



LAMBDA GAMMA GAZETTE



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

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PRE SIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters,

My friend Nina Alford, a now retired AP U.S. History teacher, was thrilled to meet Astronaut Eugene Cernan at her nail salon, here in Houston. She mentioned to him that she taught her classes about our country’s space explorations. Gene said, “So you teach high school students? You’re talking about **teenagers**? I don’t know **how** you do what you do!”

Nina purchased Gene’s book, The Last Man on the Moon: Astronaut Eugene Cernan, soon thereafter and left it at the salon for him to sign. He wrote back,

“To Nina Alford,
Hope you share these memories of our voyage to the stars with those who were yet unborn. Best wishes from the moon.” Gene Cernan, July, 2014

We get to teach our students who are all ages and from many different backgrounds. For me, the joys are always greater than the challenges. As we communicate, motivate, and educate, we teach them to: “Aim for the moon. . . But if you miss that, you can be among the stars.”

I’m looking forward to seeing you at our planning meeting on September 17th.

Huntyce Moore, President

“TEACHING TIDBITS”

We all share a passion for learning and teaching. So pointing out tidbits that help us can often be beneficial to others. Therefore, we’re starting a section in our newsletter called “Teacher Tidbits”. (See Page 3.) Send in your best “Teaching Tidbits” to Martha (marthansteele2@gmail.com), and we’ll print one or two each month in the Newsletter!

September Meeting

DATE: September 17, 2019

TIME: 5:15 Greet and Social Time

5:30 Dinner
6:00 Business Meeting
6:30 Planning for 2019-20 year
7:00 Adjourn

**LOCATION: Covenant Lutheran Church
3785 Barker Cypress Rd.**

HOSTESSES: Hostess Group: B

Sue Bathe
Amanda Cargill
Victoria Fairleigh
Huntyce Moore
Mary Smith
Val Steele

PROGRAM:

Lambda Gamma
2019-20 Meeting Dates:

September 17th
October 15th
November 19th
December 10th
January 21th
February 18th
April 21th
May 12th

All these dates are TUESDAYS
All meetings begin at 5:15 P.M.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Huntyce Moore – Sept. 1

Pat Williamson – Sept. 11

Amanda Cargill – Sept. 15

Brenda Owen – Sept. 20

Velma Rollins – Sept. 29

HOSTESS TEAMS

TEAM A

Sharon Frost
LeAnna Graham
Betty Hanlon
Becky Ison
Amiee Modic
Pat Williamson
Christine Wyatt

TEAM B

Sue Bathe
Amanda Cargill
Victoria Fairleigh
Huntyce Moore
Mary Smith
Val Steele

TEAM C

Evelyn Bray
Minnie Cyrus
Jo Ellen Gilliam
Kathleen Harder
Mona Macias
Teri Mason
Martha Steele

Copies of this Hostess Team roster with emails and phone numbers will be available at the meeting. You may also request that one be emailed to you. Contact Martha Steele at marthansteele18@gmail.com

Let's Stay Connected with Our Reserve Members!

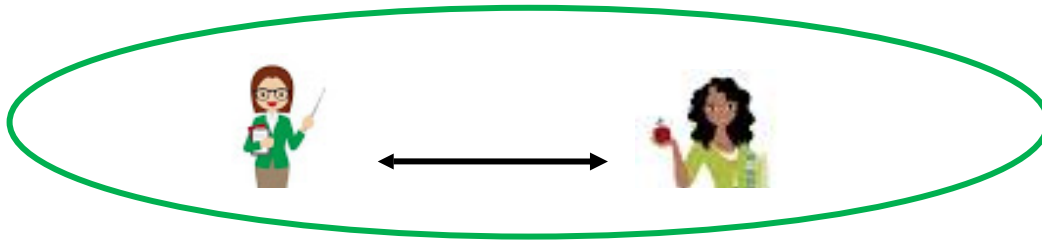
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Teacher Helping Teacher

This Month's Valuable "TEACHING TIDBIT" of Teaching Advice
from Huntyce Moore

A Cinco Ranch High School teacher said, "I keep a box of affirming notes written by students and others. When I've had a rough day, I take them out and read them. It helps me recharge my batteries."

Minutes of Lambda Gamma Meeting – April 16, 2019

The meeting began with a welcome by President Huntyce Moore, after which she recognized and thanked the hostesses from Group A. Cares and concerns were followed by a prayer.

A delicious dinner was served which was enjoyed by all.

A dual program, entitled "A Look into Cambodia and Thailand" was presented by Amanda Cargill and Victoria Fairleigh. Amanda shared pictures of Cambodia from her travels there as she told about her amazing experiences travelling and seeing various exotic sights in that country. Victoria shared her heart-wrenching stories about her past life in Cambodia, her immigration into the United States, and her reflections on her experiences.

The business meeting was called to order by Huntyce. Amiee Modic gave the thought for the day. The minutes of the previous meeting, which were printed in the Newsletter, were approved as presented. The treasurer's report, also printed in the Newsletter was reviewed by Betty Hanlon. She stressed that we need to improve our fundraising in the next year and find more projects that tap sources of funds from outside our own membership. Dues for 2019-20 were collected.

New business: The State Convention will be June 20 – 23 in Arlington. Lambda Gamma members who will attend are Evelyn Bray, Sue Bathe, and Martha Steele.

Also under new business was a discussion about our Grant-in-Aid. Various ideas were brought up as to how we can implement the new plan we approved (of awarding the grant monies to teachers in their first year of teaching, rather than to a graduating high school senior pursuing a major in education.). The members agreed to have the Executive Committee meet with the Grant-in-Aid committee to work out a proposal for procedures, policies, and timeline for awarding a Grant. The committee will report back at the September 2019 meeting.

Members agreed to postpone the Induction Ceremony for Victoria Fairleigh and Becky Ison until the fall, 2019, since the meeting ran longer than our usual adjournment time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

--Submitted by Martha Steele (with notes taken by Val Steele)

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting – July 8, 2019

The officers of Lambda Gamma met for a planning meeting with a brunch on July 8, 2019 at the home of Martha Steele. In attendance were: Huntyce Moore, President; Amanda Cargill, 2nd VP; Betty Hanlon, Treasurer; Martha Steele, Corresponding Secretary; Val Steele, Immediate Past President. Not in attendance was Evelyn Bray, Secretary, (who was out of town on vacation).

The following items were discussed:

Chapter Meeting plans for 2019-20 and discussion:

- Meeting dates were tentatively set for: Sept. 17, Oct 15, Nov.19, Dec.10, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Apr. 21, May 12; subject to membership approval and availability of venue.
- Suggested Schedule / Format for meeting: 5:15 Gather/Social time; 5:30 Dinner; 6:00 Program; 6:30 Business Meeting.
- Hostess group list was adjusted to include new members being inducted and omitting members who have resigned or transferred. This list will be presented to members for approval at the Sept. meeting.
- New Idea: Sunshine Person – One member each month will volunteer to contact member who were not in attendance by email or phone call to tell them they were missed and give them the date of the next meeting.
- Location of meeting: We received news that the Covenant Lutheran Church building was listed for sale in July. (The present smaller congregation is not able to support the upkeep of the large buildings.) Martha will check with the administration of the church to get more information in relation to our group continuing to meet there. Amanda will check with her new principal about meeting at Lieder Elementary as a backup location.

Membership:

- Current membership is 20 active and 4 Reserve. All dues are in.
- Prospective members: Sarah Hoffman (visited a meeting last year); Leneshia Jones (she responded she cannot commit now, as she is in grad school at this time); Kara Hofstede (author who spoke at a meeting); Miriam Crosby –(Neighbor of Amanda Cargill, new Spanish teacher in first year of teaching at Cook Middle School – (CFISD); Andrea Montano (just moved to Houston from El Salvador, music teacher at Nottingham Country Elementary (KISD) in first year of teaching)
- Membership recruitment will be a priority goal of the chapter for this year.

Grant-in-Aid

- New process needs to be outlined (Change from awarding grant to graduating H.S. Senior(s) to awarding grant to beginning first year teacher(s) This motion was approved by the members in Spring, 2019.
- Prospective candidates for Grant: Miriam Crosby and Andrea Montano – both are first year teachers.
- Discussion of ideas for this new grant process. Val will summarize ideas into a draft plan and refer it to the Grant committee to come up with a full draft plan.
- Grant committee members will meet to work on the plan with the Executive committee input, and submit the proposal of new grant procedures at the September meeting.

Finance

- Betty H. gave a treasurer's report
- Convention expenses: \$300 paid to convention attendees Martha Steele and Evelyn Bray. (total \$600 as per budget.) Sue Bathe waived a portion of the convention fund \$ since part of her expenses were paid by State since she served as Area Coordinator.
- \$100 donated to Covenant Lutheran Church for building usage.
- Fundraising will need to be a top priority all year.
- Fundraising ideas discussed: Learning Express Toy Store sale Day, Kendra Scott Jewelry sale day, publish and sell a cookbook, organize a service project and apply for ASTEF project stipend

Program Ideas:

- Sept. – Planning
- Oct. – Mental Health - School Counselor – (recommended by Amanda)
- Nov. – Technology: Using Google Docs – (recommended by Val)
- Dec. – Program on CS Lewis by Dr Louis Markos, HBU professor (recommended by Huntyce)
- Jan. – Lauren Anderson, professional ballerina (recommended by Huntyce)
- Feb.- Dessert Auction with Chef who makes breads (recommended by Huntyce)
- Apr. – Blue Willow Bookstore owner, Valerie Koehler- Program on popular books of school-age kids; graphic novels and why they are good teaching tools (recommended by Huntyce)

Chapter publicity – idea to start a Facebook page for Lambda Gamma Meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Lambda Gamma
Treasurer Report
May - August,
2019

Betty Hanlon
Treasurer
8.28.19

	Apr Balance	Receipts	(Disbursements)	Aug Balance
General Funds/ Chapter Dues		370.00		
reimb travel/ state convention			(600.00)	
reimbursement trans to state: Active 61 * 2 = 122 Reserve 1*28= 28 initiation 1*5=5			(1,304.00)	
Covenant Lutheran			(100.00)	
Total General funds	2,123.14	370.00	(2,004.00)	489.14
State/Int'l Dues & Scholarship fees	-	1,304.00	(1,304.00)	-
ASTE F Honors Fees	-	-	-	-
Grant-in-aid		45.00		
auction			-	
total Grant-in-aid	624.55	45.00	-	669.55
Totals	2,747.69	1,719.00	(3,308.00)	1,158.69

The 2019-2020 Proposed Budget will be sent out separately by email.

The following proposal is recommended by the Grant-in-Aid Committee (with consultation input from the Executive Committee.) At the Sept. 17th meeting, Lambda Gamma members will consider the adoption of the recommended proposal. Please read the proposal and have your questions and comments prepared.

PROPOSALS FOR PROCEDURES FOR LAMBDA GAMMA GRANT and TIMELINES
from the GRANT COMMITTEE

Grant Committee: Huntyce Moore, Val Steele, Martha Steele, Amiee Modic, Christine Wyatt

The following members of the Executive Board were consultants with the Grant Committee to write these proposals: Amanda Cargill and Betty Hanlon.

Part 1: GRANT PROCEDURES FOR 2019, (only)

- The Grant Committee proposes that two grants of \$400 each be awarded in September 2019 to two teachers in their first year of teaching. The monies will come out of the current Grant-in-Aid Fund raised in 2018-19.
- The two candidates nominated by the Grant Committee are Miriam Crosby who teaches at Cook Middle School (CFISD), and Andrea Montano who teaches music at Nottingham Country Elementary School (KISD). The 2019-20 schoolyear is the first year of teaching for both ladies. Miriam was recommended by Amanda Cargill. Miriam and Amanda are neighbors. Andrea was recommended by Huntyce Moore. Andrea is from El Salvador and is a Scholarship Singer in the choir at Grace Presbyterian Church with Huntyce.
- **TIMELINE:**
 - August, 2019 – Invite the Grant Candidates to the Lambda Gamma (LG) Meeting on Sept. 17.
 - Sept. 17, 2019 – (Lambda Gamma Meeting) - While the LG members have their business meeting to vote on the Grant plan, Amanda Cargill (LG Membership Chair) will conduct a private orientation about membership in DKG with Miriam and Andrea. If the LG members approve the Grant Plan for 2019, the Grant monies (the amount decided by the membership) will be awarded to Miriam and Andrea that evening.
 - October, 2019 – (date to be determined, preferably before LG meeting date Oct. 17) Several Lambda Gamma members will attend a faculty meeting at Cook Middle School and at Nottingham Country Elem School to speak to the faculty to 1) honor and recognize the grant recipient(s), 2) offer information brochures about DKG, Lambda Gamma, and the benefits of membership, and 3) invite all faculty members to the Oct. 17 LG meeting. (RSVP will be required so we know number of guests for the meal and seating at the meeting.)

Part 2: GRANT PROCEDURES FOR 2020 AND FORWARD

- Grant will be awarded to a first year teacher in Katy ISD in the odd numbered years and to a first year teacher in Cy-Fair ISD in the even numbered years.
- All teachers in the designated district who are in their first year of teaching are eligible for the Grant.
- Grant Applications will be made available at each school in the designated district for that year.
- The number of Grants and the dollar amount of the Grant(s) will be determined by recommendation of the Grant Committee, subject to approval by the membership of the LG Chapter.
- **TIMELINE**
 - Feb. 1 – A detailed letter about the Grant along with information about DKG and Lambda Gamma will be emailed to all principals in the designated district for that year.
 - Attached to the email will be the Grant Application with instructions and the Lambda Gamma information brochure. (see attached)
 - Aug. 1 – A reminder email will be sent to the principals in the designated district with another copy of the Grant Application and LG brochure, and a letter encouraging principals to make the application available to the first year teachers at the school.
 - Sept. 1 – Applications are due to Lambda Gamma Grant Committee Chairperson
 - Sept.-(during first 2 ½ weeks of the month) – Grant Committee will review applications and choose recipient(s).
 - Sept. – Grant committee will contact principal of school(s) of grant recipients and arrange a date at a faculty meeting or inservice for LG representatives to visit.
 - September LG Meeting (3rd Tues.)- Recipient(s) will be invited to the LG meeting to receive their Grant \$.
 - Between Sept. and Oct. LG Meetings - Several Lambda Gamma members will visit a faculty meeting or in-service at the school(s) of the Grant recipients. LG members will speak to the faculty to 1) honor and recognize the grant recipient, 2) offer information brochures about DKG and Lambda Gamma and the benefits of membership, and 3) invite all faculty members to the Oct. LG meeting (RSVP required.)

(See attachments to the Newsletter)

1. Application for Grant
2. Matrix Worksheet for Scoring Application

Important Dates and Deadlines

October 1 – Be sure to get your Member Bio and digital photograph for the Lambda Gamma Yearbook /Directory to Mona Macias , 2nd V.P. , monalmacias@katyisd.org by Oct. 1.

November 1 – Early Bird Yearbook Submission deadline

News from Texas State Organization of DKG

Theme for 2019-2021: YOU are the Key.. to your Chapter's success and future.

Knowledge of DKG Mission and Purpose

Engagement in purposeful programs and projects to increase member involvement

Year long involvement in recruiting, mentoring, and leading.

Support from officers, mentors, and others to increase stronger members and chapters.

- Patti Belknap, our new Texas State President, has an inspiring article in the Lone Star News, Fall 2019, you should have received digitally! Be sure to read it! www.dkgtexas.org.
- The Lone Star News also has a great summary of the 2019 State Convention held in Arlington, TX last June, where the theme was focused on The Arts.
- Nine Aspiring Women Educators (Texas college students) were awarded \$1000 grants
- Thirty-four Project Stipends, totaling \$39,560, were presented to Texas DKG chapters
- Sixteen members were honored for their 50+ years of membership in DKG.



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