



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMATM

Georgia State Organization, Alpha Iota Chapter

Alpha Iota Chapter Meeting

September 12, 2020

10:00 am

Welcome - Cheryl Goff

Guests and Roll Call - One good thing to come out of COVID-19

Introduction of speaker - Anita Thomaston

Speaker - Senator Gail Davenport

Inspiration - Martha Tolcher

Induction of Officers - Kathy Acree

Reports

Business - GSO Executive Board and Membership Meeting -Cheryl Goff

Ferst Foundation Luncheon - Cindy Thompson

November Chapter Meeting - Anita Thomaston

February Chapter Meeting - Tonia Lindsey

Power of Sisterhood Luncheon - Cheryl Goff

Fundraisers - Elaine Kilgore

Service Project - Helping Members - Cheryl Goff

Announcements - DKG International

Membership

Fine Arts Gallery

Socialize & Adjourn





Joint Meeting: Alpha Iota, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Psi

February 1, 2020

This Delta Kappa Gamma meeting was held at the Fellowship Hall of Morrow First United Methodist Church. Members and guests visited during the brunch period and were able to peruse the many beautiful jewelry items displayed by Caroline Soto of Premier Designs Jewelry (fundraiser for chapter projects). Table décor by Debra Davis, Cheryl Goff and Anita Thomaston.

Welcome: The February joint biannual meeting was called to order by Presidents Joanne Maples (Gamma Alpha), Cheryl Goff (Alpha Iota) and Heather Haygood (Gamma Psi). They each shared information about their chapters.

Introductions of Special Guests: We are glad to have visiting today: Vicki Capel, Membership Chair (District III Beta Gamma), who had members share why they joined DKG and why they are still members of DKG. We also heard from Wanda Renfroe, GSO Scholarship Committee (scholarship applications due every February 1st), Lynda Woodall (District III Director), Gail Springstead, GSO Executive Secretary and past GSO President, Marie Boatright, GSO 2nd Vice President (Alpha), and Missy Collins, GSO 1st Vice President (Alpha Omega). Everyone shared about their positive DKG experiences through the years. Our Georgia State Organization President, Dr. Kathy Brown, a Band Director from Newnan, shared about the importance of traditions along with adjusting to the future.

Inspiration: Anita Thomaston, Recording Secretary of Alpha Iota, shared “Growing Up or Growing Old” and led the group in singing “The Rose” by Amanda McBroom.

Business: Joint Project-Summer Music Camp for students (grades 4-7) to attend at Spivey Hall (\$135 per student). Alpha Iota and Gamma Alpha are working on this project for children served by Nothing But the Truth through First Baptist Church of Jonesboro which will provide transportation and lunches (NBTT provides food for children on the weekends and in the summer). The jewelry fundraiser will help with this project and all donations are accepted. Dr. Helen Brown of Gamma Alpha talked about how helping students in this way can help keep them in school.

If you want to order name tags from Missy Collins, see Debra Davis from Alpha Iota who will coordinate this order.

Induction of New Members: Our State Officers (Kathy, Gail, Lynda and Missy) conducted the ceremony for Tanya Telfair, Tonya Lindsey, and Janice Arcuria, new members of Alpha Iota.

Guest Speaker-Melanie Darby, Education Manager, Spivey Hall, was introduced by Joanne Maples. Darby previously worked with the young musicians of the Atlanta Symphony and now oversees excellent activities at Spivey Hall in Morrow. She shared about their programming for students from 19 metro -Atlanta counties including over 50 performances for all ages, pre-school through adult, each year. There are also workshops and master classes. Local artists and musicians are featured. Summer music camps at Clayton State University inspire students through music. This is the 25th year of the Spivey Hall Children's Choir. Tours about the site and the organ are also available. There are many opportunities for volunteering as well.

The **Delta Kappa Gamma Song** was sung by our sisterhood along with music by Joanne Maples, Debbie Durden and Anita Thomaston.

Chapter Meeting

Alpha Iota Members present: Cheryl Goff, Anita Thomaston, Janet Thomaston, Bonnie Stroh, Deborah Bhanjirow, Martha Tolcher, Elaine Kilgore, Debra Davis, Terdra Brooks, Maureen Keillor, Cindy Thompson, Linda Holcomb, Tanya Telfair, Tonya Lindsey, Janice Arcuria, Debra Anderson, Kathy Acree, Vance Wallace

Dr. Stacy Black's husband is in the hospital.

Summer Music Camp: We need to decide how many students we will sponsor for Spivey Hall. The World Music Festival was cancelled, so the summer music camp is our only option. The cost is \$135 per student. So far we've raised about \$600. At the Power of Sisterhood Luncheon in May Cindy Thompson will oversee jewelry sales for Caroline Soto. Vance moved that we sponsor five students, Debbie B. seconded, unanimously passed. Tanya Telfair will sponsor an additional student.

Ferst Foundation Luncheon April 16th \$35.00 per person. Cindy is interested in decorating with a library theme along with Bonnie. Anyone who would like to help is welcome to talk with them. CCREA is sending \$100 to the Ferst Foundation. We

need 10 people to buy tickets, and our chapter also sponsors two children. Tanya Telfair will donate some copies of her children's book. Currently there are three seats available.

Pen Pal party May 19th at Kendrick Middle School with 8th graders to reveal their pen pals. Volunteers are needed for breakfast and lunch. Debra Davis and Linda Holcomb have stepped in to help with writing.

Alpha Iota Account: Someone wrote three fraudulent checks on our Wells Fargo account, but our \$2000 has been returned to our account promptly. It was an on-line breach. Debra Anderson and Cheryl have been dealing with this situation, and we now have a new account and the old account is closed.

Treasurer's Reports and Minutes were reviewed. Kathy Acree moved to accept the minutes and Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Terdra Brooks, accepted unanimously.

Officer Election: We need to elect officers for the next biennium so they can attend training this spring. Maureen has volunteered to be a vice president, Cheryl Goff treasurer, Cindy Corresponding secretary, Anita recording secretary, Bonnie parliamentarian, Vice president-Elaine, but we still need a president. Kathy Brown suggested having a co-president with Cheryl since the other option is dissolving the chapter. Maureen Keillor volunteered to co-president with Cheryl. Someone needs to attend Executive Board meetings (April and September), fill out reports including necrology and history, and have a new slate of officers. Kathy Acree said she'll be a vice president in Maureen's place. Tonya Lindsey volunteered to be the treasurer since Debra Anderson will mentor her. It is wonderful that we have new members willing to step into leadership positions.

- Chapter Co-Presidents: Cheryl Goff, Maureen Keillor
- Vice President: Elaine Kilgore and Tanya Telfair
- Treasurer: Tonya Lindsey
- Secretaries: Anita Thomaston, Cindy Thompson
- Parliamentarian: Bonnie Strohm

A BIG thank you to all who volunteered to help lead our chapter!

Bonnie moves that our chapter pay for fees, lunch and a hotel room for the spring Leadership luncheon, Kathy Acree seconded, passed unanimously. Cheryl will be driving right after school on Friday and you're welcome to ride with her.

May 2nd meeting will be the ***Power of Sisterhood Luncheon*** at the Magnolia House in Jonesboro. All are invited and Tanya Telfair will be our speaker. Lunch cost is \$20 and needs to be paid by TBA. Dues are also due before the May meeting to stay \$100, motion by Debra Anderson, seconded by Deborah Bhanjirow, unanimously approved.

- **Send dues to Debra Anderson, 11844 Markham Way, Hampton, GA 30228 prior to the May meeting**

Cheryl will send us the complete address list and we are advised to save it on our phones.

Announcements

February 26th: **Day at the Capitol** 9:00 am where educators speak to legislators about educational concerns.

Delta Hostel:

- March 7-8 Mini-Hostel Okefenokee Sunset Boat Tour and low country boil, tour nature center for an event where all family members and friends are welcome. \$70
- One was held in October in Dahlonaga, one will be in the northwestern part of the state and the state convention will be in Columbus, so all four corners of the state have been included.

Spring Leadership Training April 17-18 in Warner Robins

Phyllis Hickey will be the speaker from International. Officer training and other workshops will be available. Benita Moore will make our basket for the Silent Auction.

Leadership I Training June 5-7 in Macon

International Conference July 7-11 in Philadelphia

The blessing led by Heather Haygood of Gamma Psi.

The catered luncheon was served by Dawn Carter. Many sisters won door prizes.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Thomaston

No Treasurer's Report - Transferring records to the new treasurer