

The Chi State LIFE Foundation
Annual Meeting of Members
Burbank, California
April 29, 2022

Call to Order

Using the gavel with the date of April 8, 1999, the date the California DKG LIFE Foundation was officially accepted by the State of California Donna Fleischer called the Annual Meeting of Members to order at 6:31 pm.

Purpose

Donna stated the purpose of the Annual Meeting: to report the members of The LIFE Foundation, the status of the Foundation, to elect Board members and officers and to transact any business that should come before this meeting.

Establishment of A Quorum

Laura Fujitsubo, Secretary of the LIFE Board of Directors, stated a Quorum was present.

Welcome and Introductions:

Donna, on behalf of the LIFE Foundation Board of Directors, welcomed everyone to the 23rd Annual Meeting of Members. She thanked everyone for attending. She introduced the LIFE Board of Directors. They are:

Donna Fleischer	Epsilon Chi	Area VI	President
Laura Fujitsubo	Alpha Eta	Area VI	Secretary
Robin Kelley	Epsilon Chi	Area VI	Treasurer
Kelley Franklin	Alpha	Area XI	Raffle Chair
Elise Buel	Alpha Pi	Area XV	Webmaster
Anita McKean	Theta Pi	Area V	Nominations Chair (not present)
Jeannine Mendoza	Alpha	Area XI	Member
Carole Seedman	Lambda	Area XI	Member
Lorelie Olaes	Lambda	Area XI	Member
Jan Gonder	Lambda	Area XI	Member

She then thanked everyone for their service.

Donna extended warm welcomes to Toni Cook, DKG California President, and members of the Executive Committee...Past DKG California Presidents:

Sue Noyes, Julie Drysdale, Carol Carlson, Heidi Chadwick, Marilyn Stadler-Burke, Pat Twyman, Sandy Rushing, Judy Kearns, Janis Barr, Mary Marchi.

She also welcomed any past LIFE Foundation members or Directors.

Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting

The next order of business was to report on the approval of the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting of members which were approved by the Board of Directors.

Donna called on Laura Fujitsubo to give a summary report of the 2021 minutes.

Laura read a summary of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes. A motion was made and seconded to pass the minutes. Minutes were passed.

Donna thanked Laura.

Correspondence

Donna reported that the Life Foundation received numerous thank-you notes and acknowledgements of grants as well as project reports from last year's grants. She presented three of them while photos were projected:

Lobby Literature Grant, Gamma Chi, Area XVI

Delta Xi Book Project, Delta Xi

Holiday Literacy Project, Eta Iota

(The reports can be found in the LIFE Newsletter, Volume 19, Issue 1)

Financial Review

Treasurer, **Robin Kelley**, presented the financial review. Robin reported that an outline of the past 4 years treasurer's report can be found in the current LIFE Newsletter that was distributed to those in attendance and can be found on the LIFE Website. She thanked the members for their unending generosity. We received \$35,921.88 in the past four years, and we granted \$48,550. Our reserves have gone down but will still allow the LIFE Foundation to do its business.

Our fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. The LIFE Newsletter is published prior to convention. So, the report includes donations through April 20. April 20 to June 30, 2022 will be reported in NEXT year's donation lists.

Robin expects to be reporting a quarterly donations report in the California Highlights for 2022-2023.

In the newsletter, Robin reported that after convention our reserves may be into the \$14,000 range.

The LIFE budget remains steady. LIFE has about \$20,000 in estimated expenses, including grants. If you have further questions, Robin would be happy to answer them and will be at the LIFE Raffle table.

Donna thanked Robin.

Circles of Giving

Lorelie Olaes announced this year's Donors and Circles of Giving Certificates. (The lists can be found in the current LIFE Newsletter.)

She asked members to also refer to the Newsletter for those donations given in Memory or in Honor.

Reports of Board Activities/LIFE Progress

Donna reported that since its inception 23 years ago, LIFE has awarded 578 monetary grants for projects promoting learning and literacy. This year, we were able to award 25 Grants. Through several fundraising activities, we raise funds in order to continue awarding grants for many amazing projects throughout California.

Kelly Franklin explained our Fundraising activities: The following are the fundraisers that we hold:

Annual Raffle at the DKG California State Convention.

Raffle of vacation experiences donated by members.

We also promote a Read Across DKG California State book selection where we hope books are purchased from Amazon Smile where we gain funding. We have chosen a book for 2022-2023, *The Henna Artist*, by *Alka Joshi*. LIFE receives 0.05% for each purchase where Chi State Learning Is For Everyone is used as the charity recipient.

Our largest dollars funded come from the **GENEROUS** donations from DKG California members. The LIFE Board and the Grant recipients can't donors enough.

Last year, we were able to do an online Silent Auction that went very well.

New Business

Election of Members to the Board of Directors

Donna noted she would normally turn the meeting over to Anita McKean, our Nominations Chair, but Anita was unable to join us at this year's Convention. So, Carole **Seedman** announced the applicants for the LIFE Board of Directors.

The 2022 applicants to the LIFE Board of Directors are: **Kimberly Hutchison** who is from Alpha Eta, Area VI, has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 5 years and has held several positions in her Chapter and will be Chapter President from 2022-2024. We also presented, **Donna Chin**, who is from Theta Iota, Area VI. She has retired after 43 years in the Vallejo City Unified School District after holding several positions in the School District along with teaching.

Calls were made adding both Kimberly Hutchison and Donna Chin into the LIFE Board of Directors from the members present. Those in favor, please raised their hands. No one voted against. The majority was in favor. Thank you'

Kimberly Hutchison and Donna Chin are now members of the LIFE Foundation Board of Directors.

Recipients of 2022 LIFE Grants

Donna announced the 2022 Grant Recipients. A complete list can be found in the current Newsletter.

Donna thanked and congratulated this year's Grant recipients. She wished all the best success with the many special projects. Donna commended the recipients on their supreme effort to improve literacy and learning and thereby carrying on the mission of the LIFE Foundation.

Donna reminded members present to request financial support for learning and literacy projects by submitting grant applications **online** or to the LIFE Foundations Board of Directors **by March 1, 2023.** ”
Please Ask Us For Money.....that’s what we do!

2022 LIFE Foundation Newsletter and Website

Our annual Newsletter is out. Copies were distributed to all present and Donna said copies will be at the Raffle tomorrow. The Newsletter will also be publishing it in the CA Connections.

The LIFE Foundation website which was created by Elise Buel, our webmaster, has been updated thanks to Elise and Robin. Go to dkgca.org website and click on the LIFE icon. All of our LIFE forms are there and are fillable.

Election of Chi State LIFE Foundation

This year we are losing four of our Board Members. They have all stayed on past their time limits, but the Bylaws were changed to accommodate the COVID experience. But now we are going to have several changes. Kelly Franklin, Elise Buel, Anita McKean and Donna Fleischer. The LIFE Foundation officers are elected by the Board of Directors prior to the first Board Meeting of the new year, which will be in August.

Laura Fujitsubo has been nominated President of the LIFE Board.

Lorelie Olaes has been nominated for Secretary

Donna asked if there are any nominations from the floor. There were none.

Special Presentation

Donna gave a special Thank you to the LIFE Board Members leaving in June. She expressed such pleasure working with each of them over the last eight years and she couldn’t have done it without any of them. Donna will be continuing on as member at large only for a year in order to help Laura during the transition.

Robin made a presentation to Donna commending her for her commitment and service to LIFE. She was presented with a plant.

Next Annual Meeting of Members

The last order of business is announcing the next Annual Meeting of Members which takes place at the DKG California State Convention in Burlingame.

Adjournment

Donna asked if there was any more business to be discussed? Hearing none, she announced that the next Annual Meeting of Members of the DKG California State LIFE Foundation will be held in Burlingame next year. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank all attendees for your continued support! She adjourned the meeting at 7:05.

Donna Fleischer-LIFE President

Laura Fujitsubo - LIFE Secretary