**Call to Order:** President Ruth Olson called the meeting to order at 9:30 in the Athens United Methodist Church.

The Mission Statement, Collect and Flag Salute were recited.

**Thought for the Day**: Dr. Seuss Week was brought to mind by Kerri Bocko. As the country is now focused on global issues such as the Coronavirus, it’s important to remember the positive things that can happen when we unite through Seuss’s book “All the Places We’ll Go”.

**Music:** Olynda Smith accompanied Joyce Kerrick, in singing Irish songs and “Building Bridges”.

**MINUTES**: The minutes from the November meeting held at the East Canton Methodist Church was filed online by secretary, Barbara Pulver. They were accepted as submitted.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**: Mary Herman gave the treasurer report showing a balance of $3,171.72. It will be filed for review.

**MEMBERSHIP**: Denise Amer, 2nd Vice President, handed out ballots to accept new initiates from Sayre and Athens.

Sarah Kemp (Athens) and Mandy Gilette (Sayre) Both were accepted by unanimous balloting.

**CARING AND SHARING**: Thank You notes were read by Corresponding Secretary, Megan Bohensky. Charitable organization donations were made in their honor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS:**

SCHOLARSHIP: Carol Lane introduced Amy Brown, this year’s recipient of the Alpha Zeta professional scholarship. Amy will use this to help with expenses for her doctorate in Educational Leadership.

PROJECTS: Beth Carman reported that 160 books are ready to be delivered to Sayre Robert Packer Hospital. Members were reminded how important it is to participate in the annual basket raffle and donation baskets at meetings to continue this worthy project. President Olson thanked Beth once again for her committee’s devoted time and efforts.

RECRUITMENT GRANTS**:** Mary Herman introduced Hannah Fleury (Canton) a Grove College student who received the grant for her music education studies. Hannah shared why she chose this career path as well as the numerous ways she uses her many talents.

Other recipients include: Troy, Canton, and Sullivan Districts Appreciation notes from Scholarship Grant recipients were read.

BOOK EXCHANGE; Sisters were able to purchase used books from the donations table. Beth Carman explained that 355 books were delivered to both the Guthrie Hospital and Towanda Nurse Partnership program.

BABY BOOKS: SPECIAL Invitation: Although money collected from the basket raffle is the main fund raiser for baby books, those who are not able to attend meetings can still help with this effort by making monetary donations at any time.

DONATIONS: Woman’s Abuse and Rape Crisis Center donations were collected. Carol Lane spoke to the group about how many families have been helped by this organization and how much all donations are appreciated.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

Basket items for the State Convention will be collected by Deb Fitzwater and Claire Waldemeyer. The theme is **BRADFORD COUNTY items and food.** Representatives from each school district will collect the items and deliver to the Canton ladies. Deliver items or cash to the committee by JUNE 1. (Canton Elementary School)

**NECROLOGY SERVICE**: Marilyn Ayers led the group in a beautiful service remembering Fran Homet.

**Adjournment**:

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

**PROGRAM**

A representative of the Penn York Valley “Project GROW “ program explained the purpose and mission fo the program, mainly to encourage the community to grow and eat healthy food. Her slide presentation included educational programs offered to middle and high school students both after school and during the summer. Photos of community gardens were meant to promote how effective group efforts can be when learning and using home grown vegetables and hydroponic systems.

**MEMORIES VIDEO: Special Alpha Zeta Memories!**

President Olsen presented a special video created by the Historical records committee, sharing the experiences of our most senior members as they joined DKG and traversed through the ages with their DKG sisters. Special thanks were given to Deb Fitzwater, Vicki VanNoy, and Shari Spencer , producers.

Claire Waldemeyer interviewed: Pat Stadelmaier, Nancy Aries, Olynda Smith and Joan Moody.

Closing: The Delta Kappa Gamma Song was sung to close event.

A BLESSING was given by Marilyn Ayers before the luncheon of SALAD, SOUP and DESSERT prepared by the Athens UMC members, headed by Joyce Roof.

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| **Dates to Remember** | |
| April 4, 2020 Eagles Mere Meeting | Induction of officers |
| May 7, 2020 Inductees TEA | Riverstone Inn - Wysox |
| June 12-14 2020 Alpha Alpha State Convention | Nittany Lion Inn; State College, PA |
| July 7-11 INTERNATIONAL Convention: 2020 | Philadelphia |

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