

MINUTES OF EPSILON CHAPTER, DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

August 25, 2007

Rowan Public Library

President Gerrie Blackwelder opened the meeting and presented a devotional message from The Prophet.

Members were asked if there was interest in eliminating the temporary white name tags a replacing those with a more uniform red appearance. This idea was endorsed by all who were present.

Chairman of the Financial Committee, Sue Wall, presented the proposed budget for the upcoming year. It was noted that there would be no cost in maintaining the chapter's web site for the current year. The motion was made by Phares Sechler to reimburse any personal expense already incurred by members in the maintenance of this site. This was seconded. Expense funds provided for the president to attend the state convention were also changed to \$300.00 as stated in the bylaws. The budget was then approved. The financial committee was recognized for receiving a successful audit during the 2006 - 2007 year.

It was announced that scholarship money is again available this year for any member pursuing higher education. New and previous recipients are eligible to apply by December 31.

A student artist, or current member of the chapter, is being sought to design a rose insignia for the notochord project which is still in the planning stages. President Blackwelder reported that the cost of this is feasible for a limited run this year.

Betsy Rich was introduced as interim treasurer, replacing Joan Ashley in that office. Members were encouraged to send in their yearly dues and reminder notes will be sent to others. Active members will pay \$50.00 and reserve members will pay \$35.00. Dues are then expected to increase in 2008 to remain in line with other Delta Kappa Gamma chapters.

Epsilon members were encouraged to send notes of encouragement to sick and shut-in members. Joan Ashley spoke of the tremendous support she has received in recent weeks and thanked everyone for their encouraging words.

President Blackwelder asked for input in generating enthusiasm for recruiting new member and revitalizing the spirit of Epsilon members. Ideas for thought included the formation of special interest meetings for small groups which might involve book clubs, watercolor painting, or other hobbies. Interested women should contact Gerri Blackwelder.

The Friends of the Library organization is in need of small items to create gift baskets. Desired items include mugs, gently used books, and other treats. This organization

sponsors many educational activities including: Stories by the Millstream Festival and Summer Reading Program.

A note of thanks was received from Victory Junction for donation of \$300.

Sharon Deal reminded all members to pick-up their new directories also those that could readily delivered to absent educators. All remaining directories will be mailed.

Adair Doran introduced the program "Book Talk" for the morning's discussion. The group divided into lively groups to share their summer reading lists with one another

The Executive Committee received the nomination of Dr. Elaine Stiller, and approved her installation as active treasurer of the Epsilon Chapter, for the remaining 2006 -2008 term. She replaces interim treasurer, Betsy Rich.

The meeting was then adjourned until October 25.

Respectfully submitted by

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