb. 22, 2019	Dues		24.00
March 1, 2019	Caroline Soto		130.00
March 13, 2019	Boylston Grant		120.00
March 14, 2019	Dues 48.00 Ferst Foundation lunch 35.00		83.00
April 24, 2019	Dues		124.00
Paypal			24.00

Balance \$5,253.56