

MINUTES OF EPSILON CHAPTER, DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

October 26, 2006

Rowan Public Library

The Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on October 26, 2006 at the Rowan Public Library. President Gerri Blackwelder called the meeting to order.

Bonita Bloodworth presented the devotional, sharing a story called "Welcome to Holland." This was the reflection of a young mother who was unexpectedly faced with her newborn's disabilities. It compared the journey that followed as a loving adjustment in expectations, in the same way that Italy and Holland are diverse, but wonderful, places to explore.

The World Fellowship Fund is asking all Delta Kappa Gamma members to donate \$2.00. Deserving women from around the world benefit from scholarships awarded from the organization. Members were reminded of our own Shirley Bowles who received a scholarship of \$5000.00 and were urged to make our participation in this endeavor 100%.

On the local level, scholarships are also available for National Board candidates.

Several updates were given on members and their families. Former president Joyce Davis hopes to finish her doctorate studies at UNC-Charlotte in the spring and anticipates returning to our chapter in the future. Joyce McLaughlin is currently unable to walk due to continuing health issues and former superintendent, Dr. Joe McCann, has entered the hospital. Members are asked to remember these people with prayers and cards.

Gerri Blackwelder showed off our very own Delta Kappa Gamma webpages.

It was reported that the fundraising idea for printing and selling student designed notecards is not financially feasible. Cindy Pope and Gerri Blackwelder will brainstorm alternatives ideas.

The chapter accepted letters of resignation from Jeanette Stewart, Ann Long, Lynn Haynes, and Patsy Wilson. Members are to continue to think of local women educators who they would like to nominate in 2007 for inclusion in Delta Kappa Gamma. Joan Ashley has asked that our chapter consider offering honorary membership to Flo Peck and Phyllis Martin due to their selfless work with promoting literacy to those in need. The cost to the chapter would be a one-time fee of \$50.00. Barbara Moose made the motion to accept this request. All members agreed.

Chapter members were privileged to hear from guest speaker, Dr. Kathy Sullivan, director of the Human Resource Management Division in the N.C. Department

of Public Instruction. Dr. Sullivan gave an informative presentation regarding teacher licensure in the state and how the ongoing teacher shortage and No Child Left Behind legislation is impacting the process.

The meeting was then adjourned by President Gerri Blackwelder until January, 2007.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Foster, corresponding secretary.