

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA  
MA STATE ORGANIZATION**

2022 Fall Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, September 30, 2022

\*\*Recording Secretary Gail Saccone was not present. These minutes are transcribed by Gail from notes taken by Lynn Howard and the Zoom recording made by Christine Bonci.

- I. **Call to Order**-the meeting was called to order by President Claire LaBonte at 6:45 pm. Claire welcomed the officers, chapter presidents, committee chairs and other members attending and thanked all for joining in this evening.
- II. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Claire and singing of “God Bless America” was led by Christine Bonci.
- III. **The Invocation** was given by Joyce Gleason.
- IV. **Roll Call:** The list of attendees is attached on p. 6 of the Minutes. Jo-Anne Butler on Zoom
- V. **Parliamentary Procedure:** In Anita Newman’s absence, Claire reminded the attendees of the procedures and rules for putting forth a motion.
- VI. **Recording Secretary’s Report:** The minutes from the Spring Board meeting (May 29, 2022) were read for review. The motion to accept the minutes (no corrections) was made by Bette Bridges, seconded by Gwen Miller, and passed unanimously.
- VII. **Corresponding Secretary’s Report** **Christine Bonci** **Oral Report**  
Christine wants to make sure that Presidents send reports to the person who is representing their chapter at the Executive Board meeting. The question was asked if we can send the reports to all members. Can we possibly send to the Executive Board of each chapter instead? Christine pointed out they shouldn’t be sent out to all members prior to the minutes being approved.
- VIII. **Treasurer’s Report** **Martha Cotton (not present)** **Written Report**  
The checking account started with a balance of \$14,468.57. Balance on Hand as of 9/15/22 was \$19,834.66. Please see Martha’s report for all Fund Balances. The motion was made to file the Treasurer’s report for audit and it was accepted. Martha mentioned in her report that the Christa McAuliffe Fund has a service fee attached (\$37.97). Question: Can we transfer funds from savings into it to avoid future fees? Carol LaPolice, past Treasurer, explained that the CM fund is self-sustaining, therefore, we can’t transfer funds. It has to sustain itself. The point was made that **contributions** can be made from the state; however, this would require a vote. If this is the case, Claire will send out an email to the Executive Board requesting an electronic vote.
  - Annual Treasurer’s Report: Carol LaPolice asked if the \$2000 paid to the bookkeeping company included an audit. If so, we need to see the findings of the audit. It was noted that the tax filing was completed.
  - Envision/ Revitalization: Carol asked why there were charges listed for the International Speaker to attend the Spring Conference. Claire explained that International only pays for the round-trip flight. AU State has to pay all other expenses (room and meals).



3. **Leadership Training** **Dorothea Maynard** **Oral Report**  
Dorothea reported on the August, 2022 Leadership Training. Although there were not a lot of members who attended, those that did were very engaged and enjoyed it. She asked if we need to provide these trainings more often. She pointed out that Jill Flanders was able to retain the facility at no cost. The lunch and snacks were also at no cost. Dorothea stressed that everyone is in leadership and, therefore, should be encouraged to attend these trainings. She advocated for the opportunity to meet other members at both the state and international level as this fosters excitement about being a DKG member.
  
4. **Legislation** **Annette Shaw** **Oral Report**  
Annette attended a MTA Retirees meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>. She went to two workshops: Legislature and MCAS. The legislator who presented was actually critical of legislators for not addressing educational issues that come before them. The MCAS presenter focused on the opinion that MCAS has destroyed public education. Annette expressed frustration with the false advertising on TV paid for by big corporate resources about Question 1 Fair Share. The revenue raised will go to education and infrastructure not the legislation.
  
5. **Literacy Council** **Diana Grady** **Oral Report**  
Diana expressed her concern about the latest issue of books being banned. She would like to pursue this. More about this will be discussed under New Business.
  
6. **Revitalization** **Lynn Howard** **Written and Oral Report**  
Lynn summarized efforts over the last six months (since the kick-off in March with Lynn Schmid) to revitalize membership. Six committees were formed and each came up with two specific goals. However, we need active member support in order to accomplish these goals. Lynn talked about the Survey sent out to all presidents to distribute to their chapter. The response was disappointing. Carol LaPolice developed a brochure for her chapter to distribute if they have an opportunity to recruit new members at a collegiate event. Lynn has made a word document of the brochure available that can be adapted for each chapter.

**SOCIETY BUSINESS**

1. **Membership** **Marilyn Spedding** **No Report**
  
2. **Necrology (Celebration of Life)** **Gwen Miller** **Oral Report**
  
3. **Coordinating Council-Directory** **Jo-Anne Butler** **Oral Report**  
Jo-Anne is getting updates and is waiting for a list of dropped members. She will get out a copy of the Directory to presidents in October to look over for changes.
  
4. **By-laws** **Bette Bridges** **No Report**  
Bette is waiting for a complete list of by-laws passed at International so she can make recommendations for our state by-laws.
  
5. **Finance** **Janet Wellock** **Written and Oral Report**  
Janet, on behalf of her committee members Martha Cotton and Diane Pendergast, presented in detail their proposed 2023 Budget. Janet noted that we didn't spend a lot in 2020-21 due to Covid; however, we spent a lot in 2022 on the 80+1 Spring Convention.  
Total Income: 396 Active dues, 45 Reserve dues, and \$8,720.48 forwarded from FY22 of \$21,700.88.  
Total Expenses: \$21,279.53 with \$421.35 miscellaneous. Recommended that \$400 go to Miscellaneous and \$41.25 go to Officer Conference Training. Joyce Gleason asked why Sara E. Chase is a line item but Christa McAuliffe is not. It was explained by Carol LaPolice that SEC funds come from \$1 each member pays in their dues (except two chapters). We don't add to CM. It is separate and self-sustaining through donations. The savings account must have one-year worth of expenses as an emergency fund. Line items (ex: National Legislative Seminar) change from year to year. The motion to accept the Proposed 2023 Budget was made by Gwen Miller, seconded by Christine Bonci, and passed unanimously.

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| 6. <b>Baystater</b>                 | <b>Gail Saccone</b>    | <b>No Report</b> |
| 7. <b>Webmaster/ Communications</b> | <b>Christine Bonci</b> | <b>No Report</b> |
- Christine has worked to “declutter” our state website so it doesn’t duplicate the International website. She was excited to learn that the DKG site is being relaunched as a brand-new site very soon. Since there are only two chapters with their own website, Facebook might be the direction to go in the future.
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| 8. <b>Nominations</b> | <b>Lynn Howard</b> | <b>Oral Report</b> |
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- Lynn needed to nominate another person to be on the Nominations committee as Beverly Shaw-Johnson has passed away. As Chair of the committee, she moved to nominate Jo-Anne Butler to be the Area III representative in her place. Motion unanimously approved.

**STATE PROGRAMS**

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| 1. <b>Sara E. Chase Scholarship</b> | <b>Sharon McArdle</b> | <b>Written and Oral Report</b> |
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- Sharon told us that Susan Choquette will present at the luncheon tomorrow and will then receive the \$2500 awarded to her for the spring semester of her PhD program. In the meantime, Susan has completed applications for two more \$2500 awards. She has completed the summer session (2 courses) and is also applying for this fall semester. She applied to the International doctoral scholarship but was denied because there were so many others applying. Kaaren Harrington asked, “How much has she contributed to her chapter? Has she done a presentation for us as a workshop?” Sharon told of the various ways Susan has contributed to DKG since 1997. Carol LaPolice says that because we are a non-profit we NEED to use the money in the Scholarship Fund. It is transferred to the SEC fund to pay the awards. Gwen Miller expressed her concern that we don’t have a lot of applications. We need to keep telling all of the members about the scholarship. The same names keep coming up. The first vote was taken to awarding Susan Choquette \$2500 for the summer session (already completed). This motion Passed with one abstention. The second vote was taken for \$2500 for the fall semester. This motion Passed (15 in favor, 2 abstained, 1 opposed). Claire suggested making it easier to apply by doing away with due dates. Requirements for the award recipient are: a write up for Baystater, receive the check in person, and possibly give a workshop.
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| 2. <b>Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund</b> | <b>G’Tanya Small</b> | <b>No Report</b>   |
| 3. <b>Golden Gift Leadership</b>                 | <b>Donna Brown</b>   | <b>Oral Report</b> |

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

<b>US Forum</b>	<b>Carol LaPolice</b>	<b>Written and Oral Report</b>
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Carol has submitted a report for the Baystater. A resolution crafted by Washington State at the International Conference was adopted. We must encourage each state to promote the resolution concerning Mental Health support for teachers to their legislation.

GPO/WEP: Carol encouraged us to contact our legislators because the HR 82 bill that addresses a full repeal only has 2 ½ months left to pass it. There are two bills that propose rebates on the WEP. Hopefully, a compromise bill will be developed as it is unlikely that a full repeal will pass this year. Write to thank Rep. Neal and Brady for all of their work.

<b>Golden Gift Fund</b>	<b>Marjorie Burns (not present)</b>	<b>No Report</b>
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Dorothea attended this year’s DKG IGNITE. This will be the new name for Golden Gift. Dorothea said that it was excellent and she will share her experience at a future meeting.

<b>UN Liaison</b>	<b>Dianne Swistak</b>	<b>No Report</b>
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XI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Change the way we do State meetings.** Claire: Due to our financial situation, we should consider making the Fall Conference a one-day workshop. One week before the meeting, there would be an online Executive Board meeting. We can use the Association of MA Superintendents office in Franklin at no cost. We may have to provide lunch and snacks. The Spring Convention can alternate with two nights one year and one night the next year. The June Planning meeting can be on Zoom or in person. The Winter Executive Board meeting will be on Zoom. Claire wants Presidents to discuss this with their members. A formal vote on will be taken on this proposal at the Winter Executive Board meeting in February, 2023. Voting executive board members are: Officers, chapter presidents, past state presidents (not chairs of committees or Executive Secretary and Treasurer).
- Jo-Anne Butler asked if she could to get the boxes of old *Baystater*s from Kaaren before they are put in storage. She would like to complete the state history that she started for the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.
- Lynn and Diana Grady asked us to consider having a Zoom Book Group maybe twice a year since we pay for the Zoom account. We could also present workshops to working teachers, provide a social exchange, etc. to stay connected.
- **DONATIONS:** It was voted to donate \$100 each in memory of past presidents Patricia Bologna and Beverly Shaw-Johnson to DKGIEF.

XII. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Claire, seconded by Christine, passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail Saccone*

Recording Secretary (via Zoom recording)

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# Attendance 9/30/22

Lynn Howard	Immediate Past Pres.	Alpha Iota
Mersi Ruffeo	Past State President 2005-2007	"
Niana Grady	1 <sup>st</sup> V Alpha Theta	Literary Chair - Sta
Sharon Middle	Alpha Theta	Sarah Chase
Annette Shaw	Alpha Theta	
Jane Brooks	Alpha Theta	
Mary Bunn	Alpha Lambda	Golden Gift Chair
Joyce Wilson	Alpha Iota	
Gwen Miller	Alpha	
Deanne Sunstak	Alpha Eta	DKG @ UN liaison
Dee Fargotallite	Epsilon	
Beth Clark	Alpha Gamma	Co-Pres
Jammy Edmonds	Alpha Gamma	Cotres.
Clare M. Karubon	Alpha	
Jenny Hoff	Alpha Theta	
Kit Dunlap	Alpha Theta	Goddess
Beta Budgets	Past President	Kappa
Linda Stewart	Alpha Theta	NA Exec Secrel
Carol LaPolice	US Forum Rep	(Alpha Chap)
Brooke Maynard	Leadership	Alpha Treas Chk
Christine Bonci	Corr. Sec / Webmaster	Alpha M
Charr LaBerte	MA 50 Pres.	Alpha
Janet M. Wellock	Theta president + rep.	
Keaven E. Harrington	Pres.	Alpha Theta