

NC Beta Epsilon Chapter of DKG, International

The Beta Epsilon Chapter met on May 9, 2023, at First Wesleyan Church of Bessemer City. There were 17 members present. With a theme of "Celebrating the Future" we were excited to present 4 scholarships this year. Two scholarships, in the amount of \$1000. each were given to high-school seniors with plans to enter education as they enter college. They are Divinity Hope and Jake Gregory, both of Kings Mountain. Two scholarships, in the amount of \$300. each were given to beginning teachers of Tryon Elementary to aid them in their continued preparation for certification. They are Bailey Harper and Jillian Hamel. In observance of Founder's Day, Jewel Alexander gave insights as to personal and professional expectations of teachers of the past. We were humorously reminded of how things have changed.

The business meeting, presided over by our president, Beth Glover, included the following:

Treasurer's Report: General Fund \$6638.86 of which \$3847.24 is Scholarship Fund. Our very successful fund-raising events of Crock-Pot Cookoff and "You've Been Egged" raised \$1400. each. Members were each committed to doing their part for these fund-raisers and should be very proud of our success.

Louise Lomick represented our chapter at the state convention in Greenville, NC and reported to the chapter the following:

Our chapter received two state awards in the area of Website Excellence and a badge for Newsletter Excellence. Our president, Beth Glover, and past president, Melanie Sherrill are responsible for these areas of communication and have given lots of time to their excellence.

Louise told of her opportunity to engage with students while visiting in a Kindergarten class with ECU professor Dobson. She was able to return with materials to be made available at Tryon

Elementary on “Tools for Keeping Children Engaged” and a Book of Games promoting games as a valuable learning tool.

The Eta State Educational Foundation in cooperation with Unicef raised \$1000. for their “Schools in Africa” project. Our chapter contributed \$200 to this project.

Our chapter scholarship winner of 2014 was awarded a state scholarship, as she works to further our goal of excellence in education.

Our Summer planning session has been set for June 20 at 4:00, Where to be determined after input from members. Send requests for prayer and items to be celebrated to be shared in the newsletter to Beth as soon as possible.

Two new members were voted to join our chapter. Rexana Rhoney, an ELL Teacher in Lincoln County Schools and Paige Henley A Librarian in Gaston County Schools.

The meeting adjourned with feelings of a very good year!