

## **Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) Chapter 260**

**Dempster Hall 102**

**September 22, 2016 Meeting**

### **Welcome**

President Marge Phillips called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 pm. She welcomed students, faculty, and staff and introduced officers that were present (officers listed below).

### **2016-2017 Phi Kappa Phi Officers**

- Marge Phillips, President (2015-2017)
- Doris Dumey, President-Elect (2015-2017)
- Molly Timlin, Treasurer (2016-2018)
- Cecilia Larson, Secretary (2016-2017)
- Jayanti Ray, Public Relations (2016-2018)
- Suhair Amer, Past President (2015-2017)

### **Secretary's Report**

Minutes have been posted to the website: [semo.edu/pkp](http://semo.edu/pkp).

### **Treasurer's Report**

We discussed the balance of the checking account plus bills that need to be paid.

### **Convention**

President Marge Phillips and President-Elect Doris Dumey attended the convention in Atlanta, Georgia from July 28-30, 2016. They thought it was very informative, attended many workshops, and listened to several interesting speakers. PKP Society Headquarters has voted to make more money available to students through scholarship awards. Headquarters has also added a Dashboard function on their website that will help officers send in reports and help keep membership reports up-to-date. The PKP national bylaws have been updated and Doris Dumey has volunteered to head a committee to help with rewriting the ones for our chapter.

### **Honors Convocation/Commencement – December 17, 2016**

Honors convocation and commencement are coming up and PKP will usher during the two ceremonies. We will need help with directing graduates and their families to their corresponding places, handing programs at the doors, and placing these programs on the chairs in the auditorium. Members do not need to help with both ceremonies, but if you can assist in either of them it would be great. Honors Convocation volunteers should be at the Show Me Center

around 9:15 am and Commencement volunteers around noon. We will have a sign-in sheet during our next meeting.

### **Born to Read Project**

Mary Elizabeth Ambery will meet with Regional Riverside Library in Jackson, Missouri. They partnered with PKP last year and they would like to participate again. Last year they donated 950 books. Our chapter received a Literacy Grant of \$2,500 from Society Headquarters. This will be used to purchase books "*Little Golden Books*" for the Born to Read Literacy Project. Penguin Books usually gives us a discount of 60%. Also, Mary Elizabeth has been talking to United Way to see if we can partner with them. Mary Elizabeth will meet with them soon as they will need information from us to be able to allocate money to PKP.

We also decided that since we will be working together with these two institutions we should make our labels more professional so people can be familiar with all the associations involved.

We only have about 500 books that are already stamped so we Mary Elizabeth will order more books and we will be having a "bookstamping" in the near future.

### **Induction Ceremony**

Marge asked if we should have a small ceremony to induct students who graduate in the fall. This would not be as large of a ceremony. We had mixed responses from members, so we will leave the ceremony as it is for now and we will review in the spring.

We had a suggestion that we have information meetings about Phi Kappa Phi so that the students will be more familiar with the honor society. This would help us have a better turn out with our membership drive. Marge will look at the calendar and schedule one or two information meetings.

### **Vice Presidents**

Our chapter needs two student vice presidents to help with committees. Marge asked if any students were interested in becoming vice president. He or she should talk to her at the end of the meeting. Our chapter is required to have at least two student vice-presidents but we can have more if more students are interested.

### **Scholarships and Awards Opportunities**

PKP has several different scholarships for students. One of them is the fellowship scholarship which is awarded to students going into graduate school. PKP Society Headquarters will award 51 fellowships of \$5,000 and six valued at \$15,000. We had a faculty member with us who applied for the fellowship award at the end of his undergraduate work. He won the local award and the national award. Jonathan Kessler went to graduate school and took advantage of this

opportunity. A question was asked if a student could delay applying for the scholarship if they do not go directly to graduate school. Marge will verify whether that is an option.

### **Miscellaneous**

Marge suggested that we have a coffee with either President Vargas and/or Provost Kunkel to allow students to talk to them about any questions they might have and talk to them about suggestions on how to make our association known to more students. Marge and Cecilia will make an appointment with President Vargas to set up a date.

We usually have a service project during the school year. Last December we partnered with Kent Library; they collected mittens and hats for children and PKP collected toys. Maybe we can do the same this year or have a food drive or if you have suggestions, please bring them to our next meeting or email Marge with your ideas.

In the last few years we have participated in the Homecoming Parade. We have decorated a truck or car and walked along giving candy to the children watching the parade. If you are interested in doing this again, we have to give the entry money by the middle of October. The theme this year is *Superheroes and Villains*.

Marge asked whether there might be a better evening to have the PKP meetings. All those attending indicated that Thursday evenings worked the best for them. We will set the meetings for 5:15 pm and try to be finished by 6 pm since many members have other activities.

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,

Cecilia V. Larson, MA  
Secretary