**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

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

**Business Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, **April 11, 2017** 6:00 P.M. Cobbleheads

*Hostess(es): Esmeralda Torres, Norma Nelson and Mary Sullivan*

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

**Collect** *Maria V. Gonzales*, President

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

* ***Officers and Members Present: 11***
* ***Guests: 2 Inductees***

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

* ***Minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting were approved by****: Mary Sullivan*
* ***2nd by****: Esmeralda Torres*  *Approved unanimously*

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

* ***Maria Gonzales stated that she received email confirming the acceptance of presenting for Houston Conference.***

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

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

* *$4854.30 – March 7, 2017 balance*
* *$86.45 – spent on Award Concepts (4 DKG Small Official Member Keypin and President’s pin.*
* *$34.65 – spent on membership certificates.*
* *$7.00 – deposit, birthday raffle and pins (pending)*
* *$4740.21 - ending balance*

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

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

* *Grant applications submitted on April 1, 2017.* 
  + *Garden Project, chaired by Hilda Flores*
  + *Little Library, chaired by Linda Little*
  + *New Educator Care Packages, chaired by Maria Gonzales*
  + *Cap and Gowns, chaired by Melissa Salazar and Mary Sullivan*
* *M. Gonzales submitted Annie Award based on Garden Activity.*
* *Chapter received notice that TSO Houston would like chapter to have a visual arts display at conference. Member volunteers: M. Gonzales and P. Segura, crochet; K. Herrera, sewing crafts. M. Sullivan motioned that we reserve display table ($50 fee), 2nd by E. Torres.*

**Committee Reports & Deadlines**

* Update My DKG Member Profile 2016 – 2017 Alpha Mu
  + *Members urged to update their profile.*
* **2016 Alpha Mu Outstanding Future Woman Educator Award (Grant-in-Aid) Update**
  + *M. Sullivan met with Superintendent and Ms. Ozuna. As of April 11th, no applicants so far as per Ms. Ozuna. Deadline is 4/14/17.*
* **Raising Awareness of DKG in the Educational Community through grants submitted**
  + *Initiation pictures need to be submitted to The Brownsville Herald.*
  + *M. Sullivan suggested we submit pictures on meeting presentations.*
  + *N. Kendall suggested contacting Dr. Sandra McGehee from The Brownsville Herald.*

**New Business:**

* **Fund Raising update**
  + *Donation of $250 added to budget.*
  + *M. Gonzales has been approached by a contritutor with a large donation. She also stated that Chick fil A owner (Boca Chica) would like to contribute to the chapter. Chapter received a large contribution of books for Little Library Project from Benchmark.*
  + *Popularity of Longoria Little Library has led to book turnover. N. Nelson will create labels for books of lending library.*
* **Houston Conference**
  + *One room reserved for 3 nights, June 21-23, 2017. Members were given registration form if interested in attending conference. M. Sullivan and H. Flores are interested.*
* **Unifying Project Contributions for Child Advocates (see list)**
  + *Members N. Kendall and P. Johnson-Hodge donated 2 Walmart gift cards. N. Nelson will put donations together for presentation at TSO June Convention.*
* **Program Planning for 2017 – 2018**
  + *Program calendar was merged with meeting schedule. Members provided with 2017 – 2018 Year-at–a-Glance Program Calendar. Discussed tentative schedule as follows:*
    - *August, 2017, Executive Committee Meeting*
    - *September 2017, meeting Deep in the Heart of Texas Ed, presenter, Ruben Cortez, SBOE Member.*
    - *October 2017, BISD Women Principals Panel*
    - *November 2017, Organic Gardening in the RGV*
    - *December 2017, Christmas Tea and Live Auction*
    - *January 2018, Executive Committee Meeting*
    - *February 2018, Valentine Raffle & Sample*
    - *March 2018, Saturday Field Trip (Palo Alto, Stillman House, Los Laureles, Tour of Lending Libraries, Astronomy with C. Lutsinger) were some of the suggestions provided by members.*
    - *April 2018, Initiation of New Members and Voting of New Officers*
    - *May 2018, Celebration of DKG Founders’ Day & Alpha Mu Birthday, “Hat Day” and Installment of New Officers.*
    - *June 2018, 89th DKG State Convention*
    - *July 2018, DKG International Convention Austin, Texas at the JW Marriot (chapter has been asked to facilitate).*
    - *August 2018 Executive Board Meeting*
    - *September and October 2018 pending.*
* *N. Nelson also suggested that program be finalized once it is crossed referenced with BISD calendar in order to avoid meeting date conflicts such as Open House.*

**PROGRAM – Initiation Ceremony of New Members by Esmeralda Torres, Ceremonials and Membership Chair – Graciela Alonso and Patricia Segura** *(Purpose : 2,3)*

**Birthday Raffle**

**DKG Song & Adjournment Time: 7:40 P.M.**

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

Minutes reviewed by

Next meeting: ***Tuesday, May 9, 2017*** at Cobbleheads at 6:00 p.m.

***Celebration of Delta Kappa Gamma Founders’ Day and Alpha Mu’s Birthday; Hat Day Attendance and Membership Awards***