**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

**ALPHA MU, Chapter 36, Area 5, Brownsville, Texas**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 6:00 P.M. Cobbleheads

*Hostess(es): Pat Johnson-Hodge and Noel Kendall*

**Presentation – *Matters of the Heart presentation by Dr. Kalim Habet from The Heart Institute (Purpose: 1, 6)***

**Call to Order** *Norma Nelson*, First Vice President

**Collect** *Martha Warburton*, Second Vice President

**Roll Call** *Irene Avila*, Recording Secretary

* ***Officers and Members Present:*** *12*
* ***Guests: 3 (Dr. Kalim Habet, Mrs. Habet, and Gracie Alonso)***

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** *Irene Avila*, Recording Secretary

* ***Minutes of the November 8, 2016 meeting were approved by****: Noel Kendall* ***2nd by****: Pat Johnson-Hodge* *Approved unanimously*

**Correspondence** *Diana Gomez*, Corresponding Secretary

* Mary T. Hoskins submitted notice of not continuing.

***Approved by:*** *Noel Kendall* ***2nd by:*** *Esmeralda Torres Approved unanimously*

**Treasurer’s Report** *Hilda Flores*, Treasurer

* ***$4116.30 -*** September 13, 2016 balance
* ***$786.00 -*** October-November deposits (membership dues, donations, birthday raffles)
* ***$1365.00 -*** November Payment/Withdrawal (DKG Society International-State dues and fees)
* ***$828.00*** – December deposit Christmas Tea and Auction (higher than 2016’s)
* ***$4365.30*** - Current balanceas of 1/31/17

***Approved by:*** *Mary Sullivan* ***2nd by:*** *Pat Johnson-Hodge Approved unanimously*

 **President’s Report of**  *Norma Nelson*, First Vice President

***Executive Committee Meeting Jan. 7, 2017***

* ***Reviewed Executive Board items***
	+ Committees reviewed by board members
	+ Discussed chapter ordering new member pins and having new members reimburse chapter.
	+ H. Flores submitted report of members that dropped
	+ Notify all non-renewing members that written notice needs to be submitted to chapter.
	+ Necrology report submitted online by February 1, 2017 by M. Gonzales.
	+ Post minutes, agendas, and newsletters on Chapter webpage.
	+ Members need to update My DKG Member Profile 2016 - 2017

 **Committee Reports***(as Needed)*

Membership recommendations for consideration

* E. Torres announced deadline February 20, 2017. Members recommending new members need to begin process with Prospect Card. Recommendation form should be used instead of recruitment plan that is posted on website. DKG Texas website contains recommendation form link.

Chapter Bylaws update

* M. Sullivan will be making minor changes to bylaws. Some bylaws will be simplified.

Communication/Newsletter & update My DKG Member Profile

* N. Nelson has20 members on Remind App
* L. Little announced that Newsletter will now be highlighting a member every month, “Making Members Matter.”

2016 - 2017 Alpha Mu Outstanding Future Woman Educator Award (Grant-in-Aid)

* N. Kendall continues to struggle with establishing her contacts with UTRGV. M. Sullivan will contact Dr. Brogdon.

**New Business:**

* + ASTEF Deadlines for Grants for Aspiring Educators by March 1 and Grants for ASTEF \*Projects by April 1
		- M. Gonzales shared a sample narrative for project applications with members.
			* Care Packages for New Teachers in May.
			* Cap & Gowns
			* Free Lending Library
			* Gardening – H. Flores volunteered to sponsor.
	+ Annie Award due April 1 – based on Gardening Meeting in November.
	+ Fund Raising Ideas discussion
	+ Sponsors’ letter to support projects
		- M. Gonzales presented sponsorship letter for members to provide to contributors. Checks/contributions need to be made out to Alpha Mu.
	+ Goals
	+ Conventions
	+ new teachers’ care package for May 9, 2017 National Teacher Day
	+ Houston Conference representation and deadline for Presentation proposals February 17th.
		- Names of any member interested in attending conference – dates June 21-24, 2017.
		- Breakout session proposal – M. Gonzales will submit in order to present on strategies.
	+ Need Unifying Project Contributions for Child Advocates (see list).
		- List provided to members. N. Nelson will collect items for submission at June convention.

**Valentine Sweet Treat Tasting & Auction for Literacy Projects**

**Birthday Raffle**

**DKG Song & Adjournment Time: 8:17 P.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Irene Avila, Recording Secretary

 Minutes reviewed by

Next meeting: ***Tuesday, March 7, 2017*** at Cobbleheads at 6:00 p.m.

***Grant in Aide Award presentation & Champions for Children***