

MINUTES OF EPSILON CHAPTER, DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

March 6, 2008

Rowan Public Library

President Gerri Blackwelder presided over the meeting, welcoming all those in attendance. A special greeting was extended to our state officer, Jean Reid, Director of Region VIII.

Dr. Martha West presented a devotional message, quoting many inspirational thoughts from Carl Sagan, Helen Keller, and others. Members were reminded not to hesitate in embracing the opportunities of service and growth sprinkled on them throughout their lives.

Loving memorials were spoken for Joan Ashley. Her impact within this chapter and beyond is ongoing and her sense of humor will be greatly missed. Dr. West and Phyllis Martin spoke of her loving contributions to her students and friends. Bonita Bloodworth and Lisa Schnuit reminded members of Joan's fun and positive approaches to all situations she encountered along her way. Dr. Elaine Stiller noted that a \$50.00 donation has been made by the Literacy Council in Joan's memory. Additional scholarship funds were given by this chapter's members who were in attendance.

Betsy Rich introduced the chapter's old friend and newest honorary member, Virginia Booth. Sharon Deal invited Mrs. Booth to sign the chapter's membership book.

Christine Barringer was presented a \$500.00 scholarship. Christine is pursuing National Board renewal status.

Joyce Simmons asked members to remember Ruby Knox who is very ill at Trinity Oaks and to also extend their comfort to her daughter, Joyce McLaughlin during this time. It was noted that Phares Sechler is recuperating well from recent knee surgery.

The slate of officers was presented for the upcoming term. These were accepted by vote. They are Adair Doran, president, Sharon Deal, vice-president, and Barbara Moose, second vice-president. Gina Barringer will be corresponding secretary and Jennifer Lentz will be recording secretary. Elaine Stiller and Gerri Blackwelder will serve as treasurer and parliamentarian, respectively.

Adair Doran introduced the meeting's honored speaker, Norma Honeycutt, Executive Director of Partners in Learning on the Catawba College campus. This five-star facility serves as an early intervention child care center for many at-risk babies and preschoolers. Mrs. Honeycutt cited these children as her absolute passion. She shared a slide show presentation and encouraged everyone to visit and see firsthand the remarkable things that are happening on a daily basis on this campus. There is currently a building program going on, made possible by a generous grant from Food Lion, to expand the capacity of Partners in Learning to serve an additional thirty children. Current enrollment is limited to one hundred twenty-three.

The meeting was then adjourned until May 3, 2008.