Omega State Colorado

of

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Spring Executive Board Meeting

Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows

March 17, 2018

Omega State President Janet McClaskey called the 2018 Spring Executive Board meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Janet introduced the meeting’s theme, “The Art of Education.” Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of “God Bless America,” items on the tables were identified and explained. Those present signed pre-addressed “Thank A Member” notes. Chi, Alpha Mu, and Alpha Iota Chapters were thanked for the Praise and Possibility Art on each table. The creations were given as door prizes. It was noted that Loretta Kerr had three photographs selected by DKG International to be exhibited on their website Art Gallery. You may view them at gallery.dkg.org. Certificates for Loretta and for Omega Chapter were presented in recognition for their contributions to the Gallery. President McClaskey will have two poems on exhibit next year. Members were encouraged to submit entries to both the International Gallery and the Omega State website section entitled, “Travels, Toddlers, and Tidbits.” President McClaskey also wrote a song entitled, “Praise and Possibility.” The Music, Arts, and Humanities Education Team helped put the words to music. They presented the song, and members practiced it several times. Members were encouraged to take the extra copies back to their chapters to practice. Following roll call, the minutes from October 21, 2017 were approved as presented in the call. Susan Denny, Parliamentarian, established quorum and reviewed the parliamentary rules for the meeting.

Fumnanya Camara, Colorado Department of Education Student Re-Engagement Coordinator, was introduced. Discussion ensued regarding three ways of engaging students in the classroom to improve graduation rates.

There was no Old Business. Under New Business, President McClaskey briefly discussed the changes to the International Constitution. If you have input on the changes, you are encouraged to contact her. These changes will be presented at the Omega State Leadership Conference.

 Kathy Flynn, DKG Omega State Liaison to the United Nations, addressed the group regarding the 19th CTAUN Conference at the UN Headquarters in New York on April 6, 2018. Members were encouraged to attend. Kathy also previewed the Omega State Anniversary Booklet, 1986-2016. Pre-order forms are available online at dkgcolorado.weebly.com. Booklets are $15.00 a copy. Orders will be available at the Leadership Conference. Kathy acknowledged that Past Omega State Presidents Dorothy Dunlap and Charlotte Collins passed away the beginning of this year.

Leadership Development Team Leader, Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske and Editor, Nancy Scofield of Beta Chapter reported on the Leadership Conference. Host chapters, Alpha Omicron and Beta were recognized and thanked. All members were encouraged to participate in the Omega State Leadership Conference, June 11, 12, and 13, 2018 being held at the Franciscan Center in Colorado Springs. Registration, pre-conference activities, a schedule of events, and session descriptions are available at dkgcolorado.weebly.com. Information will be sent to chapter presidents. Be sure to bring your own copy of the agenda and your own bag.

Team reports were given. A “Team Highlights” link is available online at dkgcolorado.weebly.com. You may also read “PERA on the Issues.”

Kudos were given to Mary Lauck, Delta Chapter, who was recognized in the “Omega Peaks Winter 2017” issue. Mary wrote a poem entitled, “Shoes to Serve a Voyage.” The poem won second place in the 2017 *Write a DearReader Contest*.

Team Time was given at 11:30 to allow teams to plan and set monthly goals from now through October. Lunch followed.

The group reconvened at 1:03 p.m. with a cup stacking demonstration by Elijah Farrales. Correlating with the meeting theme, “The Art of Education,” the group was offered inspiration through the creativity and ingenuity of Elijah’s stacking of around 2,500 cups. All present were given a chance to create their own small cup structures.

Cynthia Mousel reported on an educational mission trip in which she was involved. Pura Vida Ministries promotes health, education, and sharing of resources in the western highlands of Guatemala. Cynthia shared her pictures and spoke to the values she brought back from working with the Guatemalan community.

To conclude the meeting, a former student of President McClaskey’s, Kait Rase, addressed the group on “Perspectives on Education from a First Year Teacher.” Brimming with enthusiasm for her third graders and the teaching experience, Kait reminded us all of a very important fact: I am making a difference.

Following a meeting summary, evaluations, and announcements, members rose and joined hands and voices to sing the “Delta Kappa Gamma Song.” The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary