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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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Joann Short,
President 2018-2020

President's Message by: JoAnn Short

Dear Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters,

What an exciting time of the year! So many fun events have filled our days and blessed our lives the last few weeks! As the crisp breeze blew in earlier, I thought of the change of season. When the cool, crisp air sets in and leaves start to transform colors, many people view fall as an end of growth. They view it as a change that is unwanted or needed. Change is often viewed with a negative connotation. When in reality it's a season for rejuvenation and revitalization, which gives us an opportunity to renew our vision and to reenergize! Epsilon Psi is in just a season! The officers attended the Area 3 workshop and learned about some great changes. We will share what we learned at our next meeting. With eight prospective members being inducted into our society at our Octo-

ber meeting, I am reenergized and excited to share our amazing society and journey with them! Julie Kellner and I met with these talented educators. As we reviewed our society's history and our worldwide impact, I found myself thankful and feeling BLESSED to be a part of these difference makers!

We have some important events to attend in the upcoming months. On Thursday, October 25th, our society will induct and welcome new members. I am rejuvenated knowing that these ladies bring such talent and experience to our group. On Thursday, November 1st, Gamma Nu and Epsilon Psi will host a joint Reunion Social and honor two of our fellow educators who have made a positive impact on worldwide education. The event will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bonner Hall from 6:00 to 7:15 in the evening. Information regarding these events will be shared at our upcoming meeting and sent through emails. Please make every effort to attend the meeting and support our society.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Short

Next Meeting: October 25th

October 25, 2018
Rollingbrook Fellowship Church,
Baytown
4:30 p.m. Fellowship
5:00 p.m. Meeting
Untold Stories
Induction of New Members

Epsilon Psi members will build closer relationships with each other by sharing "untold stories" from their past.

Hostesses: Joan Mangum, chairman; Judy Abshier, Ruth Blake, Alicia Brooks, Richie Butler

Please remember to bring canned goods for Rollingbrook Fellowship's Food Pantry.

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Upcoming Projects

December: We will bring baby items to donate to the daycare at Peter Hyland Center.

February: We will donate stuffed animals to the local police department.

Monthly: Project Gradua-

tion; Food Pantry for Rollingbrook Fellowship Church



Web Watch: International

Visit www.dkg.org to checkout the new layout! On the home page, you will see a member spotlight. Linda McElroy from Pennsylvania is currently featured. Also, there are several funds that are accepting donations on the home page. Another unique feature is a chat now link to chat to DKG members!

Web Watch: Alpha State

TSO is looking for future leaders. They are accepting applications for officers and committees. You can find the links at www.dkgtexas.org under News.

Hospitality and Other News:

Laura Kellner and Joan Mangum reached out to Ouida Carroll and Jean Lee for a short visit.

Milton Kellner, husband of Laura Kellner, will have an MRI this Friday. Prayers for a good report.

Shirley Wright and Bobby Wright are finally back in their home after Harvey.

Please let Joan Mangum know of any hospitality news.

Joan Mangum

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Project Graduation

Members are to bring monetary donations for Project Graduation benefiting the three Goose Creek high schools.

The following individuals will furnish the raffle prizes for the **October** meeting: Carolyn Francis, chairman; Carolyn Florus, Juanita Hatfield, Dewolyn Hullum

If you cannot attend the meeting, please give your prize to another Epsilon Psi member who will be in attendance.



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

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November Meeting:

November 15, 2018
Thursday, 5 p.m.
Rollingbrook Fellowship Church
505 Rollingbrook Drive
Baytown

Saluting Our Military

A representative from the American Legion/VFW will present a patriotic program.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Judy Abshier, chairman; Ruth Blake, Alicia Brooks, Richie Butler, Joan Mangum



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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Epsilon Psi Chapter
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, September 27, 2018

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International meeting was held at Rollingbrook Fellowship, Baytown, TX. Epsilon Psi President JoAnn Short called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the secretary being present. There were 23 members present. The Chapter Collect and Response were led by Juanita Hatfield.

The minutes from August were printed in the newsletter and approved as printed. The treasurer's report was also printed in the newsletter and filed for audit.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

The Membership committee, Judi Mitchell, chairman, read the information provided for potential Epsilon Psi, DKG members. Helping her were Debbie Denson and Therese Ruff. The seven individuals were Ami Briscoe, Shelley Deakle, Lorena Lankford, Susan Minix, Elma Villanueva, Rachel Warren and Lacy White. A secret ballot was used and the committee left to tally votes. All seven will be asked to become members.

Judi Mitchell also read resignations letters from Meagan Lowery, Paula Jackson and Nova Stippel. The motion was made by Laura Kellner, seconded by Kathryn Wright to accept, with regrets, their resignations.

Julie Kellner gave information for October's meeting, first there will be an induction of new members and the program will be "Untold Stories".

Richie Butler, chairman of the Service Project committee, reported the school supplies from the August meeting were distributed to Carver Elementary.

Julie Kellner, Storybook Christmas chairman, reported that Patti Russell, Gamma Nu chairman, felt that the selections from Scholastic were not as appropriate and is waiting on the October Scholastic to pick books.

Reports of Special Committees

Joan Mangum, Hospitality committee, reported that Jean Lee was not doing well. Her birthday is October 1 and it was suggested to send her birthday wishes.

Old Business

The Nominations committee was recognized for their hard work on getting possible new inductees, especially JoAnn Short and Joan Magnum.

Area 3 Workshop will be held on Saturday, September 29, at Garden Oaks Montessori School. Seven members have signed up to attend. Laura Kellner will call those scheduled to attend with a reminder.

New Business

Both Jean Lee and Dorothy Shields have asked to have their membership changed from active to reserve. Kathryn Wright made the motion to change their membership from active to reserve, seconded by Dewolyn Hullum. Motion passed.

Carolyn Francis, treasurer, announced changes to be made in the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget approved at the August 2018 meeting. Most of the changes were caused by amendments approved at the 2018 International Convention.

Under Estimated Expenses

ASTEAF Scholarship Fund – \$36 should be changed to \$96

Scholarship Fees – Change 40¢ per active/reserve member to 20¢ thus changing the total from \$18.80 to \$9.40

Total State and International Expenses – Change \$3,085.80 to \$3,136.40

Under Local Chapter Expenses

Scholarship Fee – Change 60¢ per active/reserve member to 80¢ thus changing the total from \$28.20 to \$37.60

Chapter Scholarship Fund – Change \$471.80 to \$462.40

Total Estimated Expense – Change from \$8,489.80 to \$8,540.40

Estimated Balance – Change \$1,972.68 to \$1,922.08

Motion made by Laura Kellner to approve the adjusted budget, seconded by Shirley Wright. Motion passed.

Announcements

President JoAnn Short thanked both the Hostess Committee and Project Graduation Committee for all their hard work.

Program

Kim Edwards, Young Living Essential Oils consultant, presented healthy living with and the benefits of using natural oils and vitamins.

Project Graduation

Gifts were drawn.

The meeting ended with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song" at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Florus
Secretary

JoAnn Short
President

Happy Birthday!

October

1 Jean Lee
16 Michelle Verdun
28 Annette Harrison
29 Mary Cooling

November

7 Joyce Cloudt
21 Cara Skinner
25 Joan Mangum
26 Juanita Hatfield



Treasurer's Report

Balance, September 1, 2018	\$6,138.48
Receipts	<u>2,670.00</u>
Total Available.....	\$8,808.48
Disbursements.....	<u>80.00</u>
Balance, <u>September 30</u> , 2018.....	\$8,728.48
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund	\$ 2,906.52
Scholarship Fund	<u>15,938.89</u>
Savings Balance, September 30, 2018.....	\$18,845.41
Total Funds Available, September 30, 2018.....	\$27,573.89



Perfect Attendance

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The success of a good DKG chapter depends upon the commitment of its members. The Executive Board has planned programs that should be of interest to everyone, but programs cannot be successful if the members do not attend the meetings. Won't you commit to making Epsilon Psi one of the best chapters in the state of Texas? Commit 1½ hours the fourth Tuesday of each month to Epsilon Psi by attending and participating in its meetings, activities and service projects.

The following members have perfect attendance for 2018-2019: Ruth Blake, Richie Butler, Kristen Davis, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hullum, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Joan Mangum, Donna Mohlman, Mattie Sharp, JoAnn Short and Kathryn Wright. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, crfranci@me.com or

Attendance Watch for PACE Award

August	14 = 29.79%
September.....	23 = 51.11%
Average	18.5 = 40.45%

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Yearbook Chairman Carolyn Francis will have the yearbooks available at the October meeting. If you cannot be present, please plan to have someone pick up your yearbook for you.

2018-2020 Epsilon Psi Chapter Officers

JoAnn Short, President
Julie Kellner, First Vice President
Judi Mitchell, Second Vice President
Carolyn Florus, Recording Secretary
Joyce Cloudt, Corresponding Secretary
Carolyn Francis, Treasurer
Kathryn Wright, Parliamentarian
Julie Kellner, Immed. Past President