



Gamma Epsilon Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Sherman Inn, Ogdensburg, New York
October 20, 2015
Minutes

PROGRAM: Don Swan gave an interesting and informative presentation on Hypnosis in Education. He began by discussing his background in hypnosis. He then talked about the educational performance program developed by Sheila Granger of the UK. It is an alternative approach for dealing with stress and test anxiety. Through hypnosis, candidates, carefully chosen by counselors and teachers, are given management tools that focus on positives so that it becomes a lifetime habit to perform calmly. Its purpose is to give students coping strategies for greater emotional and academic success.

BUSINESS MEETING:

- **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30
- **Thank You** – President Smithers thanked the hostesses Ann Groome and Pat Washburn for planning and setting everything for the meeting. There were 15 members and 2 guests present.
- **Minutes** – Minutes of the last meeting were on the web page and copies distributed. Ann Adams made a motion to approve and Sandy Plimpton seconded.

- **Treasurer's Report** – The treasurer's report dated October 15, 2015 was presented and accepted by President Smithers. There was a reported balance of **3,212.39** in the checking account and a savings balance of **\$2,328.99**. Membership in Gamma Epsilon chapter was reported as 43 Active, 2 Reserve and 1 Chapter Honorary member. The budget report for 2015-2016 was also distributed.

- **Committee Reports**

There were reports by five committees.

Society Business

- **Membership & Expansion** – Lisa announced the committee would meet after the new year. Also, there are two prospective members from the Gouverneur area. Lisa will meet with them to share the slide show describing DKG.

Program of Works

- **Professional Growth and Services** – Sandy Plimpton thanked everyone for the Renewal House donations. She reminded the members to bring children's books to the holiday meeting. There will be a Book Fair at CHMC on Nov 5th and 6th. This would be a good opportunity to get a book for our collection.
- **Music & Arts** – The St. Lawrence International Film Festival is this week Oct 22nd-25th. OCP is presenting the National Ballet Company of Siberia on Oct.26th. Don Swan is performing in Massena on Nov. 17th.

Educational Services

- **Scholarship & Grants-in-Aid** – Lisa stated that the committee will be meeting soon to distribute applications to the area schools.
- **World Fellowship** – President Smithers explained this committee for the new members and the idea of the "Brag Box". There were two announcements that provided money for the World Fellowship Fund.

- **Old Business**

President Smithers asked the membership if they experienced any problems with the new website. One suggestion was that for the holiday meeting, members have the option to respond via the website or email (old way) to determine preference.

President Smithers also discussed the meeting with Lambda and Regent Ouderkirk. Lisa mentioned how the regent seems frustrated with the politics involved. She is trying to get a working team. In discussing APPR, Regent Ouderkirk agrees that it shouldn't be thrown out but needs to be made better.

- **New Business**

Dues were discussed. Members who attended the Lambda meeting were wondering why their dues were less than ours. Lisa explained that they have a benefactor and also have basket raffles at each meeting and fund raisers to make up the difference.

Lisa also reminded members that if they haven't paid yet, send \$90 dues to Mary Dixon.

President Smithers informed those present of a conference of the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) in New York City on Friday January 22nd 2016. According to the DKG website CTAUN is an organization made up of representatives with an interest in education. It provides educators opportunities to learn about the United Nations and its work. CTAUN assists teachers in efforts to incorporate global awareness into classroom curricula and activities. Pat Washburn and a couple others attended previously and she stated how attendees can observe conversations between nations in real time. Lisa plans on attending if anyone else is interested.

Next meeting will be the holiday brunch on Nov. 21st at Clarkson's Cheel Arena in Potsdam.

- **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Love, Recording Secretary