

Minutes of the Connecticut Alpha Delta Kappa State Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, September 12, 2020

1. Call to order by Linda Shaw at 10:00 AM.
2. On May 2nd, 2020, Joyce McAloon sent out a letter to the membership about our acclamation of new officers for the 2020-2022 biennium. An Installation of Officers for the 2020-2022 biennium was presented by Sue Pelchat, Charlene Lauria, and Ruth Holland Walsh. The installation ceremony included a powerpoint of the 2020-2022 state theme as well as a description of our international theme. In addition, slide with each officer's picture and their office was shown while Sue Pelchat described the role of each new officer:

Jessica Morin - President of President's Council

Sue Truglio - Sergeant-at-Arms

Barbara Hargraves - Historian

Christa Cote - Corresponding Secretary

Julie Butryman - Recording Secretary

Paula Barry - Treasurer

Meredith Barker - VP for Membership

Joyce McAloon - Immediate Past president

Charlotte Zenzick - President elect

Linda Shaw - President

Officers were installed and other members in attendance pledged their support for the newly installed officers. Each member of the newly installed executive board will receive a pin with the International logo.

3. Presentation by Joyce McAloon. The 2018-2020 executive board wanted to thank Sue Pelchat for our installation. A donation to the Alpha Delta Kappa Disaster Relief fund was made in Sue's honor.
4. Presentation by Linda Shaw. The 2018-2020 executive board wanted to show Joyce McAloon their appreciation for her biennium by giving her a star in the night sky and a donation to the American Cancer Society in Joyce's name. Linda extended her personal thanks to Joyce for her support, guidance, mentorship and answering all her questions.
5. Thought for the Day made by Sue Pelchat in the absence of Margaret Genetti. From Maria Shriver's book I've Been Thinking. Three questions: Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose?
6. Roll Call (Jessica Morin)
 - Alpha - 4
 - Beta - 2
 - Gamma - 4
 - Epsilon - 1
 - Zeta - 3
 - Eta - 4
 - Theta - 0
 - Kappa - 4

Mu - 0
Pi - 3
Psi - 2
Alpha Alpha - 0
Alpha Gamma - 1
Sustaining – 0
International - 2

7. Introduction of Officers by Sue Truglio was not done as it wasn't necessary due to the installation ceremony at the beginning of the meeting.

8. State Officer Reports

A. Recording Secretary—President Linda reported that the March 7, 2020 minutes were reviewed by the state executive board and accepted as read. Julie Butryman asked that people speak slowly and tolerate all her questions about presented information.

B. Corresponding Secretary—Christa Cote report that she sent cards to the following:

Get Well cards to Denise Cooley(2), Gabriela Backiel, Joan Cromwell, and Maureen LaFrancis.

Sympathy card to Aletha Berry (NH) and Maryann Ferrara

Thinking of You card to Murial Rowland (VT)

C. Treasurer-- Paula Barry gave her report to the Executive Board and it was accepted as read. The report was also presented to those present at the state meeting.

Checking Account	\$14,967.21
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Savings Account	\$10,151.61
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AΔK CT Altruistic Scholarship Program	\$36,973.41
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D. Historian-- Barbara Hargraves is requesting pictures of chapter executive boards as well as pictures of President Linda at chapter meetings/events.

E. Sergeant-at-Arms-- Sue Truglio had nothing to report.

F. President-Elect-- Charlotte Zenzick had nothing to report but said it was wonderful to see everyone.

G.--VP of Membership Meredith Barker thanked all CT chapters for our 100% submission of the Chapter Needs Assessment. She mentioned that she and Joyce are working on SMART goals based on chapters information from the Chapter Needs Assessment. There will be a Zoom meeting in October for chapter membership chairs. Also, if there are any special recognitions of sisters from your chapter, let Meredith and Joyce know so they can submit them to Linda Rissel for her "Sunshine Moments". State Membership Chair Joyce McAloon created Linda's membership board that has her logo on it. Please let Joyce know if you initiate or reinstate any members.

9. State Committee Reports

A. Altruistic chair-- Roberta Avery suggested members turn in their altruistic reports monthly to the chapter altruistic chair for collating. Chapter altruistic chairs are to submit their reports on Line by February 28, 2021.

B. AΔK month chair-- Maureen LaFrancis emailed 3 forms to chapter presidents. The reports of AΔK month activities are due on or before November 30, 2020.

C. Budget chair-- Marie Koller was absent but her report was in the Violet's Voice.

D. Courtesy chair-- Sue Weber thanked Diane Brylle for all the organized materials she brought to Sue's house.

E. Excellence in Education report was given by President Linda in Arline Rich's absence. The three nominations in the NE Region for Excellence in Education award were announced at the All Regions Virtual Conference in August 2020. The winner of the NE Region Excellence in Education 2020 Regional Recipient is Delaware Epsilon sister Michelle M. Davis. All regional recipients will be presented in the KAPPAN and the International Award winner will be awarded at the International Convention in Austin, TX, July 2021.

F. Fraternity Ed chair-- Joan Cromwell had us participate in "The ABCs of Alpha Delta Kappa." Chapters were called upon to give a word that begins with a specific letter of the alphabet. Suggestions included:

- A - Altruism
- B - Best
- C - Caring
- E - Excellence
- F - Filling
- H - Happiness
- J - Jovial
- M - Mission
- O - Opportunities
- U - United
- V - Violet
- Y - Yellow/Yearbook/YOU

G. Legislative chair-- Andrea Yukna was absent so no report.

H. Policies and Procedures chair Kerry King had nothing to report.

I. Publicity is everyone's job. If you are having chapter events, please get them in the newspaper.

J. Scholarship chairs-- Sheila Spellacy, Irene Veillette, and Backiel said that 2 \$1500 scholarships were awarded in May 2020. We currently have a balance of \$542.85. There were no Dollars for Development grants given in the spring of 2020. Between \$600-\$700 in member assessment is expected. The committee requested money be taken out of the interest of our Alpha Delta Kappa Connecticut Altruistic Scholarship Program for the scholarship presentation in May 2021.

K. Website chair --Charlene Lauria stated that Google will no longer be supporting its classic format. She worked this summer moving information to Google Sites. She is waiting to see if International will accept this format. Once they do, CT chapters can link their websites on the International website.

L. World Understanding chair-- Denise Cooley suggested that sisters refer to her article in the Violet's Voice in which she encourages chapters to include book talks in their chapter programs. She also mentioned that she has been working on collecting book titles that address systemic racism and implicit bias with children. President Linda suggested that Denise send her World Understanding titles each month and she will include them in the Violet's Voice.

M. Candidates Qualifications chair-- Jean Kellogg had nothing to report.

10. Ongoing Business

A. Chapter Responsibilities—Because of the pandemic and cancellation of events, Alpha, Alpha Gamma, and Beta chapters did not do their assigned responsibilities for the 2020 May Convention/Founders' Day. A suggestion was made that these 3 chapters do a raffle for scholarship and/or Convention booklet at the May 2021 Convention/Fun Night. We will revisit this suggestion at the November meeting. Gamma will be in charge of registration and Mu is responsible for awarding the scholarship.

B. Executive Board Decisions—President Linda reported that the executive board voted to not grant the fall Dollars for Development and to reassess in the spring. Due to COVID and no incomes coming in from raffles in the spring, a discussion was held and the executive board voted to take \$1500 of the interest from the AΔK CT Altruistic Scholarship Program to cover the May 2021 scholarship. A question was raised whether we have received an updated report on this scholarship program from International. The last report we received was August 31, 2019. Further investigation will take place regarding this.

C. The Longest Day - Christa Cote reported that CT Alpha Delta Kappa raised \$1195 in honor of Team Judy.

D. Booklets were mailed out to chapter presidents, committee chairs and executive board members by President Linda due to the cancellation of the summer transition meeting. Please contact her if contact information revisions need to be made.

E. President Linda stated that her first issue of the Violet's Voice was in June. Each month it is emailed to CT chapter presidents, committee chairs and executive board members as well as International Board Members, fellow NER presidents and IVPs.

F. Congratulations were offered by President Linda to chapters for submitting forms like the H107 and H114 on time. Jean Kellogg has collected 8 e-post cards and has contacted chapters that have not notified her. Chapter treasurers need to make sure to send Jean a copy of their e-postcard even if it says "still pending".

11. New Business

A. Founders' Day Altruistic Project—President-elect, Charlotte Zenzick shared information about the Ana Grace Project which is our Founders' Day Altruistic Project. Ana Grace was a victim at Sandy Hook. Her mother has created this project to promote love, community and connection. She wants to provide support to students and families of students who do not feel connected. They have:

1. Partner Schools where they share "Love Wins" curriculum that bring together SEL curriculum and clinical practices/resources to share with other schools.
2. Professional development
3. Music & Arts

We will be collecting masks, art supplies, children's books and monetary donations for our virtual Founders' Day Celebration. More information will be forthcoming. If you have any ideas or suggestions please send them to Linda. All Founders' Day information will be on the website.

B. Policies & Procedures Update. Joyce McAloon reported that the P & P and Appendix will be on our website. She revised the president's name/address on the President's Award page and created World Understanding and Legislative Committee chair sheets.

Joyce will continue to mail updates to the executive board, chapter presidents, and committee chairs.

A. All Regions Virtual Conference-- Charlotte spoke about how wonderful the event was; from the NE Region IVP Premier event on Friday night to the breakout sessions and closing ceremonies. Even though we could not travel to New Jersey this year, it was a wonderful experience. If you would like to visit the AVRC website to view resources, go to the Alpha Delta Kappa International website, click on meetings and then click on regional conferences.

A. May Convention - Joyce McAloon thanked all those who submitted reports. The Convention Booklet was made and will be up on the CT Website. Paperwork, forms (H-134 and H -135), and a letter stating the acclamation of officers has been put into the archives.

A. Making a Better World – President Linda called on Maureen LaFrancis to share a Kappa program that focused on world understanding. The sisters of Kappa read The Girl With Seven Names. It is a true story about a defector from North Korea. The lively discussion about the book led to comparisons to other books. Next, Denise Cooley of Gamma shared how she introduced world understanding bookclubs to her Gamma sisters. Rather than read just one book, the Gamma sisters choose books at different levels (high school, middle school, elementary). Denise welcomes any world understanding titles as she is creating a world understanding library. A suggestion was made for Denise to send the list to President Linda to be put in the Violets Voice.

B. Important Dates

** Sept 15 is the deadline for Proposals for the Educational Symposiums

** Oct. 15 is the deadline for applications to the Leadership Academy. Alpha Delta Kappa is looking into obtaining college credit for this academy that seeks to explore leadership qualities, not just in one's Alpha Delta Kappa journey, but in one's professional life as well.

G. Member and Chapter Highlights

- Sue Pelchat welcomed her grandson Conrad James “Moose” on May 9th
- Margaret Genetti came in first at her waterskiing competition today
- John Pelchat is having brain surgery next week
- Nancy Schneider Lyons received the Outstanding Citizen Award in the town of Harwinton for all her hard and generous work
- Gabriela Backiel welcomed her granddaughter Veronica Gabriela on March 18th
- September 20th is the Parkinson's Walk. You can get information by searching Torrington Parkinsons Support
- Maureen LaFrancis retired

H. Attendance Raffle - Charlotte Zenzick used the “pickster” app which chose Jean Kellogg

I. Closing Thought by Sue Pelchat for Margaret Genetti was also from Shriver's book I've Been Thinking. It was about how being a woman isn't a liability, but an asset.

J. “The Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa” was sung by all sisters along with a recording provided by Sue Pelchat.

A motion to adjourn was made by Christa Cote and seconded by Charlotte Zenzick.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Butryman Recording Secretary
Connecticut Alpha Delta Kappa