



Nu's Notes



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Dear Nu Chapter,

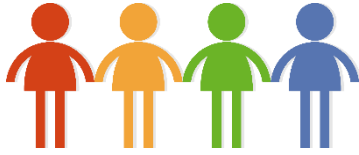
It is so exciting to have started our new year. Learning about the Peoria Public Library and all its offerings to the community. Nu Chapter has also been working with PPL staff to design a project for Jr. High students to take part in. This project was submitted to ILSO as a Grant possibility. Let's keep our fingers crossed. It will be a fun project to watch grow and benefit the kids and adults in the Peoria Art community.

Heading to the Main Branch of the PPL for our last meeting I noticed many things that I never paid attention to before. The parking lot is very close to the front doors. The lighting in the area is good, the front reception desk has easy access and is manned by knowledgeable folks. The library is spotless and quiet. It offers a very safe calming place to learn. We met downstairs in the computer lab. It is also well maintained, clean, and very easy to find. I stopped on another floor and saw the art exhibit on display. The pieces were fabulous and inspiring. I think my greatest find was the book sale room. You can select from thousands of practically new books to take home and enjoy. No need to bring much cash as an armload of books will cost pennies on the dollar. If you would like to volunteer at the book store, they are looking for more help.

Let's take this time to be Thankful for all we have. Our friends, family, homes, pets, neighbors, and our health. Sending a card in snail mail, a quick text or a call to remind others that you are grateful for them is always a blessing this time of year.

Barb

Membership Committee



Recommendations for membership may be submitted at any time to the Membership Committee or an officer.

Yearbook Updates

Please make the following changes to your yearbook:

Page 8: International Headquarters has a temporary mailing address:

1801 E. 51st Street
Ste 365 – 163
Austin, TX 78723

Page 31: Side by Side: Change January 29 to January 30 at 1 p.m.

Page 33: Insert Julie Frank, alternate, Civic Federation (under Communications and Marketing)

Page 49: Curtis, Cathy (New address:



Page 58: 2022 section:

Insert: June 18, **Training for Chapter Leaders** (Zoom) 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Insert: June 21-23, **Creative Arts Retreat**, Allerton Park, Monticello, IL

Insert: June 25, **Training for Chapter Leaders** (Zoom) 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

If you know of yearbook updates, please send to Chris Berto

If you know of someone who needs our attention, please let one of the officers know.



Have You Been Thinking?

Delta Kappa Gamma has the opportunity each year to help young ladies in their teacher education. Please share names of those you think may qualify.

Congratulations!

Nu Chapter was awarded a stipend by the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc.



Past Meeting Minutes

NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting, October 14, 2021

Approved at the November 2, 2021 General Business Meeting

Program *What Is the Agency on Aging?* Anita Brown, CIAA Director of Internal Operations, Central Illinois Agency on Aging

Call to Order President Barb Blanco called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. at Central Illinois Agency on Aging. A quorum was present with ten members in attendance. Barb thanked Dorothy Dean for October *Nu's Notes*, Mary Jane Sterling and Chris Berto for the yearbook, and shared information on The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.

Minutes The minutes of the September 22, 2021, meeting were approved as printed and distributed.

Treasurer's Report (Cathy Curtis) The following report was presented and will be filed for financial review: Checking Account Balance September 22, 2021 \$2,160.55; Income \$0.00; Disbursements \$1,063.95 (\$1,040.00 International Dues for 2021-2022, \$15.00 DKGIEF Educational Foundation, \$10.00 DKGIEF Golden Gift Fund, \$20.00 DKGIEF Emergency Fund, \$11.60 Stamps-Cathy

Curtis; Checking Account Balance October 14, 2021 \$1,063.95; CEFCU Savings Account Balance \$29.66; CEFCU Savings Account Balance \$29.66; CEFCU Money Market account \$7,450.64; Total Balance October 14, 2021 \$8,544.25. Cathy Curtis will send thank you notes to Mary Jane Sterling and LaVonne Chaney for the contribution of \$383.16 from cookbook sales.

Communications and Marketing (Kathy Johnson) Kathy Johnson has sent cards as needed. *Nu's Notes* deadline is November 18th. The printed yearbooks were distributed to those present and will be hand delivered to remaining members. Office Max printed/folded/stapled/trimmed the yearbooks, and the cost per book was \$2.87 using Dorothy Dean's discount. Nu members' email addresses/phone numbers will be deleted prior to sending the yearbook electronically to the ILSO President, Executive Assistant, and Educational Excellence Chair.

Finance (Mary Jane Sterling) The amount budgeted for the Chapter Grant will be increased by \$10.00 to reflect a chapter program presented by Roberta Koscielski and a memorial for Mary Krull.

Membership (Barb Blanco) Barb Blanco conducted the Celebration of Life Ceremony, and Chris Berto gave the tributes for deceased members Mary Krull and Demetra Polites.

Nominations (Connie Voss) Connie Voss presented the following slate of officers for 2022-2024: Cathy Curtis, President; Carol Sleeth, First Vice-President; Connie Voss, Second Vice-President; Mary Taylor, Recording Secretary; Kathy Johnson, Corresponding Secretary. Connie Voss moved to suspend Chapter Rule VII A 2. to allow presenting and voting on the slate for the 2022-2024 Nominations Committee at the November 2nd meeting; motion passed.

Educational Excellence (Connie Voss) Connie Voss reported that the majority of members who have responded thus far prefer receiving meeting notifications/information via

email. She noted the change of times for the November 2nd meeting at the PPL Main Branch - 4:00 p.m. Sign in; 4:15 p.m. Program - *Genealogy by Computer*; 5:00 p.m. Meeting; optional PPL Technology Lesson begins at 3:00 p.m.

Professional Advancement and Outreach (Carol Sleeth) Carol Sleeth referred members to October *Nu's Notes* for dates and topics of Legislative Seminars (via Zoom). Connie Voss reviewed Nu Chapter/PPL McClure Branch's proposed stipend application entitled "Make Art Your Superpower." Mary Jane Sterling moved to approve the chapter application for the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. stipend; motion passed.

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Mary Taylor, Secretary
Barb Blanco, President

Nu Chapter #13 General Membership Meeting November 2, 2021

*To be approved at the December 2, 2021
General Business Meeting*

Program *Genealogy by Computer*, Amber Lowery, PPL Reference Library

Technology Lesson -Using PPL Website, Roberta Koscielski, PPL Deputy Director, preceded program.

Call to Order President Barb Blanco called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. at Peoria Public Library Main Branch. A quorum was present with twelve members in attendance. In keeping with Nu Chapter's goal of supporting PPL, Barb shared that the Main Branch Bookstore staffed by Friends of Peoria Public Library needs volunteers (current hours: 12-4 p.m. Monday,

Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday) and encouraged book/CD/DVD donations.

Minutes The minutes of the October 14, 2021, meeting were approved as printed and distributed.

Treasurer's Report (Cathy Curtis) The following report was presented and will be filed for financial review: Checking Account Balance October 14, 2021, \$1,063.95; Income \$76.00 (\$76.00 Dues); Disbursements \$26.82 (\$17.40 Stamps - Program Committee/Connie Voss, \$9.42 October *Nu's Notes*/Dorothy Dean); Checking Account Balance October 25, 2021 \$1,113.13; CEFCU Savings Account Balance \$29.66; CEFCU Money Market account \$7,450.64; Total Balance October 25, 2021 \$8,593.42.

Communications and Marketing (Kathy Johnson) *Nu's Notes* deadline is November 18th. ILSO Zoom meeting notices are posted on Nu Chapter website. Yearbooks have been distributed to members and ILSO, and yearbook updates will appear in *Nu's Notes*. Information from Aimee Shinall's presentation for Women's Civic Federation will appear in December *Nu's Notes*. Julie Frank will serve as alternate for Cam Ratcliff at Women Civic Federation meetings.

Finance (Mary Jane Sterling) The amount budgeted for Nu Chapter Grant will be increased by \$10.00 to reflect a chapter program presented by Roberta Koscielski and a memorial for Mary Krull, making it \$200.00 for 2021-2022.

Nominations (Connie Voss) Connie Voss moved to approve the slate of officers for 2022-2024: Cathy Curtis, President; Carol Sleeth, First Vice-President; Connie Voss, Second Vice-President; Mary Taylor, Recording Secretary; Kathy Johnson, Corresponding Secretary; motion passed. Connie Voss presented and moved to accept the slate for the 2022-2024 Nominations Committee: Dorothy Dean, Roberta Koscielski, Julie Frank, Mary Taylor; motion passed.

Educational Excellence (Connie Voss) The December 2nd meeting will include a potluck. Members are to bring their own beverage and a potluck item of choice or \$5.00; plates/napkins/cutlery will be provided. Members (bring scissors/old greeting cards) will create Christmas and all occasions cards from materials provided. Library Giving Tree information will be emailed.

Professional Advancement and Outreach (Carol Sleeth) Roberta Koscielski reviewed stipend application information about "Make Art Your Superpower" submitted to Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc.

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Mary Taylor, Secretary
Barb Blanco, President

Check the website for stipend deadlines

May 1 and November 1 are the deadlines for applications for stipends from the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc.

Guidelines, rubric, and the application form can be found under Foundation on the state website: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/

READ...READ...READ

Keep track of minutes you have been reading. We will let you know how Shirley will collect them.



DKG DISCUSSION
BOOKS...See website for more info

You will want to read these books!

When you have some time to rest and relax over the holidays, do some reading! You will want to prepare for the months ahead. While there is not a regular meeting in January, we will have a book discussion of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C. S. Lewis. Our leader, Barb Blanco will lead this discussion at her home.

Then in February, our program will be a book discussion of the next Peoria Reads! book, *This Is Where You Belong: Finding Home Wherever You Are*, by Melody Warnick. Our own Roberta Koscielski will facilitate this one. Enjoy the books, or even just come enjoy the discussions!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Book Discussion: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

4:00 p.m. at Barb Blanco's home [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Zoom option possible)

Monday, February 7, 2022

5:00 p.m. Sign in; 5:15 p.m. Program;
6:00 Meeting

PPL Lakeview Branch, Lakeview Room, 1137 West Lake Avenue

Program: Peoria Reads Book Discussion: *This is Where You Belong*; (Roberta Koscielski, PPL Deputy Director)

Purposes: 1, 6, 7

Donations: Books for PPL; monetary donation for Friends of PPL

Activities/Reports: Membership (prospective members); Professional Advancement and Outreach (activities, deadlines/see pg. 32); Educational Excellence (evaluation)

Hostess: Educational Excellence - Program Committee

Saturday, March 5, 2022

10:00 a.m. Sign in; 10:15 a.m. Program;
11:00 a.m. Meeting;

PPL McClure Branch, McClure Room
315 West McClure Avenue, Peoria

Program: *Diverse Books for Children*, Michelle Nielsen-Ott, Director of Library Services, Methodist College

Purposes: 1, 6, 7

Donations: Books for PPL; monetary donation for Friends of PPL

Activities/Reports: Membership (prospective members); Communications and Marketing (*Nu's Notes*); Professional Advancement and Outreach; President (State Convention); Educational Excellence (evaluation)

Hostess: Educational Excellence - Program Committee

Side by Side Come one Come all.....



We are having so much fun with Side by Side that we would like to have it throughout the winter months.

Meet at Barn Blanco's home [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

- **Sunday, January 29 at 1:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, March 26 at 10:00. a.m.**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. You do not even need to bring a craft to work on. Just come and enjoy the company!