Zeta Tau Minutes February 11, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of Zeta Tau was called to order at 4:31 by President Dora Aschenbeck.

Terrie Cardwell presented the Z award to Elke Eisenhauer-Sass.

Dora introduced our speaker, author Toby Haberkorn. She wrote When Grammy Forgets I Remember and Bye Bye Moon. The first book is a child’s perspective on dementia and the second for kids who hate to go to bed. She spoke mostly on the first book and how dementia affects all the family, including youngsters. The talk was well received and Zeta Tau presented Toby with a tulip plant.

Julie Eisenhauer gave the treasurer’s report: Current balance is $3510.47 with one $60 check just received that has to be deposited.

Old Business:

* Pillows: An update was given on our pillow project. So far pillows have gone to Texas Oncology, The Rose and Oncology Consultants. We’ve made 63 pillows so far (Pam 20, Dora 27, Diana 16). Diana Apsey then explained an expansion of our project. We’re in the process of applying for an ASTEF grant for $500 to buy material, fiber fill, etc. to create more pillows, seat belt pads, and fleece blankets to continue our project into next year.
* ASTEF Giving Day—members were reminded that ASTEF has asked for all members to make a donation on February 14th.

Brags:

* Julie Eisenhauer just won Outstanding Mentor Advocate for the State of Texas.
* Pat Osborne was attending her 2nd meeting of the year and only has one more treatment!
* Elke Eisenhauer will be singing backup for Barry Manilow next week when he appears in Houston.
* Beth Brown has a new grand baby boy.
* Sandy Schneider thanked her “sisters” for attending her mother’s funeral. It was much appreciated.

New Business:

* State Convention: Rooms are no longer available at the main hotel, but now are available at Hilton Garden Inn and Hyatt Place, nearby hotels.
* Possible By-Laws Change: Mary Ann Slaughter led discussion regarding making the first vice-president now the president-elect. She’s checked with the state and it’s allowable. That way the person could shadow the president and be better prepared to take on the job. This would go into effect for the next slate of officers. Since there was consensus in the room, Mary Ann will bring the proposed change up for vote in March.
* Donna Handlin, chair of the nominating committee, asked people to let her know if they are interested in running for office.
* Invitation: Paula informed us that we’ve received an invitation from Eta Chi, which is celebrating its 50th birthday on March 5. Paula will send out more information.
* Mary Ann Slaughter reminded us that it’s time to bring in new members. Voting will be in March with initiation in April.
* Next meeting will be March 10. Our speaker will be past state president, Nancy Newton, speaking on the mystery and history of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.
* Meeting was adjorned by President Dora at 5:33 pm.

Respectively submitted by Diana Apsey, substitute secretary.