

**Minutes of the Regular Chapter Meeting  
Epsilon Kappa of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
October 3, 2016**

The regular meeting of Epsilon Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was held on October 3, 2016, at the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Headquarters in Austin. President Pam Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

New members Yvette Cardenas, Gracie Esquivel, Ely Rodriguez, and Luisa Hernandez, all sponsored by Debbie Sansom, were initiated. Carolyn Pittman, 2016-2018 DKG International President for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Headquarters, participated in the initiation ceremony as a special guest.

Pam Kelly introduced transfer member Paula Murray and mentioned 2 other transfer members (Dr. Glenda Ballard and Amparo Shanor) who were unable to attend.

Evelyn Barron, chapter member and ASTEF Director, began the Celebration of Life with a special remembrance piece honoring two Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Headquarters sisters/employees who passed away in 2015-2016. She honored Montie Simpson (41 years) and Genelle Schlickeisen (47 years), who were 2 of the 3 longest serving employees working at headquarters.

Members sang the Delta Kappa Gamma Song to welcome the new initiates and to remember those sisters who are no longer with us.

Pam Kelly introduced the celebration of our 90+ member birthdays for all who were present. Jo Watts presented information about Maria McPhail in honor of her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday; Elizabeth Newell presented information about Dr. Phyllis Richards in honor of her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday; Earin Martin presented information about Gene Nelson Jones in honor of her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday (including giving her an honorary doctorate!); and Marcia Kirkland mentioned Margaret Wallace was not feeling well and that we will honor her at another meeting. Marcia then presented information about and questioned Julia Mellenbruch about her life that now numbers 100 years.

Marcia Kirkland, Treasurer, introduced guest speaker Carolyn Pittman, 2016-2018 DKG International President. Carolyn spoke about the Butterfly Effect and Our Vision. She shared that we are a chapter of butterflies – when our individual acts synergize with the actions of others, it transforms the world. We flap our wings by paying dues, celebrating others, growing our personhood and member personhoods, mentoring teachers, providing scholarships, supporting leadership development, etc. *You make a difference - I make a difference - WE make a difference.*

Pam Kelly thanked Carolyn and presented her with a thank-you card and donation in her honor to the DKG Educational Foundation.

Evelyn Barron recognized Dr. Phyllis Richards for her outstanding leadership support with a framed picture (information in the newsletter) and a basket of thank you notes from all ten recipients of a Dr. Phyllis Richards leadership grant.

The business portion of the regular meeting of Epsilon Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order by President Pam Kelly at 7:21 p.m.

Evelyn Barron presented the Chapter New Business of 2 Chapter Rules amendments regarding voting by postal or electronic mail. They were presented in one motion and both passed.

The business meeting was concluded at 7:23 p.m.

Marcia Kirkland provided an update on the Supporting Early-Career Educators (SEE) Project. There are 24 mentees, 8 mentees released (who are doing great), and we are at 7 schools. Over \$8,000 in grants and all other donations will be spent on STEM books for 1<sup>st</sup> year teachers, as well as 2 iPads/\$15 iTunes gift cards for our ten 2<sup>nd</sup> year teachers. All teachers received pencil sharpeners and a ream of paper. Debbie Sansom then gave new inductee Ely Rodriquez her two iPads and iTunes cards.

Cara Hamlin, chair of the Educational Excellence Committee, has collected photos of all the Chapter members. During the reception, a video was shown with the photos for us to get to know each other better. The photos and video will be uploaded to the secure section of our website.

The brag basket, benefitting SEE, was passed by Deb Acevedo-Tamminga.

Evelyn Barron announced that member copies of the printed yearbook are at the desk. For members who want an electronic version or both, a pdf version will be emailed soon to those who have an email address.

Tamara Wood played the piano.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m. followed by delightful refreshments from the Gold Team.

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Epsilon Kappa Secretary  
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