**Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Tau Chapter**

**Minutes**

**February 12, 2015**

The February meeting of the Zeta Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was in the Multi-purpose room at Spring Forest Middle School, and was called to order by Paula Ely at 4:33 p.m.

Guests were introduced – Cathy Lassiter, diagnostician at SFMS and Carrie Cole, 3rd grade teacher at Rummel Creek Elementary

Our program for the month was introduced by Pat Osborne. One of the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma is to share your gifts and talents, so our members shared theirs with the rest of the chapter:

* Lori Cleare – Eat Right for your Blood Type
* Amy Houser – Rock, Paper Scissors Math
* Sharon Sharadin – Wacky Wordles
* Pat Osborne – Memory Peg system for healthy food
* Ana Vizau – Bucket filler activity
* Beth Brown – Zumba for your body

The Inspiration for the month was shared by Lori Cleare. Lori shared “Recipe for Friendship” by Julia Bettencourt.

Old Business:

* Paula Ely and Mary Ann Trapolino are working with young teachers at Thornwood Elementary
* Lori Cleare is trying to make contact with SWMS.
* Pat Osborne shared that there are seven first year teachers at Shadow Oaks Elementary
* Dora Aschenbeck and Lori Cleare went to Lorena’s school to volunteer as judges for their science fair
* Dora is working with a mentee at Spring Shadows Elementary

The monthly raffle item was glazed pecans donated by Julie Eisenhower.

The state DKG convention will be June 25-27, 2015 in San Antonio.

Beth Brown gave the Z Award to Martha Meyer.

Pace Update – we are accomplishing most of the items on the list.

CTAUN is a conference for teaching about the United Nations. It is an ancillary organization to DKG that teaches about global awareness. There will be a conference April 11 at North American University on Beltway 8. Members are encouraged to attend.

ASTEF – this year’s trip is a Road Scholar trip to Savannah, Georgia, October 11-16. Cost will be $1045.

The one-room schoolhouse field trip will be March 21 or 28. At least 15 members are needed for the trip to be viable.

At next month’s meeting, Terrie Cardwell will share how to keep a chapter active.

TRTA is actively monitoring this legislative session. Sign up at TRTA.org to receive email updates.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

November minutes are posted on the website for the membership

Julie Eisenhauer shared the Treasurer’s report.

* We currently have $3442.18 in the bank.
* Pam Calder has been reinstated as a member
* Julie shared that we should all hold on to our membership cards as our membership numbers will be needed in the future for regional and international conferences

Volunteer Opportunities:

* Volunteers are needed for Bear Creek Elementary located at 4850 Hickory Downs, Houston, TX 77084
  + 8 members volunteered to assist
* Volunteers also signed up to connect with SBISD elementaries as follows:
  + Thornwood Elementary – Paula Ely and Mary Ann Slaughter
  + Spring Shadows Elementary – Dora Aschenbeck and Elke Eisenhauer
  + Spring Woods Middle – Lori Cleare
  + Shadow Oaks Elementary – Pat Osborne
* All of our volunteers were asked to report back and share pictures of their experiences.

We will be having a monthly gift card raffle to raise funds for the chapter. The following members have volunteered to donate:

* Mary Ann Slaughter – Starbuck’s gift card for January
* Julie Eisenhauer – February
* Dora Aschenbeck – March

Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

* February 12 – SFMS; Our members will share “Strategies for Life” and salad supper. Our
* March 5
* April 9 – Memorial Drive Christian Church; New member induction
* May 7 – Mary Ann Slaughter’s home

Hospitality: Jana Gwinn asked members to sign up to bring salads to the February meeting.

Newsletter: Any member can make contributions to the newsletter. Please send them to Elke Eisenhauer. Please share where Annie has been!

Field Trip: Paula asked if members would be interested in a field trip to the one room school house in League City. She will look into making arrangements for the trip.

Sharon Sharadin shared the Z Award with Beth Brown.

Lori Cleare shared a mid-year check up with us. We colored spaces on a DKG rose to share our knowledge of the organization.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.