February, 2024

# The Mu Tauker

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

**Texas State Organization** 

Area 1 Chapter 307 Mu Tau Chapter

Cedar Creek Lake Area

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

# **Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide**

# Nancy's Notes



Sisters, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday. Our December meeting was so much fun! As usual, our members provided an excellent pot luck dinner. Our left-right ornament exchange was a skill in listening. The ornaments were all so beautiful. The white elephant exchange was also fun. I'm sure a few people ended up on Santa's naughty list after the party! (You know who you are!)

In January, the Executive Board met to put the finishing touches on the remainder of our meetings. I hope some of you have sent Beverly Hart the information on prospective members. We will be voting on the prospective members at this meeting. We will also be voting on our officers for the next biennium. This list of officers was presented at our December meeting. My sincere thanks to Pam Bromley, Beverly Hart, and Sheila Lewis for their work on getting our new officers.

This meeting will also be an opportunity to sign up for the Regional Area Workshop in June. Since this is a one-day event, it's a great opportunity to see Delta Kappa Gamma in action. Also, it's only one day!!!

I hope everyone is healthy and ready to enjoy the rest of our year. See you on Monday!











Seek, Open, Act, Reach

Mu Tau Meeting Monday, February 8, 2024 4:45 PM

Tri-County Library, Mabank

**Hostesses: Mindy Marder;** Janice Beasley, Ann Hayes, Jean Robinson, Amanda Schmidt

**Program** 

What Are You Reading?



## Mu Tau Projects

Little Free Libraries Boxtop\$ for Education Mu Tau Scholarship Schools for Africa SEE

**Forever Families** 





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### Mu Tau calendar 2023-2024

February 12, 2024 What Are You Reading?

March, 18,2024 Orientation for new members

**April 8, 2024 Induction of new members** 

May 13, 2024 **Founders Day** 

June 22, 2024 Area Workshop, Dallas

July 9-13, 2024 **International Convention,** 

**National Harbor, MD** 

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## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Mu Tau Chapter

Treasurer's Report. February 8, 2024

Beginning Balance 12-31-23	2,763.65
Deposits	00.00
Total Available	2,763.65
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Check #972 TCL	150.00
Check #969 ASTEF	29.00
Check #970 ASTEF	29.00
Check #971 ASTEF	29.00
Bank Fee	4.00
Total Disbursements	241.00
Balance 1-31-24	2 ,522.65

Libby Horton, Mu Tau Treasurer

#### Mu Tau Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance 9-30-23

1,180.76

.74 Credits this period **Ending Balance** 1,181.61

Please contact Libby if you have any changes to your contact information.











President

Nancy McDonald

**First Vice President** 

Mindy Sutton

**Second Vice President** 

**Beverly Hart** 

**Recording Secretary** 

Mary Ann Gregg

**Corresponding Secretary** 

Angela Barton

Treasurer

Libby Horton

**Parliamentarian** 

Janice Sutton

**Immediate Past President** 

Monica Fortenberry

The Mu Tauker Editor Lavonne Dennis





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# The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Minutes of the Mu Tau Chapter Meeting Nancy McDonald's home

December 11, 2023, 5:00 pm

Before the meeting **Libby Horton** blessed the food, and members feasted on holiday noshes before playing two very lively rounds of gift exchanges. The first was an ornament exchange, with story narrated by Libby Horton. The Christmas Story was told in the form of a Left-Right Passing game, and it kept members on their toes to keep up with all the rights and lefts. The White Elephant exchange took the form of a Chinese Christmas Exchange, with lots of holiday food, fun, and fellowship.

President Nancy McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:02. Fifteen members present were Alison Neighbors, Mindy Marder, Kim Johnson, Angelya Saine, Libby Horton, Barbara Jedlicka, Thelma Jedlicka, Ann Hays, Dr. Mindy Sutton, Beverly Hart, Nancy McDonald, Janice Sutton, Lavonne Dennis, Jean Robinson, and Mary Ann Gregg.

**Member Spotlight** featured hostess Nancy McDonald as she recounted the entertaining, infamous, and interesting story of her home. A lively discussion ensued, uncovering surprising details that several Mu Tau members had ties to people who had ties to Nancy's home. The fascinating conversation confirmed the fact that everyone is related to someone in small communities!

**Old Business** Beverly Hart needs prospective member names by February 1, 2024. Please email Beverly with the contact information about your prospective member candidates.

**New Business** Pam Gromley, along with her committee of Beverly Hart and Sheila Lewis, presented a slate of officers for 2024-2026.

- President-Kim Johnson
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Dr. Mindy Sutton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Pam Gromley
- Recording Secretary- Mary Ann Gregg
- Corresponding Secretary- Beverly Hart
- Nominations Committee- Melody Stephenson, chair, Mindy Marder, and Libby Horton

President Nancy McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:19.

Mary Ann Gregg, Recording Secretary

Nancy McDonald, President



Stockings and ornaments all merry and bright





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### MU TAU BUDGET 2024-25 (Proposed)

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Estimated balance on hand July 1, 2023	\$1,500.00	Program/hostess/guest expenses	100.00
ESTIMATED INCOME:		State convention expense	
Dues		Supplies/jewelry	20.00
Active members 30 @ 100.00	\$3,000.00	Yearbooks	20.00
Honorary members (2)	no dues	Bank expense	48.00
Total income from dues	\$3,000.00	Door Prizes	100.00
Induction Fees (\$10.00 per new member)	,	Projects	200.00
Scholarship Fees (\$1.00 per active/reserve m	ember) included	Miscellaneous	200.00
Honors Chapter Scholarship Fund (\$1.00 per	member) included	Total Local Chapter Expenses	
Fund Raising		<u>1,383.00</u>	
Miscellaneous		Total Estimated Expenses=	\$3,379.00
Total Estimated Income	\$3,000.00	Leaving a Balance of	\$1,121.00

\$4,500.00

## **ESTIMATED EXPENSES:**

Total Available for Budget

## **State and International Expenses:**

Total State and International Expenses \$	1,996.00
Other Contributions	100.00
Leadership Seminar Fund	30.00
ASTEF Projects Fund (\$1 per member)	30.00
Honors Chapter Scholarship Fund (\$1 per member	30.00
State scholarship fees required 29@\$.20 each)	6.00
Active membership dues (29@\$60 each) \$1	,800.00

## **Local Chapter Expenses:**

Webpage expenses	20.00
Induction/installation flower fund	25.00
International Conv./Conf. expenses	100.00
Donation to Tri-Co Library	200.00
Transfer to Mu Tau Scholarship Fund	100.00
Printing expenses	20.00
Membership Comm. Expenses	30.00







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# Mu 7au birthdays

February March

Angela Barton 2/17 Mary Ann Gregg 3/4 Libby Horton 2/8 Sheila Lewis 3/10

DeAnna Smith 2/25







Unwrapping white elephants, a ton of fun!



**Enjoying Mu Tau togetherness at Christmas:**Sister love

Note: Boxtop\$ help our schools help our kids. Boxtop\$ are now to be submitted by photos from your smart phone.

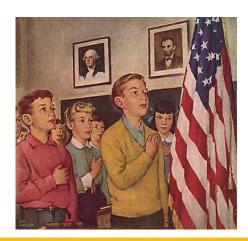
# BOXTOP\$ for education











Donate *used* books to help stock Mu Tau's Little Free Library at Northpark.

Bring the books to Beverly Hart. Reading helps people in our communities to become better readers and perhaps better citizens.

# The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Minutes of the Mu Tau Executive Board Meeting

January 8, 2024, at 5:00 pm

President Nancy McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Seven members of the Executive Board present were Nancy McDonald, Lavonne Dennis, Libby Horton, Beverly Hart, Janice Sutton, Angela Barton, and Mary Ann Gregg.

**Prospective Member Induction discussed.** Beverly Hart will compose and email reminding members to give names and information on prospective members by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Lavonne Dennis will send out the email to the members. Beverly Hart will check her stock of New Member Certificates and report to Libby Horton if she needs more. Induction will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Mabank on April 8, 2024. [Coincidentally, April 8<sup>th</sup> is also the date of the complete solar eclipse that will be visible that day.]

Prospective Member Orientation will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>. All members are welcome to attend. Location and time will be announced later.

The incoming President will appoint a Parliamentarian for the 2024-2026 term. The outgoing Executive Board appoints the Treasurer for the 2024-2026 term. Janice Sutton made a motion to nominate Libby Horton for Treasurer and Mary Ann Gregg seconded that motion. Libby Horton pointed out that it is important for more members to become familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer so that in the future, someone else will be able to perform these duties.

#### The slate of officers to be voted on in February are:

- · Kim Johnson-President
- Dr. Mindy Sutton-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- · Pam Gromley-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Mary Ann Gregg- Recording Secretary
- · Beverly Hart- Corresponding Secretary

#### Nominating Committee for 2024-2026 is:

- · Melody Stephenson- Chair
- Mindy Marder
- Libby Horton

**Addendum to Yearbook will be sent to members.** Discussion about Mu Tau yearbook.

**Website has not been updated since 2018.** Mu Tau's website is not certified and therefore not able to be linked to the TSO website. Discussion about getting website updated and linked with the TSO website. Discussion about creating a Facebook page that could be easily updated regularly to promote our chapter and disseminate information.

The Executive Board recommends keeping dues at \$100 per year.

**Discussion on awarding Perfect Attendance Certificates** and considering an end of year drawing for dues voucher for the next year. Discussion on incentivizing meeting attendance besides using door prizes.

Nancy McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:04 pm.

Mary Ann Gregg, Recording Secretary

Nancy McDonald, President





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#### Mu Tau Chapter

Treasurer's Report Jan. 8. 2024 Ex. Bd. Mtg.

# **BALANCE 12-1-23** \$2,767.65

Deposits 00.00

#### Total Available \$2,767.65

Disbursements:

Statement Fee 12-29-23 4.00

Total Disbursements \$4.00

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Libby Horton, Mu Tau Treasurer

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