

Minutes of Beta Province Convention Delta Theta Tau Sorority, INC.

The 2021 Beta Province Convention of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc., convened at 9:22 a.m., October 16, 2021 at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis, IN. This is a joint convention with Alpha and Beta Provinces.

Terry Reister, National President, called the meeting to order and introduced Lindsay Cuneo, Delta Xi, Alexandria, IN, Alpha Province Chairman and Carolyn Scruggs, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN, Beta Province Chairman.

The Province Chairmen opened the business meeting with the Pledge to the Flag and Delta Opening Ceremony and Delta Prayer.

The Initiation Ceremony was conducted with three (3) new member initiated into Alpha Province. Carolyn Scruggs, Beta Province Chairman, welcomed new members, Alexandra Crawford, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN; Heidi Olinger, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN; and Michelle Rodgers, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN.

Lindsay Cuneo, Alpha Province Chairman, introduced the initiation team. They are as follows:

Pontifex Prima-Linda Lowe, Zeta Alpha, Redkey, IN
Chaplain-Jenny Wade, Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA
Scriba-Betty Oswalt, Lambda, Union City, IN
Quaestor-Pat Mote, Lambda, Union City, IN
Pontifex Secunda-Laura Gullett, PNP, PCP, Iota Mu, Lynn, IN
Delta-Rose Marie Hartledge, Iota Mu, Lynn, IN
Theta-Rise Buzzard, PNP, Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN
Tau-Mary Beth Godsey, Alpha Province Assigned Officer, Zeta, Bloomington, IN
Pledge Supervisor-Linda Sheese, PPC, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Sgt of Arms-Jeralee Matthews, Delta Xi, Alexandria, IN
Delta at door-Sandy Thornhill, Lambda, Union City, IN
Music-Mandy Allen, PNO, PPC, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN
Paraphernalia-Dee Simerl, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

Julie Callis, National Vice President, conducted the Memorial Service for the following Delta Sisters, deceased during the past two years.

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Marideen Brown	Alum	Zeta Zeta-Beta	Plymouth, IN	December 31, 2018
Janice Lowe	MAL	Beta Upsilon	Columbia City, IN	November 4, 2019
Norma Yates	Active	Theta Nu	Albany, IN	December 7, 2019
Mary Lou Judy	MAL	Epsilon Phi	Pennville, IN	March 22, 2020
Alta Harman	MAL	Iota Iota	Kendallville, IN	September 23, 2019
Martha Bolinger	MAL	Theta Kappa	South Whitley, IN	May 11, 2020
Phyllis Ford	MAL	Epsilon Phi	Pennville, IN	May 21, 2020

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Clara Butt	MAL	Theta Kappa	South Whitley, IN	June 3, 2021
Rosemary Davis	MAL	Epsilon Phi	Pennville, IN	June 18, 2020
Emily Deutsch	MAL	Beta Upsilon	Columbia City, IN	December 14, 2020
Lorean Downs	MAL	Zeta Chi	Dunkirk, IN	September 3, 2015
Ann Goslin	MAL	Alpha Rho	Chesterton, IN	January 1, 2021
Jackie Grady	Assoc	Xi	Portland, IN	August 23, 2020
Marian Herdon	Active	Alpha Rho	Chesterton, IN	March 15, 2021
Janella Keppen	MAL	Beta Delta-Beta	Michigan City, IN	April 13, 2019
Gloria Michalski	Active	Kappa Rho	New Carlisle, IN	August 18, 2020
Jeanie Phillips	MAL	Beta Upsilon-Gamma	Columbia City, IN	July 24, 2020
Bonnie Reidenbach	MAL	Epsilon Beta	Bluffton, IN	March 7, 2019
Mary Lee Rudd	Alum	Zeta Zeta-Beta	Plymouth, IN	December 2, 2020
Martha Schaefer	MAL	Zeta Zeta-Beta	Plymouth, IN	October 4, 2020
Mary Seiber	Active	Zeta Omega	Highland, IN	March 10, 2021
Sally Stevens	MAL	Beta Upsilon	Columbia City, IN	February 15, 2018
Mary Trier	MAL	Beta Upsilon-Beta	Columbia City, IN	January 12, 2021
Juanita Uhlig	Alum	Zeta Zeta-Beta	Plymouth, IN	June 11, 2020
Carol VanSenus	MAL	Tau-Gamma	Valparaiso, IN	December 7, 2020
Barbara Woodruff	Alum	Tau-Gamma	Valparaiso, IN	January 14, 2021
Bonnie Yeazel	MAL	Zeta Zeta-Beta	Plymouth, IN	May 1, 2020
Zenobia Thomas	Alum	Theta Nu-Alpha	Albany, IN	October 20, 2007
Colleen Shook	Alum	Delta Chi-Beta	Monticello, IN	July 30, 2021
Louise Whitehair	Alum	Theta Nu-Alpha	Albany, IN	December 24, 2020

The Convention Secretary, Pamela Robbins, read the object of the Province and the Chair welcomed the Assembly.

There being no objection, the order of business may be changed if deemed advisable.

Clair Burkhart introduced a representative from Backpacks of Hope. Their mission is to continue Zachery Septer's legacy of love for people in need by giving hope, faith, and help without judgement. Discussion on this philanthropic project is tabled until the afternoon session.

The Chair introduced Beta Assigned Officer, Jenny Wade, Chairman Board of Trustees. Other National Officers attending were Kris Trapp, National Secretary, Beth Wallis, Executive Secretary and Doris Sanders, Editor of Grit.

The Chair introduced Past National Presidents and past Beta Province Chairmen attending.

Past National Presidents

Debbie Funk-Xi, Portland, IN
Rise Buzzard-Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN
Bonnie DeMeyer-Kappa Rho, New Carlisle, IN
Virginia Benefiel-Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN
Julie Swoveland-Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN

Past Beta Province Chairmen

Linda Lowe-Zeta Alpha, Redkey, IN
Paula Neidlinger-Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN
Jean Whitenack-Beta Zeta, Warsaw, IN
Debbie Funk-Xi, Portland, IN
Rise Buzzard-Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN
Bonnie DeMeyer-Kappa Rho, New Carlisle, IN
Virginia Benefiel-Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN
Julie Swoveland-Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN

The Chair presented the Delta Sisters serving this Convention:

Convention Secretary: Pamela Robbins, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN
Sergeant-at-Arms: Karen Cheseman, Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms: Terri Sees, Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN
Page: Lisa Thomas, Tau, Valparasio, IN
Teller: Kathy Nelson, Zeta Alpha, Redkey, IN

Province Standing Rules Committee

Chairman: Rise Buzzard, PNP, Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN
Alice Wiley, Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN
Linda Lowe, PPC, Zeta Alpha, Redkey, IN

Province Philanthropy Committee

Chairman: Jean Whitenack, PPC, Beta Zeta, Warsaw, IN
Shelbi Louck, Zeta Alpha, Redkey, IN
Ginger Benefiel, Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN

The Chair thanked them for serving at this Convention.

The Convention Secretary, Pamela Robbins, read a communication from Karen Mace, Secretary Board of Trustees.

The Convention Secretary called the roll. Twelve (12) chapters and nine (9) other voting members responded for a total of twenty-one (21) voting members in attendance. The Chair declared a quorum established.

The Convention Secretary read correspondence from the following absent chapters: Eta Zeta, LaGrange, IN and Sigma, Marion, IN.

There was a motion and a second for Eta Zeta Chapter to be Excused. The motion passed.

There was a motion and a second for Sigma Chapter to be Excused. The motion passed.

Correspondence was not received from Zeta Omega, Highland, IN. There was a motion and second for Zeta Omega to be unexcused. Motion passed.

The Chair welcomed three (3) Delegates who were attending their first Province Convention by having them stand to be recognized.

The Minutes of the last Province Convention were approved by the Assigned Officer. There being no request, they were not read.

Rise Buzzard, Chairman of Standing Rules Committee read the Convention Rules:

1. Credential badges shall be worn at all convention meetings.
2. All Voting Members of the convention shall be in or near their seats five minutes before each meeting
3. The Sergeant-At-Arms will be instructed not admit anyone during roll call and Sorority Ceremonies.
4. A fine of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be assessed each Delegate not in her seat and answering roll call at each meeting, or leaving before adjourned, unless excused by the presiding officer. Payment of a fine shall be made to the Convention Secretary immediately following the close of the meeting.
5. The Province Chairman may change the order of business when deemed necessary.
6. Workshops are considered a meeting of the Province Convention.
7. A Delegate addressing the Chair shall stand and, after being recognized, give her name, chapter, and city.
8. Main motions shall be written, signed by the maker of the motion, and given to the Convention Secretary for the minutes.
9. Debate shall be limited to five (5) minutes for each speaker. The Province Chairman will designate who shall serve as timekeepers, preferably the Tellers of the Convention.
10. A Voting Member of the Convention may speak only twice on the same question unless given consent by the assembly. She may not speak the second time if someone who has not spoken wishes the floor.
11. When a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required, it may be taken by standing without counting, unless there is a question as to the vote. In this case, it will be a standing count-off vote.
12. A delegate who finds it necessary to leave a business meeting must leave her credential badge with the Sergeant-at-Arms. When the member returns to the meeting, the Sergeant-at-Arms will return her credentials badge.
13. Pages shall pass all messages during the meetings.

14. Business or business casual attire is acceptable apparel for the Convention meetings; this is defined as business dress, skirt, slacks, or capris. (this does not include jeans, shorts or T shirts).
15. If a non-delegate wishes to speak, she asks permission of the Chair and if the assembly does not object, she may speak.
16. So that all may enjoy the convention, all attendees are asked to refrain from side conversations during the business meetings.
17. During all business meetings, workshops, and committee meetings, all electronic devices and cellular phones will be turned off or placed on a silent/vibrate mode and should be put away. Limit use to breaks or outside the business room.
18. Members of the convention shall refrain from texting or playing games during the business meeting. Use is allowed during breaks only.

The Chair read a draft Financial Report of the Province. A final report is attached to these minutes.

Jean Whitenack, Chair of the Province Philanthropy Committee, reported no philanthropic projects were submitted.

Loren Thorstad read a letter on behalf of Beta Province Expansion and Growth Chairman, Diane Redlarczyk. She thanked all who made Province special. She expressed a need for sisters to support each other, to grow the membership needing women of all ages, and communicating with sisters and members of the community.

There being no further business for the morning session, the meeting recessed at 11:10 am.

The Chair called the afternoon meeting to order at 1:50 pm. The Teller reported eleven (11) delegates in attendance. Theta Nu, Albany, IN was excused after a letter was read.

The meeting was turned over to Jenny Wade, Assigned Beta Province Officer to conduct the workshop. A skit was presented on the importance of pass-through receipts for reporting on Form 52.

Laura Gullett was introduced to give the Delta Home report.

Xi Chapter, Portland, IN along with Iota Mu, Lynn, IN gave the 2022 Province Convention Presentation as the hostess Chapters for a joint Alpha/Beta Province. The theme is "Roaring Good Time" and will be held October 7-9, 2022 at the Courtyard Marriott, Muncie, IN.

Rise Buzzard, Coordinator of the 2022 National Convention "The Roaring 20's – Delta Style" invited us to the Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort, July 6-10, 2022. The event is hosted by Alpha Delta, Huntington, In; Zeta Upsilon, Seneca, IL; Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN; Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA; and Beta, Elwood, IN.

A motion from the floor to accept Backpacks of Hope as the Beta Province Philanthropic project was made. After a discussion of finances available and with donations from the floor, it was determined that \$1000.00 was available to donate and Backpacks for Hope was adopted as the 2021 Beta Province Philanthropic Project.

The Chair introduced Lauren Thorstad to present Certificates of Chapter Growth to Sigma, Marion, IN (33.3%); Theta Nu, Albany, IN (27.7%) and Kappa Rho, New Carlisle, IN (7.1%).

The Chair presented a Summary of Chapter Philanthropy. Julie Callis, National Vice President and Jenny Wade, Assigned Officer, distributed the following awards:

2020 Beta Province Philanthropy Summary

Total Philanthropy Fund

1. Portland-Xi	\$35,183.45
2. Valparaiso-Tau	\$14,917.41
3. New Carlisle-Kappa Rho	\$ 8,047.54
4. Plymouth-Zeta Zeta	\$ 7,348.58
5. Dunkirk-Zeta Chi	\$ 5,668.17

Philanthropy Fund – per capita

1. Portland-Xi	\$1,851.76
2. Plymouth-Zeta Zeta	\$ 619.04
3. Valparaiso-Tau	\$ 466.16
4. Dunkirk-Zeta Chi	\$ 377.88
5. Redkey-Zeta Alpha	\$ 346.05

Total Volunteer Service Hours

1. Portland-Xi	3058.00
2. Plymouth-Zeta Zeta	1152.50
3. Valparaiso-Tau	1576.00
4. Dunkirk-Zeta Chi	1366.00
5. Redkey-Zeta Alpha	268.50

Volunteer Service Hours – per capita

1. Portland-Xi	160.94
2. Plymouth-Zeta Zeta	150.10
3. Huntington-Alpha Delta	105.55
4. Dunkirk-Zeta Chi	91.07
5. Redkey-Zeta Alpha	90.60

Total Philanthropy: \$112,017.37 Total Per Capita: \$7,548.05

2021 Beta Province Philanthropy Summary

Total Philanthropy Fund

1. Portland-Xi	\$24,681.30
2. Chesterton-Alpha Rho	\$14,514.75
3. Valparaiso-Tau	\$11,323.44
4. Albany-Theta Nu	\$ 7,466.00
5. New Carlisle-Kappa Rho	\$ 4,965.13

Philanthropy Fund- per capita

1. Plymouth-Zeta Zeta	\$1,650.00
2. Portland-Xi	\$1,371.18
3. Albany-Theta Nu	\$ 933.25
4. Chesterton-Alpha Rho	\$ 631.08
5. Valparaiso-Tau	\$ 419.39

Total Volunteer Service Hours

1. Chesterton-Alpha Rho	802.00
2. Redkey-Zeta Alpha	669.00
3. Valparaiso-Tau	597.00
4. Huntington-Alpha Delta	572.50
5. Dunkirk-Zeta Chi	526.50

Volunteer Service Hours-per capita

1. Plymouth-Zeta Zeta	91.67
2. New Carlisle-Kappa Rho	57.30
3. Huntington-Alpha Delta	57.25
4. Albany-Theta Nu	53.25
5. Redkey-Zeta Alpha	51.50

Total Philanthropy: \$88,920.35 Total Per Capita: \$7,617.83

The attendance banner was awarded to Xi, Portland, IN with 37% attendance.

Nominations were opened for the 2022 Beta Province Chairman. Carolyn Scruggs, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, was nominated to be 2022 Beta Province Chairman. There being no further nominations, the Convention Secretary cast the elective ballot for Carolyn Scruggs as 2022 Beta Province Chairman. There being no objections or discussion, Carolyn was declared elected.

Nominations were opened for the Beta Province Convention City. Alpha Rho, Chesterton, IN tentatively volunteered to be the hostess chapter pending a discussion with their chapter for the 2023 Beta Province Convention. There being no further nominations, the Convention Secretary cast the elective ballot for Alpha Rho, Chesterton, IN for the 2023 Beta Province Convention city. There being no objection or discussion, the Chair declared them elected.

Installation service for Beta Province Chairman was conducted by Terry Reister, National President.

Carolyn Scruggs thanked everyone and gave the following information: Carolyn Scruggs, 4804 W. Petty Rd, Muncie, IN 47304. 765-287-8076, cpandasmile@yahoo.com.

There being no further business, the Beta Province Convention was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Delta Closing Ceremony.

Pamela Robbins

10/21/2021

Pamela Robbins, Convention Secretary

Date

Carolyn Scruggs, Beta Province Chairman

Date

Jenny S. Wade

10/21/2021

Jenny Wade, Assigned Officer

Date