

Beta Epsilon Chapter of DKG, International, February 18, 2025

Meeting Minutes

The Beta Epsilon Chapter met at House of Pizza in Lincolnton, NC on February 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Dawn Emory called the meeting to order. Our speaker was Valerie Yatko, Director of Business and Community Partnerships from Gaston County Schools. She spoke to the group about the need for volunteers to help with the mentoring program in the schools and asked members to consider signing up. She passed out pins with the quote "Every child is one caring adult away from being a success story."

Business: Dawn announced that Teresa Sain wants to rejoin DKG but was unable to attend the meeting. Teresa passed on a message from Mrs. Michele thanking DKG for their donation of Christmas presents for the children.

We received a thank you card from Angela Herd thanking members for the money that they donated to her family.

Cindi Ramseur presented the Treasurer's Report and said that we had a total of \$3,163.81 at present and \$327.17 in Scholarships. There were no questions about the report and we did not need to approve it.

New Business: Paige introduced a prospective new member – Kelsey Hensley – She is from Tennessee and is a third grade teacher at Tryon. She was Tryon's teacher of the year last year and comes highly recommended.

Beth Glover reported, from the Communications Committee, that she will be working on the newsletter at the end of the week if anyone has any news to contribute. She announced that Robin Blackburn will be the spotlight person this time.

Dawn asked for prayers for an 18 year old in the community needing a heart transplant. She also is looking for ideas for a spring project to benefit Western North Carolina. Dawn asked if we could collect donations for Western North Carolina. And send them through Cindi's Church, Long Creek Presbyterian.

Dawn has looked into donations for a school in Asheville. She suggested that we collect supplies at the Crockpot Cook-Off. Dawn will make a list of things and will send the list out or you may make monetary donations for library books. This announcement will also be put in the newsletter.

Dawn reminded us of the upcoming Crockpot Cook-Off on March 17th at First Presbyterian Church in Cherryville. She announced that we would be having a baked goods auction in addition to the other silent auction items.

Laura Bone reported for Finance/Scholarship Committee that she was sending packets to 3 High School – Kings Mountain, Cherryville and Bessemer City.

Dawn announced, for Outreach Committee, that Ashley Dixon has had sick relatives and has been unable to work on new teacher projects. Dawn also admitted that she had dropped the ball here and offered to help Ashley.

Dawn announced that the State is offering a Leadership Conference in March and asked Cindi if there was money in the budget to pay for the president to go. Cindi made a motion that Dawn go to the State Leadership Conference and that it be paid for by funds from DKG. The motion was seconded by Laura Bone. The motion was approved by members.

Dawn reminded members of the upcoming State Convention to be held at the end of April where there would also be a Ceremony of Remembrance for Dr. Judith Houser.

After ballots were distributed and collected for voting on new members, Paige counted the ballots and Kelsey Hensley was unanimously approved as a new member. Cindi asked for a membership form to help her to fill out information for new members as she signs them up.

Dawn said the Statewide Goal for DKG this year was to maintain membership and add one more. So far we have accomplished this goal.

The meeting was adjourned by Dawn Emory.

Respectfully submitted.

Lynn Lifford

Secretary