**Zeta Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma**

**Minutes from March 21, 2017**

The theme of the March meeting of Zeta Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was “Hello Spring, we’re glad you’re here!” Held at the West Support Center, Co-President Martha Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. Eighteen members welcomed four guests: Master Gardener Teresa See, Area 18 Coordinator Risa McCann, and prospective members Robyn Flowers and Lanie VanWart.

First on the agenda was our program on gardening. Teresa See, a Master Gardener for eleven years, gave helpful information on plants and soil. She brought ajuga plants, honey crisp pepper plants, pots and soil so we could start our own container garden. Everyone enjoyed digging in and getting their hands dirty!

Terrie Cardwell wrote and shared an inspiration on the small but mighty mustard seed. After the minutes from the February meeting were approved, Julie Eisenhauer gave the treasurer’s report. Our February auction proved to be a financial success; our scholarship fund grew from $300 to $1500 as a result.

Mary Ann Slaughter updated members on the progress of the state convention. Donna Handlin and Martha Meyer will investigate the possibility of our chapter buying part of a program ad with our sister chapters. Members who have reserved rooms at the convention hotel were asked to invite members who are not staying overnight to stop by their rooms, giving them a chance to relax and wait for traffic to subside. Reminders that volunteer workers are needed during the convention were given.

During the business session, Amy Houser gave a report on prospective members and orientation. Members voted to accept eight candidates for membership, and applauded the reactivation of Susan Saied.

Julie Eisenhauer reported that she and other retired teachers will be attending the Texas Retired Teachers Association Day at the Capitol. They will rally in support of funding for vital pension and health care programs.

Area Coordinator Risa McCann spoke briefly about DKG and commended our meeting’s agenda. Paula Ely won the raffle. Our next meeting will be our new member initiation and salad supper on Tuesday, April 18. It will be held at Memorial Drive Christian Church, 11750 Memorial Drive.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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