



THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Board of Directors

April 20, 2024

Delta Hotel by Marriott, Utica, NY

Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Susan Summerfield, (2024) *Pi-C*, President
Deborah Bedard, (2026) *Alpha Epsilon, C*,
Secretary
Beryl Swed, (2027) *Beta Mu, N*, Director
Jean Sekel, (2024) *Pi, C*, Treasurer
Karen Crumley, (2017-),
Tau, E, Parliamentarian

Directors Absent: Ellen Hughes, (2025) *Beta Delta-EC*,
Vice-President

Members Present: 37 members (Appendix A)

- I. Meeting was called to order by Sue Summerfield, President, at 12:42 pm. President Sue Summerfield thanked members for attending.**
- II. The members of the Board of Directors were introduced.**
- III. Financial Report-Jean Sekel Treasurer**
 - A. Jean distributed copies of the annual financial report. (Appendix B) As of 4/15/2025 an ending balance of \$11,187.16 was reported.**

B. Jean urged Chapters to continue to solicit members to join for a lifetime fee of \$25.00. Jean also encouraged chapters to continue to contribute in Honor of, In Memory of, or to gift the Foundation with a simple donation. Member contributions are the sole source of income for the Foundation.

IV. Secretary's Report

A. Minutes from 2023 Annual Meeting were posted on the Educational Foundation webpage.

B. Hearing no questions the minutes were filed as printed on the webpage.

C. Secretary Deborah Bedard reminded members that meeting minutes are available for reference on the webpage.

V. Thank you for your Service

Jean Sekel has served as a Foundation Director since 2015 as both a Foundation Secretary and Treasurer. Her passion and dedication is deeply appreciated by all!

VI. Election of One Director, 2024-2028 (full term)

A. Suzanne Patrick. Jean Sekel spoke on behalf of Suzanne. Suzanne has been a member of DKG since 1993. She has served and continues to serve in many leadership positions at the Chapter, Area Council, and State levels. In 2018 she received the State Achievement Award. A full Biography can be found in Appendix C.

B. No Nominations from floor were received.

C. Sue Summerfield asked the Secretary to cast one ballot for Suzanne Patrick to serve as Director, 2024-2028 (full term).

VII. BYLAWS

A. Throughout 2023 Foundation Directors have been working to update our governing documents. Proposed changes have been posted on the webpage and published in our state newsletter, *Pi Lights*.

B. Sue Summerfield moved, "To accept the changes of the BYLAWS as printed in the winter edition of *Pi Lights*."

C. Hearing no discussion Sue asked for a vote on the proposed BYLAW changes.

D. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Secretary Deborah Bedard reminded members that the BYLAWS are posted on the Foundation webpage and will be updated by the end of April.**
- VIII. Grants and Scholarship Reminders-Sue reminded members of dates for grants and scholarship applications.**
- A. Pi State Educational Foundation Grant-May 1st, November 1st.**
 - B. Pi State Foundation Literacy Scholarship Application-February 15th.**
 - C. Ginny Dudko, Tau, encouraged members to gift the lifetime membership of \$25 to new members.**
 - D. Amy Zimmerman, *Alpa Tau*, stated that Area Councils could consider donating left over funds to the Foundation.**
 - E. Suzanne Patrick, *Rho*, reminded members that all contributions are tax deductible.**
- IX. Increase Membership**
See section VIII.
- X. Concerns from membership**
Jacinda Lisanto, *Beta Theta*, asked how quickly Chapters were notified regarding grant awards. Sue Summerfield stated that members are usually notified within a month of the deadline.
- XI. Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.**