Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Alpha Tau Chapter

April 20, 2013 Minutes

My corrections in green. Jenny is spelled with a y. ☺

* The Alpha Tau Chapter met Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at Church House Banquets in Halfway. President Myrna Walker called the meeting to order.
* 18 members were present.
* Minutes were read. Cay Sergent made the correction to say that our new transfer member Geneva Lawyer transferred from Alpha Gamma and not Kappa Kappa Lota. Vanessa Maze was the one that reported on the November silent auction instead of Linda Meador and Beverly Jenkins. Minutes were approved with corrections.
* Treasurer’s report was given by Cay Sergent. 2013-2014 dues will be $70.00 and members are encouraged to send them in before the September meeting. Vanessa compared our dues to a tank of gas—they cost about the same, but our dues benefit us a lot longer!. An email will be sent out about the dues. The chapter will be offering a chance to win a goodie basket at the September meeting. Anyone can contribute to the goodie basket.
* Cay passed around correspondence regarding PC Library-prints, posters fliers, etc.
* Jenny Oglesbee presented 2 new member applications. Julia Valdez, Art/Spanish teacher from Pleasant Hope, and JoAnn Brown-6th grade teacher from Halfway. Ballots were passed. Both were accepted as members. They will be contacted by Jenny.
* A hat was passed to collect for World Fellowship. President Walker wants to have at least $40.00. $20.00 was raised last meeting.
* President Walker brought a concern about a former member Juanita Williams. She is currently living at Pine Lodge in Buffalo and is unable to meet the chapter’s dues requirement. Myrna was wondering if we wanted to make her a reserve member and the chapter would take care of the dues. Membership was asked to think about this matter since Juanita believes she is still a current member.
* Myrna requested that we continue to bring in ‘garage sale’ items to use for extra money for the chapter for whatever needs arise.
* The THAT form was passed around for members to fill out hours that members have volunteered for early educators.
* President Walker encouraged us to get more members. We can vote any time and even by email. We need younger members.
* Myrna encouraged us to help new teachers before the school year begins. This would be an excellent time to tell them about Alpha Tau.
* State Convention
	+ Cay Sergent was elected as 1st Vice President. This means that in 2 years she will be State President. At that time we will need to get a new chapter treasurer due to Cay’s increased responsibilities on the state level.

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* State Convention discussion continued
	+ 3 awards were given to Alpha Tau: THAT, Order of the Rose and 5 star Chapter Achievement
	+ President Walker started a chapter website and will adding more to it as the year progresses.
	+ Faye Peters created baskets that were used for the silent auction.
* Southwest Regional Conference in Branson, July 17-20. Members are encouraged to attend. The cost is $50.00 for one day if pre-registered and $125.00 for full convention registration. Faye suggested that we attend Wednesday and Thursday if we are going to just attend one day so that we can attend Missouri Night on Wednesday Night. Hilton rooms are being offered at a discount. Register online before June 17th. The door prize is a coaster in the shape of Missouri made out of limestone.
	+ Volunteers are needed and President Walker passed a sheet for those who can attend. A red rose pin can be purchased and it is suggested that volunteers wear one so attendees will know who to ask for help.
	+ Professional Development credit is being offered. Go online to find the form.
	+ Vanessa is in charge of the favors. She is asking for help in making700 origami paper cranes.
	+ Mary Miller is putting together bags for early educators that attend the conference. In the bags will be items that are useful in their classrooms as well as personal items. A list of explanations will also be included.
* Eva Marie Glor has been completing our chapter scrapbooks for many years and is retiring from this position. President Walker asked the members what we should do with the past scrapbooks. Discussion led to each past president keeping their sections/years. Norma Bishop suggested that the Polk County Historical Society might be interested in the scrapbooks. Myrna wants to scan some of the articles/pictures to our chapter website before they are divided.
* Program: Hats Off to DKG! Myrna had volunteers to participate in a skit illustrating the theme as we honored the founders of DKG. Members were given key pins to update years of service. President Walker honored Eva Marie Glor, Norma Bishop, Geneva Lawyer and Rose Mary Owens. These ladies have been members for 45 plus years. They each spoke of their beginning teacher days.
* Announcements
	+ Norma Bishop will celebrate her birthday on June 22nd and invited us to attend. The celebration will be held at CMH community.
	+ Norma also thanked membership for their thoughts and prayers during her illness. She asked that we continue to keep her in our prayers as she battles pancreatic cancer. (Yes, that is good.)
	+ Rose Mary Owens encouraged us to look into DKG insurance programs. She has found it to be very helpful and affordable—better than most!
	+ President Walker reminded us to pay our dues early and to think of new members.
* Delta Kappa Gamma song
* Meeting adjourned