



MISSION STATEMENT:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

VISION STATEMENT:

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

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Epsilon Psi Newsletter

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President's Message by: Kristen Davis



Kristen Davis
President 2020-2022

Dear Epsilon Psi,

Here we are at that time of year when teachers and students are excited to prepare for back to school. However, this year we are filled with fear and anxiety due to so many unknowns. If there was ever a time to have a team or family, it is now. I am so grateful to have our group of colleagues to lean on during the stressful time. Our educators and students will come out so much stronger after this experience.

I hope you all are staying safe. I will miss seeing all of your faces this month.

Next Meeting:

August 2020

In place of our August meeting, our President, Kristen Davis, has sent a video message.

August Video- <https://youtu.be/-kmPxVsmkuE>

If you didn't receive my email about our upcoming meeting, please know that we are not meeting face to face. I have created a video that has been emailed! Also in September, we will have a Zoom meeting. You will receive directions on how to Zoom in my video.

I want to end with one of my favorite quotes that I used to tell my students. 'You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you ever know.' (A. A. Milne) During these difficult times of loneliness and uncertainty, I hope you know how fabulous you are. Make this the best back to school ever!

Lots of love,

Kristen

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Upcoming Projects

December: We will bring baby items to donate to the day-care at Peter Hyland Center.

We will also deliver the books for A Storybook Christmas to local elementaries.

February: We will donate stuffed animals to fire and police departments.

Monthly: Project Graduation; Food Pantry for Rollingbrook Fellowship Church



Web Watch: International

After you log in to www.dkg.org, you will see lots of information! Did you know there is a DKG app? You can download it from the App Store for your iPhone or iPad or from the Google Play store for your Android. [https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/365 DKG App.aspx](https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/365%20DKG%20App.aspx)

Web Watch: Alpha State

The Texas State Organization webmaster position is open. The TSO webmaster, Diane Moose, is retiring. If you are interested, the application is on the home page of <https://www.dkgtexas.org/>.

Hospitality and Other News:

Please let JoAnn Short know of any hospitality news.

Congratulations to Kristen Davis, president of Epsilon Psi! She has been promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Technology for Barbers Hill ISD.

Project Graduation

Project Graduation is suspended until our next in-person meeting.



*“Education
is not
preparation
for life;
education is
life itself.”
John Dewey*

September Meeting:



September 24, 2020

Thursday, 5:30 p.m. (meeting)

Zoom—Virtual Meeting

Election of New Members

Program: “Reading Is the Key to Our Success”

Karen Coffey, former Director of Intervention of Goose Creek CISD, will present a program on prompting reading and reading initiatives.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Epsilon Psi Chapter
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Monday, June 29, 2020

The Executive Board of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Monday, June 29, 2020, at the Technology Center of Barbers Hill ISD to discuss planning the meetings for November 2020 through October 2021.

President Kristen Davis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Members present were Kristen Davis, Carolyn Francis, JoAnn Short, and Richie Butler. Absent: Joan Mangum.

Items discussed:

1. We discussed the need to stay connected even though we are experiencing periods of social distancing due to Covid -19. Health concerns are of utmost importance.
2. We realize that staying connected may necessitate implementing a new format such as Zoom. Zoom meetings may be necessary to allow us to conduct meetings, even when we cannot meet in person. Our August meeting will be a video meeting which includes a Zoom tutorial given by Kristen Davis. At the present time, Zoom does not charge for less than 40 minutes for up to 100 participants.
3. We will be recruiting new members. Google Forms by Google was chosen as the vehicle to use for voting if we are unable to vote in person.
4. Kristen will work on committee assignments.

With no further business, our meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Thank you, Carolyn Francis, for providing the schedule of meetings and the list of items to be included in the kits we discussed making for flood victims.

Richie Butler, Recording Secretary

Kristen Davis, President

Happy Birthday!

August

8 Dewolyn Hullum
 9 Karen Coffey
 21 Ruth Blake
 29 Aida Dyer
 30 Diane Keene
 31 Dana Vela-Lopez



September

28 Kristen Davis

Treasurer's Report



Checking:

Balance, July 1, 2020	\$3,790.00
Receipts.....	300.00
Total Available	\$4,090.22
Disbursements.....	758.00
Balance, July 31, 2020.....	\$3,332.22

Savings:

Scholarship Fund.....	\$24,061.51
Total Funds Available, July 31, 2020.....	\$27,393.73

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee, chaired by Carolyn Florus, met at 10am on Monday, July 27, 2020, at the Barbers Hill ISD Technology Building in the office of President Kristen Davis. Members present were Kristen Davis (ex officio), Carolyn Florus and Carolyn Francis. The Epsilon Psi books were examined according to the *Guide for State Organization/Chapter Financial Review Committee* guidelines and found to be correct.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee, chaired by Carolyn Florus, met at 10am on Monday, July 27, 2020, at the Barbers Hill ISD Technology Building in the office of President Kristen Davis. Members present were Kristen Davis (ex officio), Carolyn Florus and Carolyn Francis. Carolyn presented the proposed budget for 2020-2021 based on income and expenses for 2019-2020. The proposed budget was approved by the committee to be presented to the membership via the Epsilon Psi newsletter since our August meeting will be a virtual meeting.

Epsilon Psi Chapter Budget

2020-2021

Balance on Hand, July 1, 2020 \$ 3,790.22

ESTIMATED INCOME:

Dues:	
International active members (38 @ \$40)	\$1,520.00
TSO active members (38 @ \$20)	760.00
Chapter active members (38 active @ \$30)	1,140.00
International reserve members (6 @ \$20)	120.00
TSO reserve members (6 @ \$7)	42.00
Chapter reserve members (6 @ \$15)	<u>90.00</u>
Total income from dues	\$3,672.00
Scholarship Fees (\$1 per active/reserve member)	44.00
Honors Chapter Scholarship Fund (\$1 per member)	45.00
World Fellowships (\$1 per member)	45.00
Golden Gift Fund II (\$5 per new member)	5.00
Induction fees (\$10 per new member)	10.00
International Speakers' Fund (\$1 per new member)	1.00
Local Scholarship/Grants-in-Aid/TSO Convention Incentive	880.00
Chapter Newsletter Subscription (\$12 per subscribing member)	84.00
A Storybook Christmas	478.00
Miscellaneous	<u>763.00</u>
Total Estimated Income	<u>6,027.00</u>
Total Available for Budget	\$9,817.22

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

State and International Expenses:

International active members (38 @ \$40)	\$1,520.00
TSO active members (38 @ \$20)	760.00
International reserve members (6 @ \$20)	120.00
TSO reserve members (6 @ \$7)	42.00
Induction fees (\$5 per new member)	5.00
World Fellowship (\$1 per member)	45.00
International Speakers' Fund (\$1 per new member)	1.00
ASTEF Leadership Fund - Trailblazers (\$2 per member)	90.00
ASTEF Projects Fund - Builders (\$2 per member)	90.00
ASTEF Scholarship Fund - Double Honors (\$2 per member)	90.00
TSO Scholarship Fees (20¢ per active/reserve member)	8.80
Golden Gift Fund II (\$5 per new member)	5.00
Eula Lee Carter Fund	25.00
Educational Foundation Fund	25.00
Emergency Fund (\$2 per member)	90.00
International Project	<u>25.00</u>
Total International and State Expenses	\$2,941.80

Local Chapter Expenses:

Scholarship Fees (80¢ per active/reserve member)	\$ 35.20 *
Chapter Scholarship Fund (\$20 per active/reserve member)	880.00 *
Founders' Banquet Reserve	25.00 *

Grants-in-Aid (5 high schools @ \$300 per recipient)	1,500.00 *	
International/SW Regional Convention stipend for chapter president...	500.00 *	
January meeting.....	25.00 *	
TSO Convention stipend for chapter president.....	500.00 *	
TSO Convention stipend for TSO committee member.....	500.00 *	
TSO Convention Incentive (3 members @ \$100 each).....	300.00 *	
A Storybook Christmas	478.00	
Area III/Greater Houston Area Coordinating Council	50.00	
Flower fund	200.00	
Hospitality Committee	50.00	
Perfect attendance awards.....	50.00	
Postage	55.00	
Program/guest expenses	25.00	
Retirement gifts	100.00	
Supplies/jewelry	50.00	
Yearbooks.....	25.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>511.00</u>	
Total Local Chapter Expenses.....		<u>5,859.20</u>
Total Estimated Expenses		\$8,801.00
Estimated Balance, June 30, 2021.....		<u>\$1,016.22</u>

* To be deposited in Amegy Savings account:

General Fund:

Founders' Banquet Reserve (\$25)
 January meeting (\$25)
 International/SW Regional Convention stipend for chapter president (\$500)
 TSO Convention stipend for chapter president (\$500)
 TSO Convention stipend for TSO committee member (\$500)
 TSO Convention Incentive (3 members @ \$100 each)

Scholarship Fund:

Grants-in-Aid (5 high schools @ \$300 per recipient)
 Chapter Scholarship (\$500)

Perfect Attendance

It's the beginning of a new year and time to renew your commitment to support DKG and Epsilon Psi. Make a commitment to attend all meetings, virtual or in-person; after all, we only meet once a month for about 1½ hours. The Executive Committee has been working hard to try to find programs that will be of interest to every member. You will learn about these programs from Kristen Davis' video for the virtual August meeting. We need everyone to commit to attend meetings so our percentage of attendance will increase this year.

The time for our monthly meetings will be the same this year as last year. When we can begin in-person meetings, we will still have most of our meetings at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive. Our fellowship time will begin at 5pm, and the meeting will begin at 5:30pm. This gives those of you who are still working a little more time to get to the meetings.

We had 10 members who had perfect attendance for 2019-2020. Let's see if we can do even better this year! Those receiving perfect attendance certificates will be: Richie Butler, Tommye Glynn Clark, Joyce Cloudt, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hullum, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Judi Mitchell, JoAnn Short and Kathryn Wright. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, crfranci@me.com or 281-427-5930.

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Richie Butler, Carolyn Francis

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