The Alpha Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met November 13, 2021, at the Route 32 Cafe in Halfway.

President Karen Gorden called the meeting to order. She welcomed members and guests, and noted that this was the closest to a regular meeting we have had since February, 2020.

Singing Grace was led by Myrna and Magda, followed by a delicious brunch.

Following brunch, new members Kassidy Owens and guest Ashley Kite were recognized.

Today, being Veterans' Day, veterans both past and present were honored as well as DAR member JoBeth Maas.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and corrected.

Treasurer's report showed;

    available funds:  $ 4517.56

    grants in aid:  $1779.80

    scholarship:  $3186.39

The report was accepted as read.

The induction of new members was led by Kay Otterness and Karla Spear. Kassidy Owens (Karen Gorden's granddaughter and Krista Rowland's daughter) became our newest member.  Kassidy teaches elementary  math at Halfway.  Welcome, Kassidy!  Because of health issues, Tracey Allison was unable to be here for induction.

There was no correspondence.

Krista Rowland reminded us that applications for Grants in Aid and Scholarship are due by January 15.  The vote will be in February and presentation will be in April.  At this time, no applications have been received.  There was discussion of eligibility for these funds.

Membership:  We were encouraged to invite people to join.  College juniors and seniors can join.  Their dues would be the same as reserve members.

Awards:

Myrna has received The Missouri State Chapter Newsletter Award and the Chapter Website Award.

Jenny, Cay, and Myrna hold state positions or work on state committees.

Old Business:

The program in September was a tour of the new Dallas County Technical Center which is a state of the art facility.  Debby Dryer was our host.

New Business:

Jessie Gray will be our host at Pleasant Hope Elementary K-6 in February, 2022.

The new slate of officers is needed by the February meeting.  Karla Spear is the chair of the nominating committee.

Cay suggested that new members, joining after January, will pay only half the regular dues.  Vanessa moved that we accept Cay's suggestion.  Faye seconded the motion.  The motion passed.  It was mentioned that we still pay both state and international dues.

We were asked to record the help and/or supplies we have given to new teachers.

Change for Change was collected for Schools for Africa which is a part of UNICEF.

We were given time to finish silent auction bidding.

Program:

Myrna Walker is Missouri State First Vice President.  Myrna said that she is honored to be a Delta Kappa Gamma member.

Myrna's program was on Ways to Support/Help Educators. The three International Projects for DKG are:

     1. Support Schools for Africa

     2.  World Fellowship

     3.  Early Career Educators

        a.  mentoring (advice/help)

        b.  emotional support

        c. providing supplies and helping with expenses

      We need to work on ideas to assist and honor early career educators.

Other business:

Our next meeting will be in February at the Pleasant Hope Elementary with Jessie Gray as our host.

Karen thanked those who made our auction possible.

Faye gave a senate bill update.

Magda led us in the Delta Kappa Song.