**Alpha Tau Chapter of Missouri State Delta Kappa Gamma**

**February 12, 2022**

**Minutes**

Karen Gorden called the meeting to order after members enjoyed a continental breakfast prepared by President Karen Gorden.  Karla Spear led the Pledge of Allegiance.  Singing Grace was led by Myrna Walker.

Karen Gorden welcomed the 9 members in attendance and 3 on Google Meet.

Karen read the minutes of the November meeting.  Cay Sergent made one correction.  Jessie Sergent was also on a State Committee.  Laurie Whitlock moved to accept the minutes as corrected, it was seconded and passed.

Cay reported $4518.30 in Available Funds, $1982.23 in the Grant-in-Aid Account and $2919.38 in the Scholarship Account. The interest in January was not reflected on the Treasurer's report.  The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Karen reported Nationals were making a change to the World Fellowship Program in that our district would be given a recipient to adopt. We are encouraged to make contact with them, sending letters of encouragement, etc.  Karla Spear moved that we donate $50 to World Fellowship from Available Funds.  It was seconded and passed.

Karla Spear presented a slate of officers for 2022-2024.

They are President – Jessie Gray

1st Vice President – Jessie Sergent

2nd Vice President- Kay Otterness

Secretary- Debbie Agee

Faye Peters moved to accept the slate of officers as presented.  Motion was seconded and passed.

Cay will continue to serve in her appointed position as treasurer.

Cay announced that several of our members also would be serving in State/International positions.

Cay is on the International Membership committee.  Myrna is 1st Vice President.  Jennie Griffith is on the Research Committee.  Cay is serving on the state Finance and Communications Committee.  Jessie Sergent is on the Communications Committee and Faye and Cay will serve on the Advisory Board.

Karen reported several illnesses within the membership and their families.

Myrna submitted a proposal to change the bylaws that would allow us to use Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid monies if they were not utilized that year by the membership.  After discussion Myrna rescinded her original motion. Motion to rescind was seconded and passed.

Debra Agee moved to allow Women Educators who are not relatives of Alpha Tau members to apply for Grant-in-Aid. The criteria for selection will be based upon the relationship of the applicant to membership as currently outlined in the bylaws with non-related applicants receiving the award should there be no related applicants.  Non-related applicants must attend the April meeting to receive their award. Motion was seconded and passed.

Debra Agee moved to transfer $1000 seed money from the Available Funds account to create a new Early Educator Grant. The Early Educator Grant would provide stipends to Early Educators in the first five years of their teaching career to fund projects and other career related expenses. The Scholarship Committee was tasked with determining the application process and criteria/rubric for selection. They will submit that to the chapter for an online vote. Applicants must attend the April meeting to receive their award.  Motion was seconded and passed.

Rhonda Agee was selected to apply for the Key Woman Educator Award.

Cay announced the State meeting will be held April 22 and 23 at the National Avenue Christian Church in Springfield.  Karen will send out more information.  Next chapter meeting is April 9.  The location will be at Karen’s house.

The meeting was adjourned with the Delta Kappa Gamma Song, led by Myrna Walker.

Jessie Gray, a first grade teacher at Pleasant Hope presented information on Pleasant Hope, Pleasant Hope school and the literacy program she is using called Secret Stories by Katie Garner, followed by a tour of the elementary school.