

Oklahoma State Council of ESA
State Council Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2012
Minutes

The State Council meeting was called to order by president, Joyce Gibson at 11:05 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2012, at the Holiday Inn, Norman, Oklahoma.

Members stood for the opening ritual led by President Joyce Gibson. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gwen Beasley, President, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee.

In the absence of Robbin Brown, Chaplain, Gwen Beasley gave two readings for the devotional "Mom's Prank Backfires" and "God's Own Son".

President Joyce had Christmas baggies containing assorted candies for everyone at the meeting.

President Joyce Gibson asked the following to stand and be recognized:

Ramona Paine, IC Bylaw Committee, ESA Foundation Counselor and Sooner Seniorett
Cathy Holsted, Past IC President, Past ESA Foundation Chairman, ESA Foundation Director, 2012
IC Local Convention Chairman, 2013 State Convention Chairman and Sooner Seniorett
Lola Jaegers, Past ESA Foundation Chairman and Sooner Seniorett
Vivian Gibson, Past ESA Foundation Director, Corresponding Secretary and Sooner Seniorett
Dixie Palmer Founders, Billie Fritch (Joyce Whitewing had to leave early)
Dixie Palmer Recipients, Vivian Gibson, Cathy Holsted and Lola Jaegers
Sooner Seniorett

There were no first time State Council meeting attendees. There were 0 guests, 0 New Pledges, 1 DESA/Elan, Olivia Simmons.

President Joyce Gibson announced the following appointments: Committee to read the minutes of today's meeting: Ramona Paine Chairman, Synovia Lemmings and Bunnie Sullins.

Chairman Aletha Bolt; Linda Leveridge and Lora Thompson were the committee to read the minutes of the August Leadership meeting. Aletha Bolt reported that the minutes were correct as printed and will be placed on file.

President Joyce asked everyone to make sure they have a copy of the Agenda with the following attachments: "Information For You" listing meeting and due dates etc.; information sheet on the Distinguished Achievement Award from Lora Thompson and a list of students at OSB and OSD that are not sponsored from Margaret Kramer. She also asked that any gift cards or donations brought to the meeting in lieu of a Christmas Party be given to Vivian Gibson. They will be distributed to the schools for use in providing gifts for the children who do not have sponsors.

Mary Johnson, Care Connection Coordinator/Hope for Heroes, displayed a queen size quilt made and donated by the ladies quilting group at the First Baptist Church, Cleveland, OK for "Hope for Heroes". Chances are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. Proceeds of ticket sales will be donated to a military service project to be determined later. The drawing will be April 27th at the State Convention. She will put

information in the Jonquil and PJ. The trifold brochure has been updated and is on the website. She also has VFW cookbooks for sale for \$15.00.

Tina Davenport McKamie, First Vice President, asked members to consider running for an office or chair a committee. We have a room full of talent here today and we need you to step forward. Nominating committee members are Joyce Whitewing Slate, Deb Hughes, Margaret Kramer and Gwen Beasley.

Linda Southerland, Second Vice President, presented an informative Educational on the Cherokee Nation and its traditional belief system in keeping with this year's Educational theme of "Oklahoma Native American Culture".

Dr. Billye Peterson, Treasurer, reported 27 chapters have not paid their dues and several chapters paid the incorrect amount of dues and still owe the balance. Dues must be paid by January 1st for chapters to be eligible for contests. She provided a Treasurer's Report showing a Balance Forward as of August 18, 2012 of \$5,200.95; Income \$3,492.99; Expenses \$1,536.66; General Fund balance as of November 3, 2012 \$7,157.40. Fund and CD Balance are: Speakers Fund \$1,107.33; IC Campaign Fund \$219.36; Doer's Fund \$172.25; Certificate of Deposit \$4,056.42. Interest earned on the CD is deposited into the Speakers fund.

Billye also provided a handout "The Cost of Delay or Two Ways to Become a Millionaire" and explained the example of the cost of delaying savings.

Gwen Beasley read the blessing.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:05 and President Joyce asked members present to reveal their Secret Sister gifts.

Dr. Billye Peterson moved upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, that we accept the offer from Evelyn Wilson to help sell her book Missing Emily and receive the \$4.00 profit per hard copy book sold. Motion carried.

Cathy Holsted, 2013 State Convention Chair, asked everyone to mark April 26/27/28 on their calendars and plan to be at the Holiday Inn for the 2013 State Convention. She also reported that as of yesterday we should have a contract with the Holiday Inn for the convention. There were several problems which have now been resolved.

Jessilyn Perrin, Delta Kappa, passed the Easter Seals donation jar for Linda Leveridge, Easter Seals Chair who was unable to attend.

Ramona Paine, ESA Foundation Counselor, gave an informative presentation on the ESA Foundation Stewardship Award. This recognition was established to honor those who have gone beyond the call of duty and assisted or helped in all areas of concern throughout the USA and the World.

Ramona also asked members to make a donation to the Fantasy Ball. Texas is on our heels and we want to win again.

Vivian Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, gave a very informative presentation on the main functions of the American Red Cross. She pointed out the three areas of service the Red Cross offers: Blood Bank; Disaster Relief; and Service to the Military. She emphasized the steps we personally need to take to be disaster ready and provided information brochures.

Aletha Bolt, Webmaster, presented information on reorganizing the contest and forms sections. She would like to combine these two sections and list all information by category. It was recommended the section be named Contests/Forms. Aletha also gave information on the Oklahoma City area "Give Thanks Walk" and asked for volunteers. The Oklahoma City 2013 Dream Home will be in Edmond in the Fall Brook addition. They have a new TV partner – Channel 4. Ticket sales start in June, open house starts in July and the giveaway date will be on Thursday August 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Mary Johnson, Hope for Heroes/Care Connection Chair, asked Gwen Beasley to make her presentation on the history of Veterans Day.

President Joyce Gibson announced that the "Make Me Pay" color for this meeting was blue. The color was included in the meeting notice. Vivian Gibson explained the reason she does not wear the color is because she prepares the meeting notice and therefore knows the color. President Joyce asked everyone wearing blue to stand. There were 27 wearing blue making the "Make Me Pay" total \$135.00. Joyce will donate that amount to Easter Seals.

President Joyce Gibson read letters nominating two members for the Jewel Award this month. She presented the award to Glenda Petty, Delta Epsilon, Del City and Jennifer Stewart, Beta Iota, McAlester.

President Joyce Gibson announced that Margaret Kramer is helping with the projects during the illness of Jo Ann Rott, Project Chairman. There are 140+ students at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf and 86 students at the Oklahoma School for the Blind. Please notify Margaret if you want to sponsor a child. A list of students that do not have sponsors is included with your agenda today. The total amount of donations and gift cards received today in lieu of a Christmas party is \$185.00.

Announcements:

- Peggy Sprinkle, District III Coordinator, thanked all who attended District III Leadership. She also announced the Tulsa Area Council will have a float in the Tulsa Veterans Day Parade November 12th. Peggy also announced that the annual Tulsa Area Council Candlelight Dinner is December 1st at Freddie's in Sapulpa.
- Nellrita Barrick announced that she has completed her Chemo and is now cancer free.
- Kay Brader, District IV Coordinator, announced that Beta Rho is selling pecans.
- June Miller, Beta Iota, McAlester, announced that they will have cookbooks available for \$15.00.
- Winner of the drawing today is Nancy Buck

President Joyce Gibson led the members in the Closing Ritual. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Mary Adams
State Recording Secretary
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