

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 260

Memorial Hall 103

November 19, 2015 Meeting

Bookstamping – Born to Read Program

Members still had some bookstamping to do for our literacy project “Born to Read.” Members finished in no time and we proceeded with our regular meeting.

Welcome

President Marge Phillips called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 pm. She welcomed students and faculty to the meeting and introduced officers that were present (officers listed below). She also thanked everyone for completing the process of putting labels and inserts inside the *Little Golden Books*.

2015-2016 Phi Kappa Phi Officers

- Marge Phillips, President (2015-2017)
- Doris Dumey, President-Elect (2015-2017)
- Twylla James, Public Relations (2014-2016)
- Shawn Guilling, Treasurer (2014-2016)
- Cecilia Larson, Secretary (2015-2016)
- Alicia Ticer, Student Vice President for 2015-2016

Treasurer’s Report

Dr. Shawn Guilling, Treasurer, reported that after expenses we have a balance of \$10,957.77. He deposited the \$500 we received for Chapter of Excellence Award from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and \$96.37 we made at Culver’s Night.

Culver’s Fundraiser – October 7 for the Born to Read Project

This fundraiser was fun. Several members helped with this project from 4 to 8 pm on October 7. We greeted customers, cleaned tables off, and delivered many orders to the customers. As we saw in the Treasurer’s Report, we made \$96.37 toward this project. Dr. Guilling suggested that if we do this type of fundraiser again, we should choose another day (such as Friday which is busier) or another season. Also, members suggested that more publicity should be made so the public is aware of the Born to Read Project so they would come to eat and support the chapter.

Chapter of Excellence

We received great news from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Our Chapter 260 was recognized as Chapter of Excellence. This is a great honor since only 44 out of 316 chapters achieve this recognition status. With the award, we also received a check for \$500 to be used for chapter projects. We also received a letter from University President, Dr. Carlos Vargas, acknowledging this honor.

Honors Convocation and Commencement – December 19 Show Me Center

We still need ushers for both ceremonies. We need 6 members for honors and 10 for commencement. For honors we need helpers to show up by 9:15 am to hand out programs, direct students to the check-in table and to the marshals up front, who will have bobby pins and safety pins and can help them find their seats. Also we would be helping families to find their way around the Show Me Center. For commencement, helpers can show up around noon, place programs on floor seats, hold “reserved” area, and distribute programs to guests and direct students to Rec Center (upstairs, back of building).

Project for Christmas

We decided to do a project for Christmas with Kent Library. Twylla James volunteers her time setting a Mitten and Hats Tree inside the library for children around the Cape Girardeau Area. We will be part of this project donating mittens and hats and/or new unwrapped toys. This project will go from December 1 through December 14 at Kent Library. Please pass the word to colleagues and students. This is a difficult time for some families and help is always appreciated.

Initiation Ceremony – Joint Initiation with Phi Eta Sigma.

The Initiation Ceremony will be on April 17, 2016 at Academic Auditorium. We should start thinking about who our speaker would be. Suggestions were: former fellowship winners, faculty or staff at Southeast who are active members of PKP, retirees from Southeast. We probably need to decide this at our next meeting. Dr. Vargas has agreed to come to initiation and give a welcome.

Next Meeting

We will send a notice to inform everyone about our next meeting. It will probably be in February since we have to discuss several important items. Marge will try to get all the meetings set up for the spring semester so they can go on everyone’s calendars.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia V. Larson
Secretary