**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

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

**Business Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 8, 2016 6:00 P.M. Cobbleheads

*Hostess(es): Kay Herrera & Irene Avila*

**Presentation – *Organic Gardening in the RGV; How Students Benefit from Garden-Based Learning (****Purpose: 1, 3, 6, 7) Presenter: Veronica D. Rosenbaum* *brownsvillewellnesscoalition@gmail.com*

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

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

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

* ***Officers and Members Present:*** *14*
* ***Guests: 2 (Magda Apresa, Alma Marie Salazar, BISD teachers)***

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

* ***Minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting were approved by****: Mary Sullivan* ***2nd by****: Kay Herrera* *Approved unanimously*

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

**Treasurer’s Report** *Hilda Flores*, Treasurer *9/1/16 balance $3,955.04*

* *Expenditures:*

*-$51.74 - M. Crandall reimbursement- Target purchased 4 utility tubs*

*-$500.00 – Maria Gonzales reimbursement for Frisco Convention Summer 2016*

*-$1,365.00 - DKG Society International-State & International Dues*

* *Deposits Credits:*

 *+$713.00 – Sept. Meeting: Dues, Birthday Raffle, Rainbow Room*

 *+138.50 – October Meeting: Dues, Birthday Raffle, Pins*

 *+437.50 – Membership dues paid through 11/8/16.*

*11/8/16 balance $3,327.30*

* ***Approved by:*** *Noel Kendall* ***2nd by:*** *Martha Warburton Approved unanimously*

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

* *Thanked all who attended the Barbara Warburton Educational Center Tour. Sent certificates to presenters at the Center. Congratulated the meeting of deadlines for Yearbook, treasurer’s report, web site and newsletter. Informed that had received in writing from Teresa Hoskins her note to not renew her membership. Mary Brown will have her information moved to San Antonio Chapter. Diana will contact anyone not renewing for the written note for file as is required. Pending membership payments need to be submitted to Hilda.*

**Committee Reports & Deadlines**

* *Mary Sullivan – Yearbook received Early Bird Certificate from DKG for submitting ahead of time.*
* *Maggie Crandall provided update on construction of Little Free Library Literacy Project and commented on the awesome book donations being donated by members. Adding benches as an enhancement to the library was recommended.*
* *Newspaper stands have been donated but need painting.*
* *Idea presented in having mobile library attend city events which would allow children to take books with them.*
* *M. Warburton continuing to work with Girl Scouts to allow Literacy Project to continue to grow.*
* *Next phase – adding benches*

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

* *Linda Little mentioned pictures needed for December Newsletter in order to have it ready for December before Thanksgiving holiday.*
* *Norma Nelson announced website received approval and compliance certification.*

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

* *Ms. Kendall will be working with UTRGV staff to obtain applicants. Deadline will be adjusted.*

**Open Items: Grant Writing Status**

* *Applications for grants passed out to members.*
* *Deadlines for DKG Educational Foundation Grants* ***January 3rd.***
* *Grants must include chapter involvement. We can sponsor projects*
* *ASTEF Grant Application deadline is* ***April 1, 2017****. Some ideas shared were the Caps for Grads, New Teachers goodie bags, Sponsoring a garden for campuses, Free Libraries replication, etc.*

**New Business: Reflections on Barbara Warburton Educational Center Tour and Next Steps**

**Other Announcements: Membership Drive**

* *Esmeralda Torres would like someone to take over. This will be her last year as chairperson. She will support new chair.*
* *Recommendations for potential members by December tea, but no later than January.*
* *Voting for new members will take place in March.*
* *Orientation in March as well.*
* *Initiations in April.*

**Adjournment at 8:30 P.M.**

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

Minutes reviewed by Maria V. Gonzales, President

Next meeting: ***Saturday, December 10, 2016*** at 114 Fireside at 2:00 p.m.

***CHRISTMAS TEA AND LIVE AUCTION***

Reminder: Bring items to auction for our Grant in Aide for Future Women Educators