

Kennesaw Mountain Chapter  
Phi Delta Kappa  
Chapter Meeting  
January 24, 2012

**Minutes**

The meeting was opened by President Susan Newman who welcomed all the attendees. There were 32 people in attendance including KSU students who were visiting. Following the social hour, the new Co-Vice Presidents for Communications, Dr. Linda Akanbi and Dr. Debra Coffey were presented to the chapter and installed as officers on the Executive Board.

Following the installation, President Susan Newman introduced our speaker for the evening, Dr. Joanne Lee, the chapter's Vice President for Programs and Newsletter Editor. Dr Lee's topic was "Dimensions of the Classroom Environment". It was an interactive session with the audience being divided into groups to carry out a task that addressed the four dimensions of the classroom environment introduced by the speaker: academic, physical, social and emotional. Each group reported the results of their deliberations to the whole group, and then the speaker shared some final points on the topic.

Next, the chapter went into the business portion of the meeting. Leigh Graham, Vice President for Membership, explained the local and international options for becoming a member of Phi Delta Kappa. She then presented membership certificates to the three new members who had joined locally at the last general meeting. She also offered attendees the opportunity to complete an application online at the meeting.

Alex Alvarez, Vice President for Scholarships, talked about the three scholarships offered through the Kennesaw Mountain PDK chapter: the Bob Moore Student Teacher Scholarship, the J. Carla Northcutt Future Educator Scholarship and the Hugh Kinard Kennesaw Mountain Chapter Member Scholarship. He explained the requirements of each scholarship and announced the application deadline dates. He reminded the attendees that this information, as well as the scholarship applications, could be found online at our chapter website. Alex also asked for volunteers to serve on the Scholarship Committee.

Next, Alex announced the raffle for the evening and the book sale, the proceeds of which help fund the scholarships.

Rose Tucker talked about the chapter's ongoing Bears, Bunnies, Books and Blanket collection effort and explained that purpose of the drive is to help children in crisis. She said that people could also donate \$5.00.

Joanne explained the chapter's mentoring program and asked if there were those who wanted to serve as mentors and also if there were those who wished to be mentored.

Susan closed the meeting by making an appeal for new members and announcing the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting where our speaker will be Dr. Pam Colvin who will make a presentation on the teacher evaluation instrument being used in **Race to the Top**.