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## **President's Message:**

Spring Greetings to All! Though I sit writing this message in sweatpants and sweatshirt as we have some cooler weather, spring is truly here. We made it through a difficult winter! Though the weather might have been frightful, our times together with our Beta Sigma chapter have warmed my heart. We had such a successful meeting with Warner Ross in March. Thank you to everyone who helped, in particular, Wendy Mills, for the inspirational moment, and everyone who brought delicious snacks and beverages. Mr. Ross is such an effective speaker, and I was so impressed with the amount and quality of information that he was able to share with us.

Now, believe it or not, we are getting ready to have our last meeting of this school year! Please make plans to attend on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Joe's restaurant. We will have a fun and challenging game before our meeting, so please try to get to Joe's promptly at 5pm so that we can have our fun and still have time to enjoy a meal, conduct some business, and celebrate our successes of this year. At the last meeting of the school year, we traditionally celebrate Founder's Day, honoring the women who started The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and our own state organization of Xi State. In our friendly competition, each member will work with a team to get to know our founders in a whole new way. I

promise an exciting time, and prizes for the winning team, so please be sure to attend!

Don't forget that our annual Xi State Convention will be held June 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> at the University of the South in Sewanee. There is still time to get registered and join the group of us who will be attending! Also, if you are looking for more great travel and fellowship, the South East Regional Conference will be held in Savannah, Georgia, July 15-18 at the Westin Hotel. Please see the state website ([xistate.org](http://xistate.org)) for more information.

Thank you to everyone for your participation and friendship this past year. 2015-2016 will be an amazing year to be in the Beta Sigma Chapter of the Xi State Organization. With our own Dorrie Powell serving as state president and International Conference in Nashville July 2016, we'll have special opportunities and responsibilities! Enjoy your summer, and I look forward to seeing you on April 14<sup>th</sup>!

Terri Tims  
Beta Sigma President



## **Minutes of Beta Sigma**

**March 10, 2015**

The Beta Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma hosted a question and answer session with Warner Ross II, Hardeman County Director of Schools, at the Central Office of the HC Board of Education at 4:00 P.M. The session was open to school personnel and the public. Nineteen attendees were present.

Terri Tims, president of Beta Sigma, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Wendy Mills gave an inspirational moment with a quote from T.H. White about learning. Terri introduced Mr. Ross, who opened the session by explaining that he would cover questions that Beta Sigma members had submitted. These questions covered eight categories: General, BEP & County Funding, Literacy, Testing, Evaluations,

Technology, Policy, and Insurance. Mr. Ross covered information about system performance, the Tennessee Promise and Hardeman County students, positive and negative aspects of proposed/pending education legislation, school funding, literacy, reliability in testing, fair and balanced teacher evaluations, teacher turnover rate, recruitment, and retention, bring-your-own-device technology, digital textbooks, reconsideration of district policy about personal cellphones and digital devices, social media district policies for teachers and students, and health insurance issues. He also answered questions from the audience and provided a very informative session.

Terri Tims presented door prizes to three teacher attendees and a gift to Mr. Ross as guest speaker. She also announced that Beta Sigma will make a donation in honor of Mr. Ross to the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation, one of DKG's initiatives. Refreshments were provided before and after the meeting.



## **Mark your Calendars:**

**April 14, 2015:** Beta Sigma Meeting: We will celebrate DKG Founder's Day with a meal at Joe's Restaurant in Bolivar.

**June 4-6, 2015:** Xi State Convention: Xi State Convention at Sewanee

**July 5-9, 2016 (Note this is a correction to the year-this was initially noted as an event for 2015):** International Convention in Nashville: at Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN



## **April Birthdays:**

Dorrie Powell-4  
Rebecca Frazier-17



## **We can be found on the Web!**

Check out our new chapter webpage at [www.betasigma.org](http://www.betasigma.org)

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