

## **Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 260**

### **Memorial Hall 103**

### **February 18, 2016 Meeting**

#### **Bookstamping**

A big thank you to Dr. Mary Elizabeth Ambery for discussing with and persuading Jackson Regional Library to donate about 950 books to our *Born to Read* Program. She told us that the Library Board of Trustees personally donated money to be able to buy these books. They were very excited about continuing this project with us. She will be attending the next board meeting to thank them personally and give each a card to thank them for their generous donation. We finished stamping the books and they are ready to be distributed to the hospitals.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi has a Literacy Grant Award of up to \$2,500 to Phi Kappa Phi chapters applying/receiving the award. We will be able to apply for this grant again this year.

#### **Welcome**

President Marge Phillips called the meeting to order at approximately 5:45 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 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)
- Misaki Makino, Student Vice President for 2015-2016

#### **Christmas Project**

Our chapter collected toys, gloves, scarves and mittens for Christmas. There is a picture on our website under post events at [semo.edu/pkp](http://semo.edu/pkp). Thank you to Twylla James for setting up the Christmas tree at Kent Library and letting us participate in this project that she has been doing by herself for many years.

## **Honors Convocation and Commencement**

Thank you to all the members who volunteered to help. We were short-handed but with everyone's help we did it! May 24 is the next volunteer opportunity.

## **Website**

Finally we have our website up to date and running. We already have the last newsletter and the recent minutes. Please check it out at [www.semo.edu/pkp](http://www.semo.edu/pkp).

## **PKP Induction - Joint Induction Ceremony with Phi Eta Sigma.**

The date is April 17, 2016 at 2 pm at Academic Auditorium. We will need volunteers to help throughout the afternoon. Dr. Carlos Vargas has agreed to give the welcome and hand out the pins. Dr. Mark Langenfeld has agreed to be our speaker. Marge Phillips and Cecilia Larson have a meeting with Dr. Vargas on April 7, 2016 to discuss whether he would be interested in promoting our chapter.

## **New Officers**

We will need to elect two positions for the 2016-2018 board: Treasurer and Public Relations. Marge Phillips will be sending an email with the specifications for each position. Please volunteer. These positions are very important and that will give members the opportunity to participate more in the society. Cecilia Larson has agreed to a two year term as Secretary.

## **President Carlos Vargas – Inauguration**

The inauguration of President Carlos Vargas has been set for May 5, 2016. Phi Kappa Phi has been asked if we want to participate. After a short discussion, all decided that we would like to participate.

## **Opportunities for Scholarship & Awards – Fellowship**

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi currently awards fifty-one Fellowships of \$5,000 each and six at \$15,000 each to members entering the first year of graduate or professional study. Each Phi Kappa Phi chapter may select one candidate from among its local applicants to compete for the Society-wide awards. Local application deadline is April 1, 2016 (national deadline is April 15).

## **Miscellaneous**

---The Biennial Convention will take place in Atlanta, Georgia from July 28 to July 30, 2016. The chapter will pay for the president or president-elect. If any other board member would like to participate, there is the possibility that if money is available, some of the expenses could also be covered.

---We need to get some PKP stoles for the different events the chapter participates. We can buy 12 stoles for \$20 each. The ones we presently have are looking very worn. We would also like to buy bookmarks to give out as a promotion to PKP. We will be checking these two purchases.

---It would be wonderful if we could have more faculty and staff involved in PKP. Our participation is down and we need more volunteer members. We are also looking into retired alumni to see if they would like to become members of our chapter. Please try to promote our chapter and if you know of someone who could be interested, let us know.

---Our chapter has several committees and Marge asked if anyone would like to sign up. The list of committees with those that have signed up was passed around.

Our next meeting will be on March 31, 2016, 5:15 pm in Memorial Hall 103.

Respectfully,

Cecilia Larson  
Secretary