



**Alpha Zeta Chapter  
November 7, 2020  
ZOOM Meeting**

**Welcome:** President McNeal accepted 24 members into Zoom and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Seven Purposes were reviewed then Mission Statement, Collect, and Pledge of Allegiance were said.

**Prayer:** Soni Haflett read a prayer found especially for DKG / Alpha Zeta members.

**Thought for the Day:** Betsi Seeley reminded the group how important it is to focus on life's important moments rather than pretentious trappings that sometimes brand us. By using props to demonstrate the metaphor she displayed fancy vs plain COFFEE CUPS. The important message was whichever cup is used, you cannot change "The COFFEE" within them. Because the message further thoughts about what constitutes HAPPINESS, an email will be sent out with the entire THOUGHT for the DAY.

President McNeal thanked board members for their contributions with the following reports:

**Budget Review** Claire Waldmeyer thanked the audit committee for their suggestions to simplify the budget by cutting out expenses not affecting our immediate AZ Chapter. Expenses exceeded income. Consideration of DUES increase will need to be discussed.

Total projected expenses: **\$2,795**. Balance after expenses: **\$2,055**.

Motion to accept: Shirley Grantier Seconded: Lynn Eberlin

**Approval of Minutes:** Barb Pulver had minutes from the September meeting posted to the website by Linda Nickerson

Motion to accept: Linda Ferrario Seconded: Pat Stadelmaier

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Herman presented the report listing numerous \$25 donations given in the names of member honorees. Mary also shared Thank You notes sent by those honorees (Janet Zimmer, Grace George, Joyce Kerrick, June Wynn, Susan Schwab.) There is a balance of **\$4,161.37**. The report will be submitted for review.

**Membership:** Phyllis McNeal and Denise Amer chairpersons for membership presented candidates from Troy, Canton, Sullivan and Towanda to the group. Biographies will be sent out to members with the official "vote" on candidates in the spring.

- Troy: Nicole Imbt and Jennifer Judson
- Canton: Brandy McRoberts and Becky Colton
- Sullivan: Debbie Geist and Deborah Lindner
- Towanda:

**Break-Out Sessions:** Groups were given a 5 minute break to discuss:

- How ZOOM meetings are being accepted and areas working or not working.
- How can members help working teachers / students during these trying times
- Suggestions included Pen Pals to improve and encourage writing skills with students, cleaning supplies for classrooms and tutoring.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominations:** Stephanie Olver recommended there be a second person take a position as "co- 2<sup>nd</sup>" Vice President to familiarize them with responsibilities of the eventual job. Since many chapters are doing this, it would expand these volunteers. The by-laws do not state this, but most agreed it would not be a problem.

**Recruitment Grant:** Soni Haflett presented the candidate, Hannah Conklin, from NEB area who wants to teach 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math. Motion to accept the grant recipient was made by Pat Stadelmeier; seconded by Sheri Spencer.

**Projects:**

**Baby Book** donations were usually done at this meeting with the basket raffle. Because of these unusual circumstances, it was suggested we ask for donations another way.

- The GOAL to be reached will be \$1,000 (which could be used as overflow cash as well as baby books)
- The suggested amount would be the equivalent of meals / raffle tickets normally spent at this meeting.
- PLEASE send checks to:

Mary Herman, 14330 Route 14, Canton PA 17724  
Make payable to "Alpha Zeta" with "Baby Book" in memo area.

Motion was made by : Shirley Grantier  
Seconded by : Claire Waldmeyer

Thermometer-like update as donations come in might be possible on the Alpha Zeta website  
[www.alphazetapa.weebly.com](http://www.alphazetapa.weebly.com)

Members will be made aware of this effort by telephone chain, and Facebook (new Alpha Zeta Facebook page can be made!)

**Little Library @ LeRoy Heritage** Museum - Vicki VanNoy reported the library is doing well. Book donations will be accepted in the spring. The most popular titles include: mysteries, self -improvement and romance. Friends and neighbors of Vicki contribute as well as the annual \$1 book sale in March.

**Adjournment of Business Meeting** was held at 11:20 am, followed by Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

**Program**

Brittany Cooley, author, could not attend the meeting so President McNeal presented a power point of the most salient points of her personal story dealing with hardships. Her book, Strength Personified: A Personal Story of Tragedy and Triumph, may be accessed: <https://store.bookbaby.com/book/Strength-Personified>

**Dates to Remember:** State and International Conventions have NOT been canceled. Consult the DKG website for information as they are confirmed.

Next Alpha Zeta Meeting: March 7<sup>th</sup> if possible at Athens United Methodist Church OR ZOOM

\*\*\*\*Perhaps another SPRING meeting can be planned with safe, socially distant meeting at an outdoor pavilion.

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Useful links to share:

Safety tips for grocery shopping [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8dT\\_jlP368](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8dT_jlP368)

**Nineteen-minute podcast - COVID tips for distressing situations, etc.**

<https://www.npr.org/2020/07/28/896134292/covid-19-etiquette-6-common-conundrums-and-a-printable-pocket-guide>

*Takeaway 1: Show mutual consideration.*

Use “we” and “us” – let’s put a little bit of space between us. We can be safer.

*Takeaway 2: Protect yourself.*

You can control your own behavior but not their behavior....

*Takeaway 3: Let it go.*

If the behavior is not affecting you, just let it go. Leave the person alone – and move away, turn, etc. [see # 2].

*Takeaway 4: Take yourself out of uncomfortable situations – and remember to preserve relationships.*

For example, If you are at a gathering, and people are not socially distant.

A. If the host does something about it, then great.

B. But if the situation does not change and you're uncomfortable with the environment, then just say, 'You know what – I'm going to head on home now. I had a great time.' "

*Takeaway 5: Don't assume.*

For example, before getting together – ask questions, find out what will happen [mask wearing or not, etc.] – thank the host, and decline the situation

*Takeaway 6: Please don't put your mask on the table.*

For example, if you are dining outside or having a picnic,  
Put your mask under napkin on your lap so it is accessible but NOT on the table [and do not  
put cell phone, purse, keys, etc. on the table.] Food only on table!