**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

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

**Business Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, **March 7, 2017** 6:00 P.M. Cobbleheads

*Hostess(es): Linda Little and Maggie Aguilar-Crandall*

**Presentation –**  **Mariana Elizondo & Alyssa Norga** students from Rivera High School *2017 Texas Association of Future Educators (****TAFE****) members*. They received a Blue Ribbon at the TAFE *Teach Tomorrow Summit* in Arlington for their **Interactive Bulletin Board**. They will share their project highlights along with their sponsor **Ms. Rosa Ibarra**. ***(****Purpose: 2, 3)*

**Call to Order** *Maria V. Gonzales*, President

**Collect** *Linda Little*

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

* ***Officers and Members Present:*** *7* ***Guests: 3***

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** *Maria Gonzales*, Recording Secretary

* ***Minutes of the February meeting were approved by****: Mary Sullivan* ***2nd by****: Noel Kendall*  *Approved unanimously*

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

* ***No Report***

***Approved by:******2nd by:*** *Approved unanimously*

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

* ***$4365.30 –*** *February**12, 2017 balance*
* ***$327.00 –*** *Deposit from February Valentine Sweet Treat Auction and Birthday Raffle*
* ***$25.00 –*** *ASTEF Giving Day*
* ***$250.00 –*** *Deposit, donation from Teaching Grants for Project Support*
* ***$63.00 –*** *ASTEF Scholarship-Triple Honors for 2017 ($3 per member x 21)*

***Approved by:*** *Kay Herrera* ***2nd*** *by Esmeralda Torres**Approved unanimously*

 **President’s Report**  *Maria V. Gonzales*, President

* Discussed the upcoming state convention, June 22-24, 2017 in Houston, Texas, encouraged more members to attend. Also, a proposal for a session was sent.
* Announced that 2 applications were submitted for the ASTEF Aspiring Educators due March 1st.
* Reminder to share the sponsor’s letter for donations to support chapter goals.

 **Committee Reports & Deadlines**

* Esmeralda Torres stated that she had received 2 recommendations for membership.

 **Communication/Newsletter and Project Review – Status Update**

* Linda Little stated that Maggie Aguilar-Crandall wrote an article in the newsletter highlighting the Little Free Libraries. She stated that state is encouraging member written articles to be included in at least 6 of the newsletters.
* Kay Herrera was awarded a certificate of appreciation for the book donations to the lending library.

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

* Noel Kendall stated that she has a new contact at UTRGV
* An appointment has been set to discuss the Grant-in-Aide Scholarship with the Los Fresnos superintendent.
* New deadline for submission of application of Grant-in-Aide will be April 14, 2017.

 **Open Items: Grant Writing Status**

* Reminder that ASTEF Grant applications need to be submitted by April 1, 2017.
	+ Care Packages for New Teachers in May – Melissa Salazar
	+ Cap & Gown – Melissa Salazar and Mary Sullivan
	+ Little Free Libraries – Maggie Aguilar-Crandall and Linda Little
	+ Garden Based Project – Hilda Flores

 **New Business:**

* Garden Based Learning Follow up: The Annie Award application was reviewed by Maria Gonzales. It focused on Garden Based Learning and it was noted that at the presetation we had agreed to sponsor some community gardens. Mary Sullivan made a motion to sponsor community gardens at 2 schools to be determined by the Executive Board. Esmeralda Torres 2nd the motion, the motion was approved.

 **Other Announcements: none**

 **Birthday Raffle**

 **DKG Song & Adjournment Time: P.M. 8:15 P.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Linda Little, Communications/Publicity Chair

 Minutes reviewed by Maria V. Gonzales

Next meeting: ***Tuesday, April 11, 2017*** at Cobbleheads at 6:00 p.m.

***New Members Initiation Ceremony and Program Planning 2017-2018***