Minutes of Alpha Tau February 8, 2020 Meeting

Alpha Tau Chapter meeting was called to order on Feb. 8, 2020, by President Myrna Walker at Church House Banquets.  Members joined together in the Pledge of Allegiance and Singing Grace before enjoying a delicious brunch.  Sixteen members and one guest (Jana Siefkas, Missouri State President)  were present.

Sarah Horn won the door prize.

World Fellowship donations were taken.  Evonne Miner had cookie goodie bags for those members donating.

Minutes of the Nov. 2019 meeting were approved.  The Treasurer's report was approved.

The Nominating Committee offered a slate of officers for the 2020-2022 biennium to be voted on.  The following will be installed as officer at the April meeting and take office in July:

     President --------- Karen Gordon

     Vice Pres --------- Karla Spear

     2nd Vice ---------- Kay Otterness

     Secretary --------- Sarah Oglesbee

     Treasurer --------- Cay Sergent

     Parliamentarian - Debra Agee

     Immediate Past President -- Myrna Walker

At the April meeting, a Grants-in-Aid will be awarded to Kassidy Owens, daughter of Christa Rowland and granddaughter of Karen Gordon.  She is a senior at Missouri Southern. Jessie Sergent is also applying for an International Scholarship.

Faye Peters suggested that we contact our state legislators in support of funding for our public schools, and also encouraging them to protect the Public School Retirement System.

Members were encouraged to take the Project Hope items brought today to their schools to distribute to new teachers. Project Hope for April will provide chocolate candy for teacher appreciation during state testing and final days of school.

Chapter dues will remain the same for 2020-2021.  Dues must be paid by June 30. The are $65 if paid by April 30 and $70 if paid in May or June.

Myrna recognized Cay for having an article in the DKG magazine Collegial Exchange about the Educators Book Award Ghosts in the Schoolyard.

Our planned program, Sydney Campbell and her Epilepsy Journey, including dog Sophie and trainer Josh Murray, were unable to attend due to all having the flu. The good news was that our State President, Jana Siefkas, graciously agreed to provide not only greetings from State but also our program.  What a privilege for us to hear from her - she informed us and delighted us with her humor.  She gave "healthy tips on why we should eat chocolate" as she provided us with chocolate candy.  She emphasized the importance of not only keeping members but adding new ones. She gave suggestions and examples on how to do this.  She challenged our chapter to add at least one new member a year.  She also gave us information and some insight on the Schools for Africa program.

Out next meeting is April 18.  The Southwest Area Conference is  April 3-4 in Springfield.

Meeting adjourned with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

 Minutes taken by Laurie Whitlock