

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Beta Sigma Chapter

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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.

Hello Beta Sigma Members,

I cannot believe November is here already; did I see Christmas decorations in some store windows? Time is moving way too fast for me. It is almost time for the next chapter meeting, so please put it on your calendar.

The October meeting was a great hit, via Zoom, starting with our guest speaker Ms. Janis Perry. There was a small connection glitch, but thanks to some smart “tech” knowledge from a member or two, all turned out well. We might want to see who would like a “road trip” to see the Tennessee state Library and Archives; it looked wonderful.

We also had three other visiting guests, Dr. Beverly Hall, Past TNSO (Tennessee State Organization) president, and now the Chair of the Chapter Strengthening Committee, Ms. Deborah McDurmon, current area director, and Laura Evans, past area director. We had a wonderful time. Thanks to all who helped with the meeting. I would like to send a personal big thank you to Dana Cox and Cathy Black; we would not have done it without y'all.

THANKS!

It is time to sell those pecans. The pecans halves are here and the chocolate covered pecans will be coming soon (I can hardly wait!). If anyone would like to help take the pecans halves to the banks or any other places, I am sure Betsy would appreciate the help. Let us all pitch in and get the pecans to the appropriate locations. Thanks in advance for your help.

Our next meeting is November 16th in Ms. Dana Cox's classroom, starting at 4:00pm with guest speaker, Ms. Arianne Price, Extension Agent with the Hardeman County Extension Office. She will be taking us back to the basics. No, not reading, writing, and arithmetic, but something to help us get a better understanding of how to take care of ourselves. Hope to see all of you there. The meeting will be here soon.

I would like to share several items with our members:

1. The chapter yearbook needs updating, so if you have changed any of these numbers: home address, email address, cell phone or landline home phone, please send that information to Terri Tims (timst@hcsedu.org), Dana Cox (coxd@hcsedu.org) or me (rweir68@bellsouth.net). We want to make sure you are getting all information about the chapter, state, and international news and business.
2. There was a webinar with Dr. Bell last month which is now on the TNSO website. It may help some of us to have some of this information.

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3. If you go to the TNSO website, and want to see an item such as a form or a video, and you are asked for a password, it is Iris (that is a capital I not a L). You do not need this password to get on the TNSO website but to move to another resource or other item, it may ask for the password.
 4. Teachers in the middle schools and high schools, please encourage your students to write an essay. The deadline is February 25, 2022. More information can be found on the TNSO website.
 5. Mary Jo Wilson / Area 9 / Alpha Lambda Chapter, Chair:
mjwilson1545@yahoo.com
Membership Moments: Mary Jo Wilson, chair of the Tennessee State Membership Committee, would like members to contribute some of the moments in DKG that have been meaningful to them. Suggestions could include places they have traveled, use of the Emergency Fund, grants and scholarships they have received, friendships they have developed, recognition on the chapter/state/international level(s), funny experiences, in-service training, and any other memory you have. The committee's plan is to create a book for TNSO. Please send your memories today.

Thank you and hope to see you soon.

Rachel Weir

1st Vice President

Beta Sigma Chapter

Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021:

The Beta Sigma Chapter of DKG International met on September 21, 2021 at CHS in Dana Cox's room at 4:00 with Acting President Rachel Weir presiding. There were 9 members present. Each member told of one happy memory from being in DKG as our inspirational moment.

News of Emma Davis' (Nikki's daughter) was given. Her birthday is October 5th. Members were encouraged to send cards. A motion was made by Dorrie Powell and seconded by Betsy Lucas to send a gift. The club voted to send a series of books and party favors from our organization.

The current bank balance is \$8410.62

Old business:

- 1) The chapter received 3 awards including the Maycie Award, which consists of projects, what we do, and programs
- 2) We received 2 cards of appreciation

New business:

- 1) The chapter decided to conduct the pecan sale again this year. Betsy Lucas will order both plain and chocolate-covered.
- 2) Hardeman County has 40 new teachers this year. The club is providing markers and inserts on our organization. The packets will be sent to the individual schools.

Dorrie Powell spoke on highlights of the International Conference held this spring in San Antonio, Texas. There were 510 delegates present.

A discussion was held on the need to work on communication-to use Facebook, the website, newsletters, and the yearbook to let people know of our organization and our aims and goals. We also need to recruit new members and reinstate prior members.

A motion was made by Dorrie Powell to award grants-in-aid for \$500 for one recipient or \$250 each for 2 recipients. Seconded by Cathy Black. The motion was amended to award 3 grants at \$200 each to the following recipients: Vivian Joy Knox-CHS, Libera Sammons-BES, and Jessie Willis-BES. Motion as amended passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Minutes October 19, 2021

The Beta Sigma Chapter of DKG International met at 4:00 p.m. at CHS-Dana Cox's classroom with Acting President Rachel Weir presiding. There were 9 members and 3 guests present.

Cathy Black presented an inspirational moment on what you're thankful for. She also helped us make pumpkins.

Dana Cox introduced our Zoom call guest speaker Janis Perry, Educational Specialist at the TN State Library and Archives. The powerpoint presentation included an update on the facility which was opened in the spring of 2021. The facility offers guided tours for both students and adults. The second floor has the Grand Reading Room,

which is available for research. Education Outreach is a very important part of the library and includes 12 themed workshops yearly on various topics. The lessons and activities are correlated to the 2019 Social Studies Standards. The library has primary source materials divided by historical eras. DocsBoxes are available for schools to use for 2-week periods on various topics. Field trips can also be arranged through the library. After an informative presentation, the club presented a contribution to the Hardeman County Imagination Library in honor of our guest speaker.

Dr. Beverly Hall-Chairman of the Chapter Strengthening Committee spoke on the work of her committee and some programs that are available for DKG members as well as non-members: scholarships, an upcoming Professional Liability Conference, which is open to all, and leadership learning opportunities. She also discussed the yearbook templates that are available for chapters to use. Some changes have been made to the Maycie Award. We have been fortunate not to lose any state chapters-we are still 65 strong.

Business included:

- 1) the state website password for sensitive items is Iris,
- 2) pecan halves are here with chocolate to follow later,
- 3) A webinar on Migrating Monarch Butterflies is scheduled for October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.