

## MINUTES OF EPSILON CHAPTER, DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

March 8, 2007

Waterworks Visual Arts Gallery

The Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on March 8, 2007 at the Waterworks Visual Arts Gallery. President Gerri Blackwelder called the meeting to order.

Jean Reid, our Regional Director from Lenoir, North Carolina, was introduced as a special guest in attendance.

Joan Ashley presented the devotional message, filled with many inspirational quotes. She reminded members that the best educators attend to the emotional, as well as academic needs, of their young students.

Notes of thanks were read from Shirley Disseler and Jennifer Lentz for the academic scholarships received from our chapter.

Members voted to support a chapter expansion effort to Denmark. A donation of \$75.00 from Epsilon's treasury will be forwarded for this purpose.

Members also voted to give a financial gift to Victory Junction Camp in Randleman, NC in response to this year's theme "Consider the Possibilities." A \$300.00 gift card will be purchased to help this nonprofit camp as they continue their mission to brighten the lives of seriously ill children and their families.

The state has extended an offer to our chapter to expand into two separate chapters. Martha West suggested that a committee be formed to research the pros and cons of such a move.

The date for the state convention is April 27 at the University Hilton in Charlotte. Interested members who can attend were urged to contact Gerri Blackwelder.

Joan Ashley asked members to contact her if they would be interested in forming a ten-person team to represent our chapter in Rowan County's "Scrabble Scramble." This annual fundraiser is hosted by WBT's David Whisonant and will be held on April 24.

Five prospective new Epsilon members were profiled for induction this spring. Members voted to welcome these outstanding educators at an initiation brunch on May 5.

Adair Doran introduced our special guest speaker and fellow chapter member, Dr. Judy Grissom. Dr. Grissom spoke of highlights from her eleven months back

with the Rowan-Salisbury School System as superintendent and her vision for what's to come. Her presentation focused on a myriad of key points found in the school system's mission, vision, and belief statements. Dr. Grissom concluded this time by answering several questions from the chapter's members.

The meeting was then adjourned until May 5, 2007 at John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Salisbury.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Foster, corresponding secretary.