

Epsilon Phi Epistle

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Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision Statement

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide

2020 Important Dates

November 10, 2020	Epsilon Phi Meeting
November 15, 2020	IRS 990-N ePostcard (treasurer)
December 1, 2020	2020-2021 Yearbook
January 1, 2021	Nominations for elected TSO personnel and committees due
January, 2021 TBD	Executive Board meeting
January 3, 2021	International Project Application due



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President's Words

As we celebrate our upcoming Epsilon Phi's 61st birthday, we need to reflect on our memories of our local organization. Our birthday celebration will be different this year without our joint meeting with Epsilon Upsilon and Rho. Please take the time to reflect this question, "What makes Epsilon Phi special?". Just as our Founders, we as women educators must continue to honor women who show distinctive service in any field of education. We want to share our friendship with other educators and reflect how can I support a fellow educator during this challenging time.

Vicki Rainwater, president



November Meeting

Our November meeting is on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. We will be celebrating Epsilon Phi's 61st birthday and Society Founders. The meeting will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 300 South Border Ave., north of McCaleb's Funeral Home. Parking is along Third Street. Enter the western most door facing Third Street.



If you have an article or information that should be included in this newsletter, please send it to Lori via email, lshontzdkg@gmail.com, no less than 10 days prior to the next meeting. Deadline for the next newsletter is January 31, 2021.

Perfect Attendance

The perfect attendance contest began with the first meeting. Eight members were in attendance at that meeting. Since there are fewer meetings this year, it should be easier to maintain perfect attendance. If you are unable to be there physically, President Vicki Rainwater will make arrangements for you to attend digitally. Digital attendance will count towards perfect attendance, so please contact Vicki (vickirainh2o@gmail.com) if you need her to set this up for you.

Epsilon Phi Meeting Minutes

September meeting of Epsilon Phi met on September 8, 2020 at Faith Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:15 p.m. by President, V. Rainwater.

Members in attendance were

T. Bugher

C. Donalson

V. Rainwater

J. Reposh

P. Scott

L. Shontz via Zoom

V. Thomas

C. Warren

R. Galvan presented on the topic EdTech Tools. She showed tools that are used in her high school English class. One of the tools that she demonstrated was FlipGrid.

Inspirational Quote Transformation read by V. Rainwater

Minutes Approved as distributed

Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance: \$6,980.69

Credits: \$0

Debits: \$ 3.00

New Balance: \$6977.69

We are still waiting on Area V Workshop Refund. T. Bugher will contact D. Harris.

V. Rainwater went over the following important dates.

September 29, 2020 U.S. Forum Steering Committee

October 15, 2020 Leadership Seminar Application Due

November 1, 2020 Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat Application Due

November 10, 2020 Epsilon Phi Meeting

Bylaws and Rules Committee may have to meet to confirm that ours meet the standards put forth by International and National.

Jackie Reposh then led a brief discussion on special education rules and regulations specifically how virtual learning is impacting special education students.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Secretary

Violet I. Thomas

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!!!!!!

The State Nominations Committee is looking for nominees for the following positions:

State Officers (5 needed)

State Nominations Committee (7 needed)

State Finance Committee (6 needed)

Applications can be found at <https://www.dkgtexas.org/nominations-committee.html> and are due by January 1, 2021.

For other opportunities to serve, be sure to apply for any State Committee. Applications can be found under the due date of February 1, 2021, on the Deadlines and Forms page of the TSO website.

PLEASE get involved with DKG at the State Level. You will meet new friends and have awesome experiences.

Membership

Four members of Epsilon Phi attended a membership Zoom meeting on November 5. Bonnie Moore, TSO 2nd vice president, presented ideas on finding new members and retaining established members. She also issued a homework assignment. By November 20, each member in Area 5 chapters needs to turn in at least one name of a prospective member. More information will be given at the next meeting. If you already have someone in mind, fill in a copy of the card below and bring it to the meeting on Tuesday.

DKG Prospect Card	
Name	_____
Address	_____
E-mail	_____
Employer	_____
Position	_____
Phone	_____
Sponsor	_____

2020-2021 Schedule

Date and Time	Location	Program
September 8, 2020 5:15	Faith Lutheran Church	Google Classroom
November 10, 2020 5:15	Faith Lutheran Church	Birthday Celebration
February 9, 2021 5:15	Faith Lutheran Church	Heart Healthy Month
April 12, 2021 5:15	Faith Lutheran Church	Governmental Meeting

2020-2021 Committees

Committee	Chair and/or Members
Communication/Yearbook	Lori Shontz
Bylaws/Rules	Tonya Bugher Chris Warren
Membership	Violet Thomas
Ceremonies	Debbie Benedict Carolyn Donalson
Nominations (elected May 2020)	Debbie Benedict Pam Scott Lori Shontz

