Alpha Tau Chapter of Missouri State, Delta Kappa Gamma

April 9, 2022

Minutes

President Karen Gorden called the April meeting of the Alpha Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma to order on April 9, 2022 at 1330 South Meadow Lane in Bolivar, MO.

The group enjoyed a brunch as the meeting continued.  Karen read the Singing Grace.

Karen welcomed the 15 members, 3 guests, and one Zoom participant to the meeting.

Minutes of the February meeting were read as submitted by Debra Agee by Rhonda Agee. Laurie Whitlock made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Cay Sergent seconded the motion.

Cay Sergent presented the treasurer’s report.  It was approved as read.  Cay reminded members that dues paid before May 31, 2022 would be $65 for members and $30 for reserve members.  After May 31 the dues would increase $5.00.  Dues should be paid by June 30, 2022.  Karen announced that collegiate membership dues are $35.00.

Karen announced that we were collecting items to send to our World Fellowship Recipient,  Ni Komang Darmini of Indonesia.  She is attending Ohio State University and is obtaining an MA in Education. Her address is Ni Komang Darmini, 639 Riverview Dr., Apt. 10, Columbus, OH  43202.  Her email address is nikomangdarmini108@gmaill.com.  Her birthday is August 16.  We are encouraged to send letters of encouragement, non-religious holiday cards, birthday cards, etc.

The first Early Educator Grants were presented to Kami Bohnstedt, first grade teacher at Pleasant Hope, Rebecca Bauer, computer lab/RTI/para at Halfway and Miranda Allison, second grade teacher at Wheatland.

Jessica Gray, first grade teacher at Pleasant Hope was installed as President for the 2022-2024 biennium by President Karen Gorden.  First Vice-President, Jessica Sergent was installed by current first Vice-President, Karla Spear.  Other officers for the 2022-2024 biennium will be 2nd Vice-President, Kay Otterness; Secretary, Debra Agee; and Treasurer, Cay Sergent.

Dr. Karla Spear, counselor at Climax Springs, provided a timely presentation “Managing Mental Health”.  Key points included risk factors and protective factors. Karla also provided some things we as teachers can do and consider when dealing with our students.  Psychological trauma affects between half and two-thirds of all children in the United States.

Location and plans for the September meeting will be decided and shared as the executive committee meets later.

The April meeting of Alpha Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma adjourned with Magda Neil and Myrnna Walker leading us in the singing of the DKG Song.

Notes taken by Rhonda Agee

Submitted by Karen Gorden

April 11, 2022