

DKG Minutes for September 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Coleen at 5:56. Introductions were made: Co-presidents, Amy and Coleen, Marcia Scarr (DKG's first president), and Linda Clark (friend of Lynn).

Presidents' Reports – Judi Fisher reminded everyone that she still needs more volunteers for the Fall Conference in Livonia (Oct. 21-22). Hours begin at 2pm on Friday and 7 a.m. on Saturday. You need to register for the conference before you can volunteer to help. Donations are still needed for the Gift Certificate basket we will be donating. Cash will be accepted but be sure to indicate to Cindy your check is for the Fall Conference basket.

Treasurer's report – Cindy reviewed our current balance and expences and reminded everyone to pay our dues of \$75 as soon as possible.

Holiday Auction – Mary Jo reminded everyone that the date has been changed to Sunday, November 6. Members should have already received flyers in the first bulletin. Checks need to be sent to Cindy by Oct. 17. She reminded us to be sure to indicate the meal choice. We will assign jobs as we have done in the past based on who will be attending but if you would like to do a different job please let Mary Jo know. Since the event is in November donated items to auction need not be holiday themed. Coleen reminded us that this is our big fundraiser so participation is very important. We will be donating to Seedlings in place of table favors (although Lisa mentioned that she may make something small to put on the tables.) A decision was made to change the name of this auction to DKG Annual Auction.

Corresponding Secretary report – Let Amy know if you're not receiving the bulletin. She will attach other items as PDF files rather than including them in the bulletin. Lynn reported that we'll be getting less *Wolverines* each year because they're leaning toward electronic rather than paper. Coleen and Amy will be sharing our documents via google drive. If anyone needs help with this let them know and they're very willing to help. Coleen made corrections to our list of officers and committees to include Lisa Austin (Sunshine), Donna Colaianne and Joanna Elwen (50/50), Book Lady (Carol Palk). Lisa volunteered to put together a gift basket of small items. Bring any small item to the October meeting and give it to her.

Grant-in-aid – Donna read a thank you note from Hollie Mabbott, our last recipient. She is a kindergarten teacher who used the money for an area rug for her classroom, tubs for her students, and supplies for her classroom.

Service Projects – Judy Moranti reported that Kathleen Washington will be our guest speaker at the October meeting. Bring any ideas for the girls from Beverly House to this meeting. She reported that the Sumpter House baby shower was a success. All girls were very grateful. Lynn will help Judy with Beverly House and may aske for the Wilma Adams grant again. A discussion included whether or not to help support a student from Wayne High who is in a very difficult family situation. Judy will speak to the counselor and give an update at our next meeting. It was suggested to have a theme for donations each month to help out this particular family so in October the theme be paper products. (Judy strongly suggested toilet paper).

Old Business – Amy asked members to first put DKG in subject area when sending an email to either her or Coleen. A reminder that Metro Council's theme is Spring Gardening and will follow the same format as in the past. It will take place at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington. The birthday dinner will again be at Courthouse Grill in Plymouth. We discussed the order of our meetings and decided to follow this order: dinner, speaker (usually around 6 p.m.), business meeting.

The vacation auction was concluded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Dreffs.

DKG Minutes for October 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Coleen at 5:46.

Presidents' Reports – We will be initiating 2 new members, Sarah Elsesser and Linda Clark, and reinstating Marcia Scarr. The date of the ceremony is yet to be determined. The minutes for September 22, 2016 were approved. Amy explained that the newsletter for Oct/Nov. was a little late and included flyers for the auction and fall conference.

Grant-in-Aid – We discussed ideas to encourage winners of our grants to attend/join DKG. Further discussion is needed.

Annual Auction – We are able to get into the building by 11:30 to set up. Lots of help is needed so please try to be there as early as possible but would appreciate guests not arriving early. Lunch entrees will not include dessert. Our dessert will be a cake purchased from Costco. We will be eating lunch about 2:00. Please remember that this is our only fundraiser supporting all of the things we do so, as they used to say on the PBS television auction, “Bid high and bid often”!

Yearbook – Amy and Colleen will have the only copy of the yearbook as it has become too expensive to make copies for each member.

Guest Speaker – Kathleen Washington was scheduled to speak but was unable to attend so Judy Morante filled in for her. She told us about the organization *Spectrum* which is the nonprofit that supports them. Beverly House and Sumpter House. It was founded in 1976. Gamma Alpha got involved because Judy's daughter taught some of the girls at Beverly House. Judy became involved with these girls and as a result we have, too. Some of the experiences we've supported include a baby shower, manicures, trip to a corn maze, bowling (Seedlings), making blankets, lunch, swimming, rollerskating, and donating bags. Judy suggested that members could act as “mothers” for girls graduating by helping them look for college scholarships or job searches. She has set up tutoring by Schoolcraft students for the girls. She suggested a program which would send 3 girls to a DSO concert. Judi Fisher reported that we will receive the Wilma Adams grant for \$300 to help with all that we do to support these girls.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Lynne. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Dreffs

DKG Minutes for January 18, 2017

After a wonderful presentation about Seedlings by Karen Smith, Colleen called the business meeting to order at 5:50. Barb Broadley and Carol Anderson moved and seconded the motion to approve the minutes of our Oct. meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy reported that we have \$13,139.00 in our account.

Corresponding Secretary Report – We had a letter from Alice Duke with her dues and an update on her health. Amy reported that she has submitted our newsletter for judging.

Grant-in-Aid -Donna reported that she has a few applications. The forms are online. She is developing a letter to the winners inviting them to attend a meeting with the hope that they may become involved with our chapter.

Service Project – Judy reported that the girls would like to take a trip to Frankenmuth for dinner and a trip to Bronners. She has bought clothes to donate to incoming girls and asked us to help put together “welcome bags” using these clothes. She also reported that Beverly House has received donations of a table, chairs, and washer from other individuals.

Annual Auction – Cindy reported that we made \$2,137.00. Several members who were unable to attend even donated items. Feedback from the auction was very positive. Many liked not having to drive at night. November 5, 2017 is the date of our next auction.

Yearbook – The yearbook has been submitted for judging.

New Business – There was a discussion on how to spend the Wilma Adams funds and this was tabled until our next meeting. A suggestion to donate 50/50 money to Beverly House was made. Two suggestions were made as to how to spend money from our account. Ideas were to pay part of the registration fee for the spring conference or to pay part of our dues for new teachers/members. It was moved and seconded to donate \$100 to Seedlings in appreciation for the presentation made by Karen Smith. A motion was made and seconded to approve funds for the Adopt-A-Reader program.

Old Business – The feedback from the December event at Amy's house was positive. Metro Council Luncheon is April 1 from 9:30-2:00 at Our Lady of Sorrows. It was suggested that Karen Smith would be great speaker for Metro Council next year. It was decided to send a get well card to Helen Mate.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Dreffi