 Gamma Epsilon Chapter

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

BOCES, Canton, New York

October 17, 2016

Minutes

PROGRAM: This meeting was held in conjunction with Lambda. The program was entitled “Teacher Abroad” with presenter Michelle Pinard. She is a Lambda member and educator from Potsdam. Discouraged with school programs and emphasis on assessments, Michelle spent a year working at the Tsinghua International School in Bejing. This school was founded on the Bank St. model which is constructive, inquiry based. The curriculum is in English with a period in Chinese language and culture. Michelle gave a very informative and interesting presentation about her time there.

BUSINESS MEETING:

* Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:55. It was shortened

due to being combined with Lambda. There were 24 members present.

* Minutes – Minutes of the last meeting were on the web page and copies distributed. Barre Hall made a motion to approve and Cindy Wells seconded.
* Treasurer’s Report – The treasurer’s report dated October 17, 2016 was presented and accepted by President Smithers. There was a reported balance of **4,255.08** in the checking account and a savings balance of **$2,330.45**. Membership in Gamma Epsilon chapter was reported as 42 Active, 3 Reserve and 1 Chapter Honorary member.
* Committee Reports

Society Business

* Membership & Expansion – Co- President Smithers mentioned that this committee has been doing well as evidenced by the number of new members.
* Historical Records and Scrapbook – Lisa spoke of getting this committee up and running.

Program of Works

* Professional Affairs – Lisa Smithers talked about the school initiative discussed at the September meeting. In coordination with the schools, we would help develop a list of resources of artisans, storytellers, and museums etc. Teachers would be able to access this for classroom presentations.
* Music & Arts – Jennifer Smith handed out a sheet with local activities listed for the next month. She hopes to make this a regular feature of this committee.

Educational Services

* World Fellowship – President Smithers explained this committee for the new

members and the idea of the“Brag Box”. There were a few announcements that

provided money for the World Fellowship Fund.

Next meeting will be the holiday brunch on Nov. 19th at Clarkson’s Cheel Arena in Potsdam.

* Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Love, Recording Secretary