



**Gamma Epsilon Chapter**  
**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**Gran-View Restaurant Ogdensburg, New York**  
**September 24, 2015**  
**Minutes**

**PROGRAM:**

**Installation of Officer:** President Smithers installed Jennifer Smith as first vice-president.

**Initiation Ceremony:** Eight new initiates were introduced by their sponsors. Ceremony Committee members Ann Groome and Nancy Love, aided by President Smithers, and Pat Washburn led the initiates through the formal Initiation Ceremony. Gamma Epsilon members welcomed these new members: Sara Farley, Stephanie Lashomb, Barb Lashua, Jennifer Putman, Cindy Burns McDonald, Cheryl Seymour, Lisa Smith, and Kathy Smithers. Jackie Kelly was welcomed back by President Smithers. She is a returning member to Gamma Epsilon.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

- **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:40.
- **Thank You** President Smithers thanked the hostesses, Metza Hewko and Diane Jeneault for planning the meeting. There were 28 members present counting the new members.

- **Minutes** – Minutes of the last meeting were on the webpage as well as copies distributed. Pat Washburn made a motion to approve and Ann Adams seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
  
- **Treasurer's Report** – The 2015-2016 budget was presented by Treasurer Mary Dixon. She stated that there was no significant change in the budget. The checking account holds enough for planned needed expenses. As of June 30, 2015 there was a reported balance of **\$650** in the checking account and a savings balance of **\$2,328**. Membership in the Gamma Epsilon chapter was reported as 40 Active, 3 Reserve and 1 Chapter Honorary member.
  
- **Committee Reports**  
There were reports by two committees.

### **Program of Works**

1. **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. They will again be donated to the Sheard Literacy Center at Potsdam State. The committee also purchased school supplies and these were donated to Gouverneur schools. Lisa read thank you notes for the donations from St. James and West Side Schools.
  
2. **Music and Arts** – Ann Groome shared the brochure describing the Ogdensburg Command Performance 2015-2016 schedule. There are two performances in October – 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and the National Dance Company of Siberia. Sharen Gendebein shared fliers for the St. Lawrence International Film Festival. It will take place in Ottawa and Brockville, Canada as well as Canton and Potsdam, New York. There will be **25 films, 7 panels, and 8 special screenings** over four days from **October 22nd to October 25th**. For more information or to buy tickets go to **stlawrencefilm.com**

President Smithers will explain each of the committees at the next meeting.

- **New Business**

Cindy Wells shared the new Gamma Epsilon website. She described the process in setting it up. It needed to be reviewed by the state webmaster and have a link to the international website. Cindy then demonstrated the website on the computer. A required element is the DKG Mission Statement. There is an events page where you can view the invitation to meetings and RSVP. The minutes of previous meetings are posted. The website also has a committee list and newsletter. In addition, forms for member use will be included.

Lisa explained about Pi State raffle for new members. Tickets are available.

We have been invited to a meeting with Lambda at BOCES offices in Canton on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Regent Ouderkirk will be answering questions from members.

Our next meeting will be Oct 20<sup>th</sup> at Sherman Inn in Ogdensburg.

- **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned following the installation of new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Love, Recording Secretary