Alpha Delta Kappa Executive Board Meeting

September 25, 2021  9:30 a.m.

President Susan Nichols called the meeting of the ADK Executive Board to order at 9:42 a.m., September 25, 2021, at the HyVee in Jefferson City, Missouri.  Members attending were Susan Nichols, Terri Tauser, Janie Gray, Mary Beatty, Dorothy Fann, Kathy Kollmeyer, Nancy Ottinger, Dee Elder, Evelyn Boyle, Bobbie Lou Barber, Cindy Nevins, Becky Tipton, Rosemary Comisky, Marilyn Skipper, Susan Richmond, Sara Shelley, Elaine Keely, Sandra Gerber, Jeanne McDonald, Pat Hetherington, Brenda Smith, and Wanda McCampbell.

Chaplain, Terri Tauser, gave a thought for the day entitled “Building Students”, by Robert W. Murphy.

For roll call, Susan asked each member to use some of 200 words to complete the sentence “Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters are…………”  Many words were mentioned during this discussion, and it was decided that many more than 200 could apply to our sisters in ADK.

Minutes of the April 24, 2021, Executive Board meeting were presented by Janie Gray, Recording Secretary.  No additions were submitted, so the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Mary Beatty, Treasurer, presented the financial report.  Mary submitted 3 options for the CDs when they become due. 1.  Leave in the account. 2.  Renew -which would earn $6.00 per CD, per year. 3.  Prime Cash Obligation Fund (Money Market...no maturity schedule, get in and out at no cost) basically a broker.  Mary and Susan will both do some investigating before the January meeting for the possibility of future investment strategies.  Financial report will be filed for audit.

Mary collected vouchers and paid travel expenses.  No outstanding bills were submitted.

As the $40.00 International dues can be paid online this year, Susan made a presentation on how this is done by entering the member’s name in the ADK directory. She made it look easy, but, suggested if anyone had any questions to contact her for help.

Dorothy Fann, Corresponding Secretary, read a Thank You from sister Jeanne McDonald, Gamma Zeta, regarding the death of her brother. A Thank you was read from sister Janie Gray regarding the use of the Mini grant money in her Parents as Teacher program. The grant helped secure many items to make teaching virtually easier to her parents and young students.  Ramada Diallo, ITE student, sent a thank you for keeping in touch with her by the sending of a card from the Executive Board. Dorothy also distributed several cards for board members to sign, sending encouraging words and appreciation to soldiers who are serving in the military.  Her son is a chaplain in the army and will distribute these.  Only first names can be signed and no return addresses should be on the cards.

Susan reported on many chapter visits that she has done since the April meeting.  She is enjoying the chapters and expressed being thankful to the board for paying her mileage and allowing her to do this.

During a recent visit to the Carthage chapter she visited with Eunice Farmer, Alpha Eta, who will be 95 on October 18, 2021.  Susan will send board members her address so that they might recognize Eunice for this milestone.

Susan distributed blue sheets which are copies of each report submitted by board members for the convention booklet.  This is a model to use.  Submissions should be done by our January meeting.  She also reminded us that 501 (c) (3) status only applies to International, not states and chapters.  A brief summary of her H-142 was given.

Susan shared the International invitation video presented by Missouri sisters to invite members to Kansas City, 2023.

The International project of the Longest Day was headed by Melissa Bacon, Missouri Gamma Zeta with the goal being $2000.00. This event took in $2711.00.  Susan commended Melissa on the tremendous job she did with this project.

Dee Elder, President Elect, collected the lunch money for the board.

She reported that she was beginning to work on the Policies and Procedure updates and encouraged members **to send any suggestions to her by December 1, 2021,** to aid in these updates.

She requested help in securing future officers and board members and encouraged existing members to continue to serve.

Dee virtually attended International Convention and not only enjoyed the sessions, but felt it increased her knowledge of Alpha Delta Kappa.  She specifically enjoyed the “Marigold Effect” presentation and the book study given.

She reported that she will have information out soon to Missouri Chapter Presidents for Member and Chapter of Distinction forms.

Evelyn Boyle, Vice President for Membership, reported that 14 new members were initiated in Missouri and 4 reinstated during the pandemic.  100% of the Missouri chapters filed their CNA reports with several strengths, and varied programs listed. (148)  Membership goals remained a challenge for many chapters and virtual meetings have been hard during this time. Four Rs were discussed to help chapters which were **R**etention of sisters, **R**evitalize chapters, **R**ecruit new members, and **R**einstatement of members.

Nancy Ottinger, Sergeant-At-Arms, was present and reported that she had received the new name plates for all officers and committee members but, due to CoVid and social distancing, she was not using them at this time.

Historian, Nicole Harris was absent and no report was given.

Cindy Nevins, Council of Chapter Presidents, has been in contact with the Missouri Chapter Presidents regarding various deadlines of forms and will follow through on membership and payment of dues.

Kathy Kollmeyer, Immediate Past President, asked for prayers for the Rogersville school district and her granddaughter, Finley.  They are mourning the death of a 2nd grade teacher this week.

Kathy gave a map handout of the United States and members were asked to color the 7 regions of Alpha Delta Kappa on the map to become more familiar with what states and provinces were in each region.

Committee reports given were:

 Bobbi Lou Barber, Alpha Delta Kappa Month, reported her plans to reach out to Missouri chapters soon as ADK month is October.

 Sherry Carrothers, Altruistic, contacted Susan and asked to resign due to the return of breast cancer. Sister Neoma Farrar has accepted this position and will do the March 15, 2022, reporting for this committee.

 Susan reminded that chapters would be contacted to donate baskets for the convention.  She also reported that there were 57 T shirts to sell at convention.  She presented some T shirt ideas that could be ordered and would contain no specific date on them so that they could be sold at State, Regional and International 2022 and 2023. Members were encouraged to come up with some other ideas for sales by the January meeting, so that items could be ordered.

 Eileen Westveer, Auditing, was absent but Mary reported that they had met and would have this report done by convention.

 Marilyn Skipper, Budget, reported that she would present this at the January meeting so that the board can approve it before state convention.

 Amy Holliday, By-Laws, was absent.  Dee reported that this was a work in progress.

 Rosemary Comisky and Susan Richmond, Courtesy, presented some cards to be signed by the Executive Board and committee members.  They continue to send birthday, as well as other cards, to members.  A thank you was given to this committee for the treats they always distribute to the board members which is so thoughtful and appreciated.  They again reminded members of the card shower to Sister Eunice Farmer October 18 for her 95th birthday.

 Becky Tipton, Excellence in Education, was welcomed to the board and, as this award is evolving and changing, Susan explained that members from Missouri will submit the application online.  She gave 3 information sheets to follow and will remind Presidents in the newsletter that these applications are due November 15.

 Sara Shelley, Resolutions, was present but had nothing to report.

 Cathy Fulkerson was absent, but Elaine Keely, Scholarship, reminded members that there were two scholarships due on December 31, The Spirit of Missouri $1000.00 and the Mini Grant $500.00.

 Sandra Gerber, Sustaining Members, reported that she remains in contact with our Sustaining members and has received gratitude from members who have enjoyed being remembered this way.

 Deb Title and Natalie Precise, technology, were absent so Dee Elder and Susan Nichols worked together to make technology available to use at the meeting.

 Jeanne Mcdonald, World Understanding, presented the 2021-2023 International World Understanding Project :  “CHEAR” - making a **C**hildren’s **H**ome with **E**ducation and **A**griculture a **R**eality in Tanzania.  Project CHEAR’s mission is to empower disadvantaged children and youth in Babti, Tanzania, through education.  She also presented background information and a personal statement from ITE student, Rohina Sediqui, Afghanistan.

 Pat Hetherington, Candidate Qualifications, will send forms to chapters in late December.  Susan will send a list of chapter Presidents to her.

Wanda McCampbell and Brenda Smith, Convention Co-Chairs, gave several interesting facts of trivia about Missouri as we will continue to celebrate 200 years as a state at the April Convention.

Unfinished business was discussion about one site of Great Circle which has been the state altruistic project along with College of the Ozarks.  Kathy reported that the site we had discussed was closing and it was not the one we had worked with. Evelyn made a motion, seconded by Kathy, to continue with both our altruistic projects, The Great Circle and College of the Ozarks.  Motion passed.

Susan presented some budgeting items to think about since money had not been spent for various items due to CoVid and maybe returning some of this money to the members such as those paying International registration fees.  Consideration will be given to making our 2 altruistic donations similar to past amounts.

Door prizes from Susan of wine from St. James winery in Missouri was won by Wanda McCampbell.   Peanuts from Schnucks Market advertising the St. Louis’ Cardinals were won by Janie Gray and Pat Hetherington.

  The group sang the Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janie Gray, Recording Secretary

Dates to remember:  November 1-Excellence in Education

          December 31-Spirit of Missouri, Mini Grant due

 January 29-State Board Meeting

 April 22-23 State Convention, Columbia