

**Call to Order:** President Ruth Olson called the meeting to order at 5:00 at the Towanda Country Club following a buffet dinner. (A BLESSING was given by Marilyn Ayres)

The Mission Statement, Collect and Flag Salute were recited.

**Thought for the Day:** Sue Schwab shared “Tell Me WHY” thoughts written by a Keuka College Education major examining the value of asking “WHY”. The excerpt came from Apples and Chalkdust by Vicki Caruana.

**Music:** Linda Ferrario, accompanied by Linda Nickerson led the group in singing “Enter Our Company” and “We Expand Our Chapter”.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the MARCH meeting, held at the Athens United 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 **\$5,496.65**. It will be filed for review. She thanked everyone for paying dues on time.

Claire Waldemeier presented the BUDGET. It was accepted with:

Motion: Linda Ferrario

Second: Joyce Kerrick

**MEMBERSHIP:** Denise Amer gave a report on membership and distributed the 2020 applications for membership to Athens, Northeast, and Sayre.

**CARING AND SHARING:** Thank you cards were read from Fran Homet, Phyllis McNeal, Woman’s Rape and Abuse Crisis Center and Nurse/Family Partnership group.

CONFERENCE Reports:

Phyllis McNeal and Linda Nickerson shared their wonderful experiences at the State (State College) and International (Connecticut) Conventions. Phyllis emphasized the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme by wearing her “65” tiara. Linda shared all the activities based around the Global Awareness: Women Make a Difference theme.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Carol Lane encouraged members to apply for scholarships available through the organization. She indicated valuable grants and scholarships are unclaimed unnecessarily. All information can be found on the websites found on the WHITE title page in DKG binders:

Local: [www.alphazetapa.weebly.com](http://www.alphazetapa.weebly.com)

State: [www.dkgpa.weebly.com](http://www.dkgpa.weebly.com)

International: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

**PROJECTS:** President Olsen encouraged contributions for basket raffle supporting Baby Book Project.

**RECRUITMENT GRANTS:** Naomi Edsell spoke for Soni Haflett regarding the schedule next year for Recruitment Grants. Applications were given to representatives of:

Canton, Sullivan, Towanda and Troy, next year’s recipients. Applications are due in November, so recipients can be present at the March meeting.

**TEACHER SUPPLIES:** President Olson invited attendees to take any supplies they could use from the donated items and appealed to the group to locate missing nametags.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Updated binder pages were distributed to those present at the meeting.

Consider going to the INTERNATIONAL Convention in Philadelphia July 7-11 2020

**Recognitions:**

Pins and Roses were presented recognizing membership years:				
45 years: ROSES	40 Years: PIN	35 years: ROSES	30 years: ROSES	25 years: PIN
Nancy Arias Olynda Smith: 47 yrs Joan Moody: 59 yrs	Marilyn Ayres Sandra Neighbour Carimar Patrician Betty Zehr	Joyce Roof Sandra Hollenback Lee Ann Wolfe	June Hottenstein Vicki VanNoy	Jean Schoonover

**Adjournment:** The business meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm

**PROGRAM**

**Initiation:** The Initiation Ceremony was conducted by Colleen Kane and her committee. Inductees were introduced by their sponsors:

<b>Troy</b>	<b>Canton</b>	<b>Towanda</b>	<b>Sullivan</b>
Jolene Smyth Renee Broschart	Michelle Harkness Cindy Dewey	Sarah Adams	Erin Shultz

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

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
Next AZ meeting E Canton UM Church	November 2, 2019
State Convention: Nittany Lion Inn June 12-14, 2020	State College, PA
INTERNATIONAL Convention: July 7-11 2020	Philadelphia, PA

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Pulver