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**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™**

NC DKG  
Alpha Gamma Chapter  
Watauga & Avery Counties  
Region IX

## Rose Petal

NC DKG State Theme:  
Ready, Set, Grow!

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Alpha Gamma Members,

*It is never too late to become all you might have been!*

I keep this note nearby for those days when I feel overwhelmed and feel like I am not accomplishing all that I need to be doing. Someway it gives me that push to move forward and tackle not only the necessary tasks of life but to also schedule those fun and enriching spots of enjoyment and reward! So, on those meeting or event nights when you think: How can I keep going? How can I do this when I have so much more to do and so little energy? Please think of this and put yourself in the car and attend your Alpha Gamma meeting—where you are appreciated and have fellow educators who understand what your days are like! We love to see you! We all want to get to know you better! The best way to do this is for every-one to put our meeting and event dates on her calendar and hold those times to receive a boost of support and appreciation!

Plan now to attend our Thursday, November 7, meeting at Blue Ridge Electric Membership Cooperative (BREMCO). We will have refreshments from 5:00-5:30 with our meeting beginning at 5:30. **WE WANT AND NEED YOU!** (Our Region IX Director Becky Keesler will be joining us this month.)

This year has been busy. Our members volunteered at the Woolly Worm Festival; earned money for Alpha Gamma at the Blue Ridge Relay; assisted current teachers with submitting grant applications to the Education Foundation; planned with the state Beginning Teachers Committee; sought donations from businesses for our Beginning Teachers project; organized our Hospitality House dinner for December; sold Auto Bell car washes as a fund raiser; attended the Region IX joint chapter meeting at the Roaring River Vineyards in Traphill, NC. In addition we are diligently working to meet our \$10,000 dollar goal to establish our own chapter Education Foundation endowment.

Remember President Cowan's theme: Ready...Set...GROW!

Sincerely,  
Brenda Reese  
President

## 2019-2020 MEETINGS/EVENTS

*All regular meetings are from 5:30-7:00 PM*

### November 7

Location: BREMCO

Program: DKG Membership – Rebecca Keesler

Program: Book Study, Maggie Christenbury and Ala Sue Moretz

### April 2

Location: Stone Walls, Banner Elk

Program: Scotland, Diane Ward and Leeann Williams

### December 16 - 5:00-8:00 PM

Location: Hospitality House

Program: Christmas Dinner

### May 7

Location: BUMC

Program: Induction

### January 2

Location: Susan Phipps' house

Program: Beginning Teachers Project

### March 5

Location: BREMCO

## Birthdays

### August

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Heather Furr        | 21 |
| Kim Shields         | 23 |
| Birgitta McGalliard | 31 |

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Sherri Hale       | 23 |
| Margaret Gregor   | 25 |
| Amanda Grindstaff | 25 |

### September

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Beth Masters   | 2  |
| Judith Carlson | 18 |

### December

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Brenda Reese    | 4  |
| Carmen Scoggins | 22 |
| Ala Sue Moretz  | 24 |

### October

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Kay Campany     | 3  |
| Teresa Shadoin  | 11 |
| Marjorie Farris | 16 |
| Maria Mohr      | 22 |
| Christy Welch   | 25 |
| Shawna Williams | 31 |

### January

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Leeann Williams | 3  |
| Rebekah Saylor  | 8  |
| Melanie McLeod  | 9  |
| Clara Hollar    | 16 |
| Gwen Clark      | 18 |

### November

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Carol Deal     | 4  |
| Ebbie Hendrix  | 4  |
| Louise Osborne | 4  |
| Lori Tyler     | 14 |
| Sheri Little   | 18 |

### February

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Jennifer Luetkemyer | 2  |
| Maggie Christenbury | 14 |
| Laura Johnson       | 24 |

### March

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Susan McKay | 13 |
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|-----------------------|----|
| Barbara Perry-Sheldon | 16 |
| McKinley Kunz         | 21 |
| Kelly Walker          | 28 |

**April**

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Olivia Haigler    | 3  |
| Kim Dunnagan      | 5  |
| Jade Evaul        | 12 |
| Adele Byrd        | 18 |
| Nancy Henry       | 22 |
| Sharareh Nikbakht | 29 |

**May**

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| Amy Anderson | 23 |
|--------------|----|

**June**

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Judith Geary   | 9  |
| Kristen Heckle | 18 |
| Linda Seamster | 19 |
| Linda Queen    | 25 |
| Donna Green    | 26 |

**July**

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Diane Ward    | 4  |
| Cori Braxton  | 8  |
| Patty Buckner | 9  |
| Susan Phipps  | 11 |

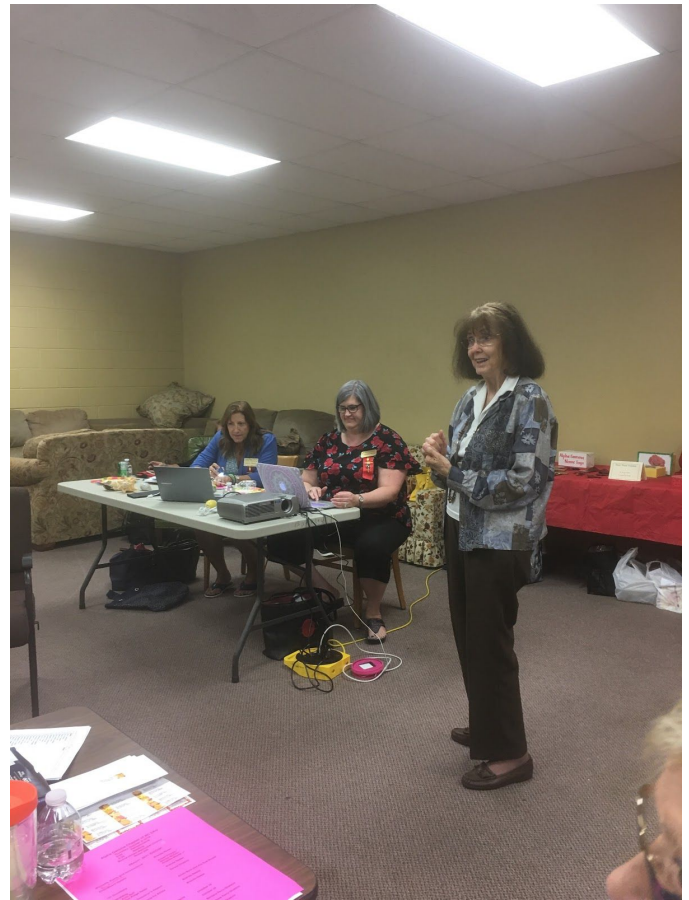
**Woolly Worm Festival**

Adele Byrd, Carol Deal, Jade Evaul, Susan Phipps, Brenda Reese, and Teresa Shadoin worked the Woolly Worm Festival Saturday, October 19. They are now proficient with e-tickets, credit card sales, and cash sales for all ages! Saturday morning was very busy but, thankfully, not too cold! This is an annual event for our members who have learned it is best to work early to avoid traffic and find parking spots! It also gave us a few minutes to socialize with one another. It was great to have new member, Jade Evaul, from Freedom Trail Elementary join us!



## Beginning Teachers State Committee

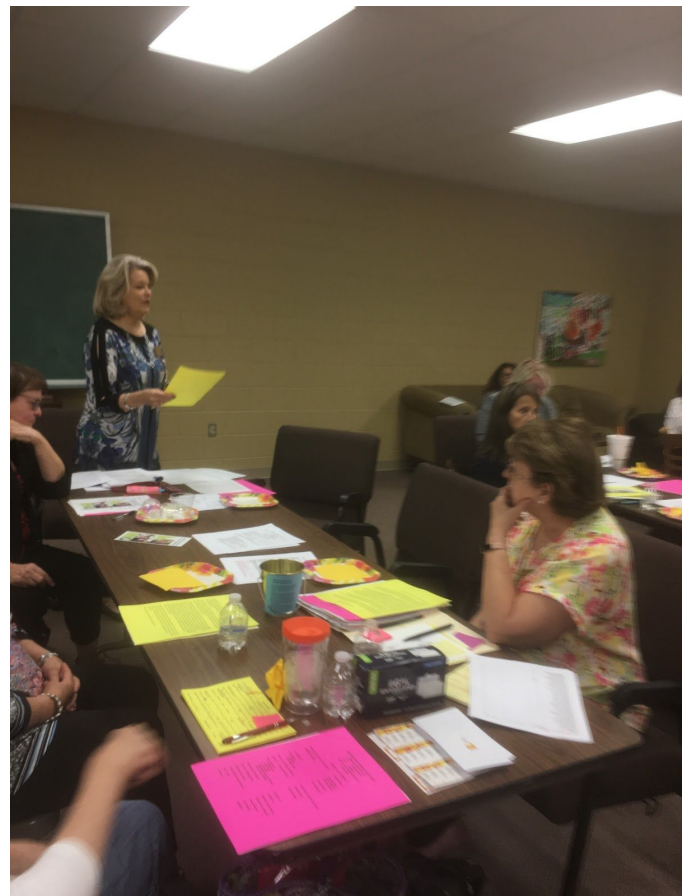
Pam Sutton, State President Teresa Cowan, Tommi Hendrickson, and Chapter President Brenda Reese met at state headquarters in Asheboro on Saturday, October 4, to make plans for the Beginning Teachers Committee for the upcoming year.



## Education Foundation

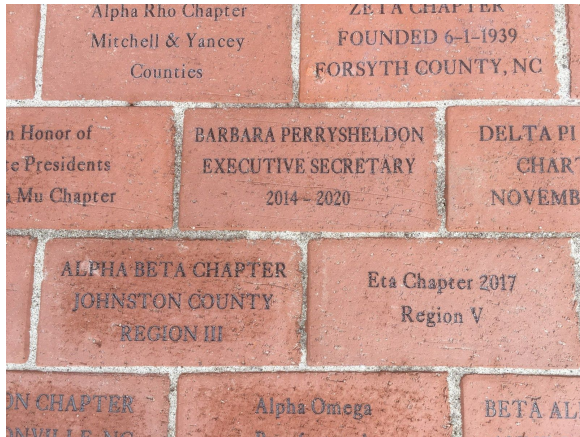
Our chapter is committed to completely funding our \$10,000 endowment this fiscal year so that we can fund grants for teachers in our two districts. We have less than \$4,000 to go. At our October meeting, Susan Phipps presented us with great ideas for meeting with business leaders to seek support, and Teresa Shadoin organized the Auto Bell car wash fundraiser (Due October 26).

Maxine McCall shared ideas about ways to meet our goal, and Amanda Moose shared the grant she had funded through the Education Foundation last school year



## Headquarters Pavers Project Complete

The brick pavers are down and look great! The bricks, purchased as part of a fundraiser to support Headquarters, cover the porch. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Judith Carlson, and Andy Reese are three of the people Alpha Gamma honored with bricks.



## Our Scholarships at Work

Emily Harrison at Lees McRae College, and Sarah Dixon at Appalachian State University received Alpha Gamma scholarships from our chapter last spring. Emily is an exceptional children's major, and Sarah plans to work with middle school students. Both of them joined us for our October meeting so that our members could have faces to go with their names. We wish them only the best as they complete their degrees and move into the teaching profession.



## Watauga County Servant's Heart Award

Alpha Gamma member, Susan McKay, and friend--Sue Shumate, receive the Servant's Heart award at the October Watauga County Board of Education meeting. This special award is presented by Superintendent Scott Elliott to individuals who have gone above and beyond to support Watauga's students. Ms. McKay and Ms. Shumate represent the Boone Civitan Club which has supported Hardin Park's Exceptional Children's department with donations and volunteers for many years.



## Alex Keehn Submits Education Foundation Grant

Alex Keehn, middle school teacher at Bethel Elementary School, is one of our teachers who submitted a grant application to the Education Foundation. She applied for the grant for teachers who have been in the field for one to four years. Alex entered the profession at Mabel Elementary, moved to Cove Creek, and then found a permanent home at Bethel. She is supporting her math and science classes through her CTE exploratory class. Her grant will support her students' exploration of computers, specifically hands on deconstructing and reconstructing laptop computers to help students understand how they work. (Six grants were written; five were submitted.)



## Ray Russell

Ray Russell, representative of the 93rd District (Ashe and Watauga counties) gave updates on the current state of the budget and other business in Raleigh at Alpha Gamma's October meeting. Ray is of Rays Weather fame and is an advocate for education. His mission is: Respect! Listen! Lead!



## Blue Ridge Relay

Our Blue Ridge Relay volunteers earned over \$1,000 this fall! Yeah!!! And thanks go to each and every one who worked! DKG had about twelve volunteers!

## Celebrate a Teacher

The NC DKG Educational Foundation's **101 Donations Challenge** encourages members to celebrate teachers who are making an impact in our schools and our communities by making an impact in our schools and our

communities by making a donation in their honor. Each NC DKG region is challenged to recognize **101** teachers with a contribution of \$10 each to the NC DKG Education Foundation. All donations will support the Foundation's Grants Program. All of the information, forms and Celebration Certificates are available on the Foundation website at <http://www.ncdkgef.org/101-challenge.html>.

## **Region IX Roaring River Vineyards Adventure**

Multiple chapters in Region IX discussed holding a joint chapter meeting as part of their chapter achievement challenge and planned accordingly. The Region IX "adventure" at Roaring River Vineyards has 37 people attending, including past NCDKG president Connie Savell, on Saturday, *October 26*. Seven members are attending from our Alpha Gamma Chapter: Adele Byrd, Kay Company, Gwen Clark, Carol Deal, Birgitta McGalliard, Susan Phipps, and Brenda Reese. Sheila Patterson, Alpha Theta's newest inductee and the Stokes County/Triad Region teacher of the year, is scheduled to speak after our luncheon!

## **Schools for Africa Project**

The first International DKG Project started in 2010 with Schools for Africa (SFA). It is connected to UNICEF to promote global awareness. We will have Ala Sue give us an update on how much money was collected at our October meeting.

## **Survey on Website**

A new feature on the NC DKG website is a survey so every member has input into decision-making. It's on the top right of the homepage.

The current survey question deals with favors at the state convention. Make sure you have answered the question so your voice will be

heard in planning for the 2020 state convention.

Watch for new questions periodically and let your voice be heard!

## **Update on Refreshments and Door Prizes**

### ***Refreshments -***

November 7 - Susan Phipps, Linda Queen, Christy Welch

March 5 - Brenda Reese, Gwen Clark, Adele Byrd

April 2 - Sherri Hale, Maggie Christenbury, Ala Sue Moretz

May 7 - Birgitta McGalliard

### ***Door Prizes -***

November 7 - Susan Phipps, Donna Greene, Christy Welch

March 5 - Gwen Clark, Sherri Hale, Birgitta McGalliard

April 2 - Amy Anderson, Carol Deal

May 7 - Cori Braxton, Carmen Scoggins

## **Book Club Nominations 2019-2020**

### **1. The Tattooist of Auschwitz** by Heather Morris

Suggested by Carol Deal

“The Tattooist of Auschwitz,” a novel published in the United States by HarperCollins in September, tells the extraordinary tale of Lali Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, who was imprisoned at Auschwitz in 1942, and forced to tattoo numbers onto the arms of thousands of incoming prisoners.

### **2. Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens

Suggested by Linda Queen

For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl.

### **3. Educated** by Tara Westover

Suggested by Linda Queen

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. ... When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life.

### **4. The Other Wes Moore** by Wes Moore

Suggested by Christy Welch

Two kids named Wes Moore were born blocks apart within a year of each other. Both grew up fatherless in similar Baltimore neighborhoods and had difficult childhoods; both hung out on street corners with their crews; both ran into trouble with the police. How, then, did one grow up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence?

### **5. Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult

Suggested by Maggie Christenbury and Ala Sue Moretz

Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion—and doesn't offer easy answers. Small Great Things is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game.

\*Summaries from the Internet



## Meet Cori Braxton: EC Teacher of Excellence! Watauga High School



Mrs. Cori Braxton received the EC Teacher of Excellence Award at Watauga County's October Board meeting. Cori received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the university of NC at Charlotte and a Master of Arts in Special Education from ASU with a licensure focus in Emotional an Behavior Disabilities, Specific Learning Disabilities and Intellectual Disabilities. She started her career in 2006 at Cranberry Middle School in Avery County and has been an Exceptional Children's teacher at Watauga High School since 2014.

Mrs. Braxton is an outstanding educator and advocate for students with disabilities at her school and in her district. She is a leader among her peers and collaborates with al staff members in order to ensure the provision of quality services for her students. She is an integral part of Watauga High School, Watauga County Schools and our local community.

Cori currently serves as EC Department Chair, Facilitator of the EC Professional Learning Team, School Improvement Team Chair, the Best Buddies Program Facilitator and Yoga and Mindfulness Club Facilitator at Watauga High School. She is a teacher leader in Watauga County Schools serving on the EC District Leadership Team. She has served as a Clinical Educator for ASU's student teachers. She has taught and/or current provides direct special education instruction in Curriculum Assistance, Curriculum Assistance SOLVE (for Math Support), Curriculum Assistance Plus (for Literacy Support) courses and is co-teacher in Math 1, Math 2, and Math 3 courses at WHS.

## Registration for 2020 Convention Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2020 NC DKG Convention to be held May 1-3 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro.

This year registration for the convention will be done online using the Google Form found at <http://bit.ly/2020NCDKGConvention>.

Payment will be by credit card or check following the directions on the form. A copy of the registration form for your records will be sent to the e-mail address provided in the form. Registration deadline for the early bird pricing is April 15, 2020.

Payment by credit card will be made by using the secure online portal provided by Square. There will be a \$4.50 processing fee. An invoice from Square will be sent via e-mail when your registration is processed. If you choose to pay by check, print the Registration Invoice that will be e-mailed to you and mail a check payable to NC DKG Convention to Myra Aderholdt, Convention Treasurer, 6100 Pintail Court, Oak Ridge, NC 27310-9776.

If you have any questions about registration, please contact Myra at [myraaderholdt@gmail.com](mailto:myraaderholdt@gmail.com) or Cynthia Wooten, Registrar at [cynthia.wooten4@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.wooten4@gmail.com).

## Book Your Room at the Convention Hotel

In addition to being closer to all the activities, there are other benefits to staying at the convention hotel. Here are four good reasons for booking your room at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro:

1. Enjoy free breakfast (included for hotel guests)
2. Enjoy free afternoon reception and drinks (included with two drink tickets for hotel guests)

3. Enjoy a place to relax between sessions
4. Help meet the hotel block (room commitment); this helps lower the convention costs

Reserve your room now using the code DKG. Call 336-668-4535.

## Ready, Set, GROW! How Does Our Membership Grow?

Retired members often state that recommending women educators for membership is difficult when you are not working in schools each day. As a member anticipates retiring, please encourage her to actively recruit younger educators and continue to mentor them after retiring. This practice will facilitate active involvement of older members.

## Internal Marketing: [Get Connected](#)

Members are encouraged to check out [Get Connected](#) on the International website. It is found on the International website...then go to Publications tab...then go to Newsletters and on the NC DKG website...then go to C&M Committee page. This issue also includes facts about chapter membership over the last five years.

## Save the Date July 7-11, 2020

Plans are well underway for the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia, July 7-11. The City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection has much to offer attendees outside the convention times.

The Philadelphia Marriott Downtown is the official convention hotel. (Registration for the hotel will open in January.) The hotel is attached by a walkway to the Reading Terminal Market, one of America's largest and oldest public markets featuring more than 80 vendors of a wide variety of products, such as fresh produce, baked goods, meats, flowers, and jewelry, as well as a variety of eateries.

Be sure to plan time in your convention schedule to visit the market.

Watch the [DKG convention webpage](#) for registration materials, sessions forms, and announcements. Watch the convention invitation videos to learn more.

## Convention Dates

**May 1-3, 2020** — NC DKG Convention, Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro, Region VII

**July 7-11, 2020** — International Convention, Philadelphia, PA

**April 23-25, 2021** — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort

**July 11-14, 2022** — International Convention, New Orleans, LA

## Parliamentary True or False?

50% plus one can be used when determining a Majority Vote?

**False** The word “majority” simply means *more than half*. Not 50% plus one; not one more than half. Simply *more than half*. For example, 17 votes are cast on a motion, 9 in favor and 8 opposed. 50% of votes cast is 8 1/2, so 50% plus one would be 9 1/2. With that erroneous definition, now would say it didn’t pass. But more than half would be 9. Therefore, it clearly did pass by a majority vote. (*Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised*) (RONR)

## EVERYONE: Please take the time to update or create your on-line profile!

- Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and sign in
- Click on your name at the top of the screen
- In the red line, click “My Participation”
- Scroll down under “Communication Preferences and like the box beside “Yes - Include my DKG Profile in the Members Only Online Directory
- Double check to make sure all of your information is correct
- Be sure to click the SAVE button!

## Love to Read? Join the DKG Book Club!

1. Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).
2. Sign in with your membership number and password.
3. Click on the MyDKG tab.
4. Click on Communities.
5. Select DKG Book Club and complete information.
6. Subscribe and write topics to share with others.
7. Please post! The value of the community lies in its members contributing!

**DKG Meeting**  
**October 3, 2019**  
**Boone United Methodist Church**

**Announcements:**

A greeting to the group was delivered by Brenda Reese. She read a text by Joanna Gaines. She welcomed the guest speaker Mr. Ray Russell.

**Presentation:**

Mr. Russell began by stating his father was a school teacher and later became a principal. His wife taught at Banner Elk Elementary. Mr. Russell teaches computer science at Appalachian State University. He discussed the Vocabulary Bowl and Ashe Middle School and their current ranking. He ended by discussing his work in the House of Representatives in Raleigh and hope for a budget soon.

**New Business:**

Mrs. Reese began by having attendees introduce themselves and share information about their educational experiences. A special thank you to Sherri Hale was stated for becoming the newsletter creator.

Amanda Moose was a recipient of an educational grant. She demonstrated the easi-scope to the group. No software is required for students and adults to install. Ms. Moose gave examples of how this device can be used in various educational lessons and subject areas.

A discussion occurred among the attendees that discussed the endowment. By asking people to donate money, you are providing someone to participate in an adventure. By engaging people in conversations about the endowment, you believe that they are a leader in the community and someone who will partner with use. Donors are putting money into schools for teachers in Avery and Watauga County.

Susan Phipps stated that \$10,000 dollars is the amount needed to establish the endowment. Six thousand dollars has already been given. The chapters endowment is under the educational foundation. She spoke about Johnathan Allen, owner of Allen Wealth Management. After their discussion on education, he wrote Susan a check for \$1000.00.

Teresa Shadoin discussed the fund-raising opportunity through Autobell. Cards are sold for twenty dollars and the chapter is allowed to keep half of the money from each card sold. Ala Sue Moretz made self-addressed envelopes. The chapter raised \$1060.00 after working at the Blue Ridge Relay this year.

Mrs. Reese discussed the celebrate a teacher certificate. Each certificate is ten dollars.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Adele Byrd and approved by members.

**Treasury Report:**

The treasury report was discussed by Ala Sue Moretz. She stated that the scholarship will be paid in the spring. The budget was voted on last time. Two weeks ago, checks were sent for dues. The

current balance does not include money raised from Blue Ridge Relay. She read aloud and stated that members who have resigned or dropped for non-payment are:  
Patti Blanton, Susan Hawkins, Stacy Campany, Trish Caviness , Nina Jo Moore.  
A motion was made to accept list with regret by Susan Phipps. The members voted to accept list. The audit is not completed. A motion was made and seconded to approve treasury report.

#### **Additional New Business:**

Mrs. Reese stated that Maggie Christenbury is taking the lead on a new book recommendation for chapter. An opportunity for chapters to meet and share experiences will be on October 26, 2019 at Roaring River Vineyards.

#### **Rules for Chapter:**

Barbara Perry-Sheldon discussed change in name to NCDKG. She stated that vote will occur next month. Everyone is welcome to send questions or bring questions in November. The state has asked each chapter to make a marketing plan.

#### **Chapter Achievement:**

Teresa Shadoin discussed chapter achievement points. She stated this was a road map for a how a good chapter operates.

#### **Beginning Teachers:**

Susan Phipps discussed letter that can be sent to businesses. Members will pack bags on January 2, 2019.

The meeting ended by door prizes being awarded.

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