**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MA STATE ORGANIZATION**

1. **Spring Executive Board Meeting Friday, May 5, 2023**
2. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order by President Claire LaBonte at 7:02 pm. Claire welcomed the officers, chapter presidents, committee chairs, and other members and thanked them for attending this evening.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Claire and the singing of “God Bless America was jointly led by Claire LaBonte and Dr. Anita Newman.
4. **The Invocation** was given by Terry Maffeo.
5. **Roll Call**: The list of attendees is on the last page of the minutes.
6. **Parliamentary Procedure**: Anita reminded the attendees of the procedures and rules for putting forth a motion as “I move”. She also reminded the attendees that everything goes through Claire.
7. **Recording Secretary’s Report**: The minutes from the Winter Board Meeting (February 4, 2023) were read for review. There was one correction under the Treasurer’s Report adding the wording “At this point” to the beginning of the last sentence so that it now reads “At this point we do not pay taxes……” a second correction was a simple typing error on page 2 at the top to add a “d” to “share” as plans are finalized in the EEC Chair report. A third correction under Nominations was made to correct the spelling of Sharon MacDonald for incoming Recording Secretary. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Jillane Flanders, seconded by Diane Swistek, and passed unanimously.
8. **Corresponding Secretary’s Report Christine Bonci Oral Report**
9. **Treasurer’s Report Martha Cotton Written and Oral Report** The checking account started with a balance of $6,828.12. Martha stated there was a correction under the AU DKG Scholarship Fund balance 1/31/23 should read $34,814.28 not $35,814.28. There was a clarifying question about the current availability of the $1,000 she transferred from the AU DKG Scholarship Fund to the Christa McAuliffe Memorial Fund. Motion made by Marilyn Spedding to file the Treasurer’s report for review, seconded by Sharon MacDonald. Motion passed.
10. **Executive Secretary’s Report Linda Stewart Written and Oral Report** We have thirty-four members in attendance. We have three chapters that are not represented here today and three that were not represented last time as well. The question was raised as to who should be contacting these three chapters. Should it be the Executive Secretary, the State President, or the Revitalization Chair? After much discussion, it was agreed by those three named that they will meet and establish a plan as to who will contact the three chapters.
11. **President’s Report Claire LaBonte Written and Oral Report** Claire referred us to her written report and stressed her focus from STEM to Revitalization. She also reminded us to check our Facebook page regularly and then welcomed Carol Herzog from Indiana.

***PROGRAM OF WORK***

1. **EEC Chair Jill Flanders Oral Report**  Jill reported that there are brochures available.
2. **Archivist Kaaren Harrington Oral Report** Kaaren stated that there are Baystaters from 1941 until now. She thanked Gail for doing an excellent job since 2018.
3. **Leadership Training Dorothea Maynard Report**
4. **Legislation Annette Shaw No Report**
5. **Literacy Council Diana Grady Written Report**

 ***SOCIETY BUSINESS***

1. **Membership Marilyn Spedding No Report**
2. **Necrology (Celebration of Life) Gwen Miller Oral Report** Gwen reminded everyone of the Celebration tomorrow and updated that were have lost ten members since September.
3. **Coordinating Council Jo-Anne Butler Oral Report** Jo-Anne stated that we have 419 members.
4. **By-laws Bette Bridges No Report**
5. **Finance Janet Wellock Oral Report** Janet will continue to work together with Martha.
6. **Baystater Gail Saccone No Report**
7. **Webmaster/Communications Christine Bonci Oral Report** Christine expressed her concern over the email chip which has changed from 1,000 emails for free per month to now only 2 per month. She stressed the importance of club presidents needing to more than ever to forward information to each chapter to assist in the communication line.
8. **Nominations Lynn Howard Written Report** The slate of officers for 2023-2025 was presented. There was a vote for members of incoming Finance and Nominations. Passed.
9. **Directory Jo-Anne Butler Oral Report** Jo-Anne thanked everyone for the directory information provided.

***STATE PROGRAMS***

**Sara E. Chase Scholarship Sharon McArdle Report** There was discussion around whether there should be a limit on this award. There was clarification that Susan Choquette has received this award for the last three years since she started her doctoral studies in 2021. All were reminded that it is for research and publications as well, not just for graduate school. The committee is making four recommendations (refer to their report).

Under Bullet #1: the committee is recommending that starting in September of 2023 the award be limited to one member being able to receive this award a maximum of twice within a five-year period ($5,000). There was a motion made to change from five to three years made by Lynn Howard and seconded by Donna Brown. The motion was defeated. **There then was an amendment to the original motion made by Annette Shaw and seconded by Gwen Miller “to limit the award to twice in a two-year period” starting in September of 2023 (the original recommendation of the committee-$5,000). The motion passed.**

Under Bullet #3 **a motion was made to change the committee’s recommendation from “ask commitment” to…… “Encourage to present” to their local chapter and/or a state conference. The motion was made by Lynn Howard and seconded by G’Tanya Small. The motion passed**. Martha reminded all that the balance for the Chase Scholarship always must be $10,000.

**Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund G’Tanya Small Report**  G’Tanya reminded everyone that this fund can cover attendance at professional conventions, workshops, classes on photography, quilting, and any other interest areas and encouraged it to be used.

**Golden Gift Leadership Donna Brown Oral Report** Donna reported that $2,600 is available to be used for incoming presidents and others interested in leadership training.

***iNTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS***

**US Forum Carol LaPolice Written and Oral Report** Carol stated that there was a program May 3rd on banned books that was very informative. She also encouraged any other members that were interested in participating to do so as well.

**World Fellowship Marjorie Burns Oral Report** Marjorie stated that there will be a leadership workshop on December 1.

**UN Liaison Dianne Swistak No Report**

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The Revitalization Report was given by Lynn Howard. There are six topics in her report. There was a review and a discussion of the requirements for the Sara E. Chase Scholarship.
2. **NEW BUSINESS:** There was discussion about when to hold our spring meetings in the future. Donna asked us to consider going back to the month of April so as not to conflict with MCAS testing dates and Lynn asked us to not conflict with the Massachusetts MTA conference as well. Both points will be taken into consideration.
3. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** A motion to adjourn was made by Gwen Miller and seconded by G’Tanya Small. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43.

**ATTENDANCE:** see listed attached in separate file as well with signatures, chapter and position Dr. Sharon MacDonald Marilyn Spedding

 Marge Burns Theresa Maffeo

 Jill Flanders Lynn Howard

 Diana Grady Sharon McArdle

 Gwen Miller Christine Bonci

 Elaine Karalekas G’Tanya Small

 Donna Brown Kaaren Harrington

 Bette Bridges Annette Shaw

 Carol LaPolice Claire LaBonte

 Dorothea Maynard Jennifer Hull

 Jacqueline Trotta Nanci Flaherty

 Dianne Swistak Janet Wellock

 Linda Stewart Anita Newman

 Martha Cotton Jo-Anne Butler

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Sharon L. MacDonald (filling in for Gail Saccone as Recording Secretary)

Dr. Sharon L. MacDonald