



Gamma Epsilon Chapter

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Freight House Restaurant, Ogdensburg, New York

April 6, 2017

Minutes

PROGRAM: Shelby Connelly, a certified acupuncturist, gave an interesting and informative presentation. She became interested in the field because her aunt and uncle were acupuncturists. Shelby received her Masters in acupuncture at the Traditional Acupuncture Institute in Columbia Maryland. At first she saw resistance, but then doctors reached out to her. Currently, Shelby treats patients at Claxton Hepburn and Canton Potsdam Hospitals. It is complimentary instead of alternative medicine. Ms. Connelly explained the process, sharing what the needles look like. Acupuncture treats both physical and emotional disorders. Shelby explained that it works on the side effects of cancer treatment. Patients use it to control pain and relieve some of the side effects. The focus in women's health is hormones, stress, and migraines. She also treats arthritis with acupuncture. Shelby has a private practice at Five Elements Living in Colton.

BUSINESS MEETING:

- **Call to Order** – President Jennifer Smith called the meeting to order at 5:40.
- **Thank you** – President Smith thanked the hostesses Brenda Trivilino and Cheryl Seymour for planning the dinner meeting. There were 23 members and 1 guest present.

- **Minutes** – Minutes of the last meeting are on the web page and copies distributed. Cindy Burns McDonald made a motion to approve and Ann Groome seconded.
- **Treasurer's Report** – The treasurer's report dated April 6, 2017 was presented and accepted by President Smith. There was a reported balance of **\$3,075.22** in the checking account and a savings balance of **\$2,330.74**. Membership in Gamma Epsilon chapter was reported as 45 Active, 4 Reserve and 1 Chapter Honorary member.

Committee Reports

Society Business

Membership and Expansion – The group is working on guidelines for the orientation tea. Members present voted on nominations for new members to be invited to join. We are trying to get all schools in Gamma Epsilon represented as well as inviting potential members with leadership qualities. A special thanks was given to Amanda Sharlow. As literacy coach, she is in several schools so was a valuable asset with nominee list.

Program of Works

Professional Growth and Services – Sandy Plimpton thanked everyone for the donations for Renewal House. They are always very appreciative. There was a concern that our book donations to Sheard Literacy were not benefitting students in our chapter's area. Cindy Wells assured membership that SUNY Potsdam students who use the literacy center come from area high schools. Ann Adams mentioned the Gouverneur Breast Cancer Walk on May 20th. She had posters and pledge sheets. Ann also told members about the basket raffle. Jennifer Haynes suggested that our chapter donate for an educational themed basket. Bring items for the basket (i.e. puzzles, books, crayons etc.) to the May meeting.

Professional Affairs – Sarah Farley spoke about our chapter's new school project. The group met and brainstormed a list of resources schools could use for enrichment. These would be presenters or places for field trips. They would coordinate with curriculum modules. Next meeting is May 22nd.

Music and Arts – Cindy Wilson mentioned that Ogdensburg Command Performance has one more show for this season. Jimmy Osmond's tribute to Andy Williams will be May 20th. There were also several choral groups performing in the area. Most notable was the Laurentian Singers performing in Gouverneur. This was part of a scholarship fundraiser in Bob Garofalo's name.

Educational Services

Scholarship and Grants-in-Aid – The committee is meeting April 26th to choose the grants-in-aid winner. As of meeting date there were four applications but deadline is April 12th so there may be more.

World Fellowship

Several members supported the World Fellowship programs by sharing their good news and donating to the “Brag Box”.

Special Committee

Sunshine– Morgan Fee sent a sympathy card to the family of Mercuria Centofanti.

- **New Business**

There was discussion to use reserve funds to contribute extra to the Pi State scholarship raffle. It was proposed to send an additional \$100 plus raffle ticket proceeds to the Pi State conference. Cindy Wells made a motion to do this, seconded by Nancy Love. It was approved by members present.

None of our officers will be able to attend this spring’s conference. Gamma Epsilon will be sending cards for a card shower honoring five Pi State members who will be 100 years or older.

The next meeting will be our scholarship dinner on May 15th at Gentry’s Clam Cove in Gouverneur. There will also be a presentation by Steve Knight from United Helpers.

- **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 following a motion by Cindy Burns McDonald, seconded by Sandy Plimpton.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Love, Recording Secretary