



**Alpha Zeta Chapter/ DKG / Troy Baptist Church Hall
November 6, 2021**

Welcome: Denise Amer, representing President McNeal called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. Mission Statement, Collect, and Pledge of Allegiance were said.

Light Refreshments: Naomi Edsell offered a blessing before refreshments were served.

Thought for the Day: Since Daylight Savings time begins this weekend, Jolene Smyth reminded the group how important light is to guide, illuminate and warm us, not only in everyday events but in educating children.

Songs: Marianne Hennip led us with songs: “Sing, Work, Honor, Love” and “Educators All Are We”

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the September meeting were posted to the website, no additions or corrections were made.

Treasurer’s Report: Mary Herman spoke of membership issue. The treasurer report handout showed a balance of **\$6171.41**. The report will be submitted for review.

Membership: Mary Herman assisted Denise Amer, chairperson for membership, with the following:
Resignations: Lee Anne Wolfe, Kerry Bocko, Louise Uplike. Dropped: Theresa Sparrow, Lynn Eberlin, and Ann Smith.
New Inductees: The six new members will make up this loss.
Total Membership: 95 educators

Caring and Sharing: Thank You notes from Jeannie Schoonover, Carol Lane and Soni Haflett were read mentioning awards, recognitions and thoughtful donations to DKG sponsored charities. Marilyn Ayers shared health challenges Sandra Hollenback and Theresa Sparrow are facing.

Personal Growth: Betsy Seeley had us get up and dance the Cha Cha encouraging a lot of laughs as well as movement!

Recognition of Retirees: New retirees who were present at the meeting, Colleen Kane and Claire Waldmeyer, were presented with roses. Sherry Steiner could not attend, but was also recognized.

Inductees: Deborah Lindner was present to meet and greet the AZ Chapter of DKG.
New members from Troy, Canton, Sullivan were welcomed although again, could not attend due to very busy school schedules. They included:

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

Committee Reports:

Nominations: Stephanie Olver encouraged members to take up the position of “co- 2nd” Vice President. She reminded those who might hesitate that there will be two people in leadership positions who can help each other with the task of keep us viable.

Recruitment Grant: Soni Haflett shared who will receive grants this year:

Grace Lathrop (Troy)
Macey McCarthy (Sullivan)
Madison Neal (Canton)
Daisy Bailey (Towanda)

Projects:

Baby Book Raffle: Beth Carman was happy to report that interruptions from COVID to our meeting and raffle did not hamper donations. Mailed donations amounted to \$440. Today's raffle and donations: \$705.

New Business: Stephanie Olver thanked her committee for stepping up to take charge of the preparations for this meeting while she was quarantining.

Newspaper articles will be submitted to area newspapers by Barbara Pulver as part of recording secretary duties.

Ruth Olson will help with Corresponding Secretary duties.

Adjournment of Business Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am, followed by Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Dates to Remember: Next AZ Meeting: March 5, 2022 (Athens UM Church)

Spring Meeting: April 23, 2022 (Pealer Hall, Dushore)

New Inductees Tea: May 5, 2022 (St. John's Lutheran, Sayre)

PA State Convention: June 9-11, 2022 (Penn State Conference Center)

Program

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Raffle winners: Carol Lane, Joyce Kerrick, Marianne Hennip, Stephanie Olver and Beth Carman.

News Release:

The November meeting of DKG (AZ Chapter) was held at the First Baptist Church hall in Troy. Denise Amer, vice president, conducted the meeting. This international organization of women educators encourages growth and support for those in the classroom as well as retirees. The meeting honored new retirees as well as awarded educational grants to local education majors. Sonya Haflett, chairperson for recruitment grants, announced the recipients this year. They include: Grace Lathrop (Troy), Macey McCarthy (Sullivan), Madison Neal (Canton) and Daisy Bailey (Towanda). The annual Baby Basket Raffle was held collecting \$607 in raffle proceeds and donations to purchase baby books for local hospital newborns as well as those through family services.

Betsy Seeley added fun to the meeting with a personal growth activity through dance! Ladies chuckled through all the Cha Cha moves to the music of Santana.

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