



Alpha Beta Bits

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President's Message

TEACHING***You laugh, you cry and you work harder than you ever thought you could. Some days you are trying to Change the world and some days you are just trying to make it through the day. Your wallet is empty, your heart is full and your mind is packed with memories of kids who have changed your life. Just another day in the classroom. Venspired.com

Dear Sisters,

The quote about teaching is so true. I have done a lot of laughing, crying, and working harder than I ever thought I could over these past months. As you all know technology is not one of my strengths. It has become even more abundantly clear with the zoom meetings and online planning of assignments, "Mr. Technology" and I are not friends no matter how hard I try!

I think the hardest part is not having the daily interactions with the students and staff. I have been thinking about how much different the learning experience has been for the students and how stressful it has been for the teachers and parents. I think about what next year will bring and how different the school climate will be.

I have been planning with anticipation to see their bright faces next year. I want to make sure the return to the classroom is high energy and engaging. I want the students to know they are safe and I am here for them. The transition back is not going to be easy, but I am up for the challenge.

We as a society have had many changes and challenges.

There are a lot of transitions within our organization that are occurring to move the society forward.

It has been quite odd for us not to attend a meeting and catch up on how everyone is doing and sharing pictures of children and grandchildren. Preparing for State and International Convention is on hold until next year. Attending the presenters' sessions virtually will be very different, but an opportunity for me to practice my online meeting skills.

As I prepare for our June meeting and the end of my biennium, I am so very thankful for all of the support

that you have given to me. It has been a wonderful journey and I look forward to my next adventure within this amazing society. I am thankful for the memories and how you have helped me with the changes over these past two years.

I look forward to seeing all of you in June!

Educationally Yours,

Kris

PS. I will be bringing my Girl Scout with me to sell cookies if you are interested the cookies are \$5 a box.

Chapter Dues: Active \$89; Reserve \$32.

Deadline - June 1, 2020

Send to:

Joan McGreevey



WELCOME BACK!

Tina Smith-Gilbert has reactivated her membership in the Chapter! She has missed her "sisters" and is looking forward seeing and working with everyone.



STATE CONVENTION BASKET



Chapter members are still welcome to bring donations for the State Convention basket even though there is no event this year. Items that do not have an expiration date can be stored until next June. Thanks, Lois

FORWARD MOVING THROUGH OUR PLANNING

Your ideas for chapter accomplishments in the 2020-2022 biennium have been turned into goals and objectives for the Chapter's strategic action plan. For your review, a draft of this plan will be sent to you a week before our June meeting. And, at the meeting, there will be a display board of all the ideas so you can see how they were incorporated into the plan.

---Becky Johnen

HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMITTEES

RULES COMMITTEE

We met at my home. We received recommendations from state DKG committee members. We parsed the language and the grammar and asked sisters who are not on the rules committee to do the same. After nearly a year of work, we present to you our suggestion for the rules for Alpha Beta chapter. An electronic copy will be sent out at the beginning of June and those without access to the internet will receive paper copies. This will give you time to read and digest the suggested changes. If we are able to meet physically for our June meeting, I will project the rules document so that all may see and discuss. It is our intent that this process be transparent and inclusive of all members. Hope to see you soon! ---Melissa Flynn

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

About 15 years ago a few Alpha Beta members attended an area conference and learned about a **ways and means committee** for Chapters. A Ways and Means Committee is tasked with finding the ways and means with which to raise revenue vital to carrying out Chapter operations, such as Grant-in-Aid, Reading Competition and other projects and programs. It also removes the need for passing the hat, selling tickets every meeting and other spontaneous funding requests.

Alpha Beta's Ways and Means would be a subcommittee, with a coordinator, and shall conduct all fundraising for chapter-approved funds. This committee will work in conjunction with the Finance Committee to maintain a balanced budget for the Chapter.
--Royce Boyd

PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Our Committee is pleased that plans have been made to deliver nine fleece blankets to the Bedford County Children and Youth Services. They will be distributed to those in need of a blanket.

Please contact Linda Clapper or Beverly Brumbaugh if you know of a need, in our communities, that could be a Project in the next biennium.



CONGRATULATIONS



Denelle Diehl was hired as the Director of Education by the Tussey Mountain School District. She began her duties on May 11.

THE JUNE MEETING WILL BE SPECIAL



Things look promising for us to be able to physically meet on June 23. Our counties should be in the green and our meeting site should be open. Our gathering will be exciting not only because it seems like forever since we have been able to see each other, but State President Eileen Little joining us (along with her mother) to install officers and our flower basket raffle taking place only adds to the specialness of the evening. Looking forward to seeing you at this meeting!!!
---Becky Johnen



JUNE RAFFLE: GRANT-IN-AID

"Flowers" is the theme of our June raffle! So, please be creative and bring something to raffle that fits this theme ... cut flowers, potted flowers, a picture of a flower, artificial flowers, dried flowers, fabric flower, etc.!

We will place the flower items on tables so that you can drop your raffle ticket(s) into the paper bags designated for your choice, just as we do for the December raffle. As a reminder, you can make this task easier by bringing spare address labels and adhering them to the back of the raffle ticket. As our normal procedure, you can purchase one ticket for \$1 or purchase 6 tickets for \$5. The money collected will benefit our Grant-in-Aid fund. Yes, this will be "rosy," and your donation will be greatly appreciated! Until then, just try not to be "impatiens!"
---Linda McElroy

VOTE ON PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

The Membership Committee will be bringing forth a few names of prospective members for your review and vote at the **June** meeting. Anyone having names of prospective members, please get them to Becky Johnen by **June 7** so they can be included on the ballot.

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