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The President's Message:

Note: While Nikki Davis is out with sweet Emma, Rachel Weir, First Vice President and Acting President has prepared this message.

Hi Dear Beta Sigma Sisters,

It is time for the next chapter meeting, and the good news is it may not be so cold February 15, 2022. We will be meeting at the Board of Education at 4:00p.m. There will be light refreshments and bottled water. The guest speaker is Tom Marchand, the area representative of TEA. Please mark your calendar for this meeting; hope to see you there.

Here's just a short note about the wonderful time we had at Deana Sain's "Barn." The awesome refreshments were enjoyed while we chatted with members and guests. One of our guests was Beverly Hall, State Chairman of the Chapter Strengthening committee. We heard a secret that Beverly's name was added to the list for 2nd Vice President on the International Board. Our other guest was one of the recipients of the classroom grant, Ms. Vivian Joy-Knox. Vivian shared how she used the grant. She was very appreciative that the chapter considered her for the grant. She also said she would like to join us at the February meeting. Her potential attendance was wonderful news. We hope to see her soon. We just wish more members had been able to be there to participate in a great time.

I hope you have taken the time to look at the Leadership Links, there is so much information in the links. Also, please review the forms that are needed for the officers' training in May. The officers are asked to attend the training Saturday, May 7, 2022, with registration at 8:30am and training starting at 9:00am. Lunch will be provided. The training ends at 3:00pm. I send a special thanks in advance to all the officers of Beta Sigma Chapter for attending the training.

As a reminder please take a look at the "Member Education Videos" found on the home page of TNSO. The videos are short and questions are easy to answer after viewing the videos. When you answer the question and submit the answers, this will add points for the chapter on the "Maycie Chapter Excellence Award".

There is good news about Emma! She is currently on a two-week break from treatment. She will then begin another high dose chemo schedule with different chemo drugs that have similar effects (nausea, hair loss, and blood count and platelet issues). This schedule will last four months, with each cycle including five days of treatment and three weeks of recovery. Once Emma completes this chemo schedule, she will be maxed out on chemo and released for end of treatment.

James, Emma's dad, is returning to work at Bolivar Central this month while Nikki gets help and support from her mother and James' mother. She and Emma will remain at Target House during this next (and hopefully final) round of treatment. Please keep this precious family in your prayers.

Rachel Weir 1st Vice President Beta Sigma Chapter

Minutes for the January 18, 2022, meeting of Beta Sigma Chapter of DKG

The January meeting of Beta Sigma Chapter was held January 18, 2022, at 4:00 pm at Deana Sain's Barn. This meeting was a fun time to enjoy good food with chapter sisters and guests and play "Dirty Santa" with inexpensive gifts. Total attendance was 6 members and 2 guests.

A short business meeting was called to order by acting president Rachel Weir. Welcomed to the meeting as guests were Dr. Beverly Hall, TNSO Chapter Strengthening chair and nominee for International 2nd Vice President, and one of the recipients of the classroom grant,

Ms. Vivian Joy-Knox. Vivian shared how she used the grant and how much it meant to her. She was very appreciative that the chapter had thought of her for the grant.

New Business:

The Essay contest for the Middle Schools and High Schools is in the system. Dorrie Powell shared copies of a proposed Beta Sigma Essay Contest form adapted from the TNSO Essay Contest form. Dorrie mentioned that the chapter has offered cash prizes to winning essays in the past. Deana Sain seconded. After much discussion, Dorrie moved that the chapter award prizes in the amounts of \$75.00, \$50.00, and \$25.00 to the top three winners in each grade group. Deana Sain seconded. The motion passed. Deana offered to reach out to all the schools with eligible students to share the essay contest information. Dorrie and Ruth Baker will judge the local entries (due by February 15, 2022) and forward the top essays from each school to the state contest by the February 25th deadline.

Rachel also announced the following upcoming opportunities for members and encouraged their participation:

1. The Leadership Seminar deadline is January 25, 2022. Rachel encouraged members to apply for the seminar and emphasized that the seminar is not just for members planning to serve as chapter officers.
2. The Virtual Legislative Symposium will be held February 22, starting at 5:30pm. All the information for the symposium can be found on the home page of TNSO. Once on the home page look to the

right and find the link for the information of the symposium. It is not too early to register for this meeting.

3. TNSO Virtual Town Hall on the state budget will be held February 24 at 7:00 pm. Dorrie shared that the loss of members during the pandemic and the reduction in interest on invested funds have both affected the state budget.

4. Rachel reminded members of the “Member Education Videos” found on the home page of TNSO. She asked each member to look at the videos and answer the questions after viewing. This will add points for the chapter on the “Maycie Chapter Excellence Award”.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming State Convention

86th Tennessee State Convention 2022—Sewanee,
Tennessee—June 2-4, 2022

President Dr. Elaine Vaughan, 1st Vice President Marsha Brewer, 2nd Vice President Orlean Bauman, and Treasurer Dr. Dianne Anderson visited Sewanee on January 31 to prepare for the upcoming State Convention. The registration form for the Tennessee State Convention will be available soon. Online registration is recommended at www.tndkg.org under *Forms*. If mailing, send 1 form per person. VENMO accepted at Dianne-Anderson.

COVID Protocol Update: At the present time, Sewanee is planning for future events acting as if today's policies are in place. This means that everyone always wears masks indoors except when eating and drinking. Social distancing is not taking place. Sewanee has no restrictions at this time on staying off-campus in a hotel or house.