

**EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**

September 10, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn, Lawton, OK

MINUTES

The Oklahoma State Council of ESA Leadership Seminar was called to order by president, Nancy Baucom, at 10:05 a.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Lawton, Oklahoma.

President Nancy welcomed everyone. Members stood for the opening ritual. Aletha Bolt led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Peggie Sprinkle gave the thought for the day.

Attendance was taken from registration.

Nancy announced state officers would have a name card in front of them so members could know their leaders, and she would introduce them as they gave their reports. She had the 2016-17 board members stand. The Sooner Seniores were thanked for their guidance and dedication to ESA and given a small gift.

President Nancy reported a motion via a phone/e-mail poll from the executive board to remove Synovia Lemmings as recording secretary for nonperformance of duties as supported by Standing Rule 1C. Coming from a committee no second was required. Motion carried. Liz King was appointed State Recording Secretary.

There was 1 guest (speaker), 1 first-time attendee, 1 new pledge, no Elans, Desas, or Mesas. Each was given a little sweet gift from the President.

The committee to read the minutes of the June State Council Meeting was Aletha Bolt, Chair, Vivian Gibson, and Linda Jones. Aletha reported the minutes were constructed by the committee and will be uploaded to the website.

Treasurer – Jenny Lizama gave the following report:

Balance as of June 9, 2016	\$ 3,833.73
Income from dues	447.00
Other Income	445.00
Disbursements	\$ 1,712.78
General Fund Balance as of September 10, 2016	\$3,012.95

The report was filed for audit.

ESA Foundation Counselor Vivian Gibson & ESA Foundation Director & Newsletter Editor Judi York presented a workshop on the ESA Foundation. Vivian reported on grants and applications were distributed. She also mentioned the turn around fund and how to begin an irrevocable endowment. Judi explained the purpose of the foundation and reported on becoming a life active member and being a Planned Giver. She also

talked about the Humanitarian and Stewardship awards. Judi was nominated as beauty contestant fundraiser for MARC scholarships and asked for donations for the October MARC meeting.

State Project Director Linda Leveridge stated she had not received any names from Sulfur but she did have adoption forms for anyone interested in adopting a child at School for the Deaf or School for the Blind. She announced the OSD tour would be December 10, 2016, and Christmas gifts could be taken at this time. The District III and IV meetings would be held in conjunction with the OSB tour on Feb. 18, 2017.

1st Vice President/Nominating Chairman Peggie Sprinkle requested members go back to chapters and encourage volunteers for elective and council board chairs and for current board members to let her know if they want to continue as chairs. Notify nominating committee members Sylvia Ochs, Deb Hughes, Tina Davenport-McKamie, or Gwynn Nell Swanson if interested in an elected position. She discussed "Am I Really Needed" and asked all to take back to chapters.

Nancy announced a 15-minute break for Shopping on the Mall.

The president introduced the guest speaker, radio host and author Cheryl Ginnings, who showed a slide presentation, "Courage to Overcome," speaking on suicide prevention. Mrs. Ginning's website is www.courage2overcome.com.

A skit was presented encouraging attendance to the 2017 Oklahoma State Convention.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch.

President Nancy reconvened the meeting. Regrets were read by Corresponding Secretary Joyce Gibson.

President Nancy presented highlights from the IC convention in Loveland, CO, she attended with 19 Oklahoma members and announced awards received. She stated IC President Sherry Day's theme is "Dream Big in ESA." Membership theme is "Fun for all Ages." The Care Connection has become digital which connects ESA members across the nation on the IC website. ESA raised \$18,363,992 for St. Jude in 2016-17, with OKLAHOMA raising \$750,678 of that.

She also announced Tina McKamie was appointed the IC Bylaws Committee. The following certificates were handed out:

- Outstanding State Easter Seal Chair, Judy Cravens
- Maie L. Wells Outstanding State Educational Director, Peggie Sprinkle
- Top Ten Educational Programs – Kay Brader, Beta Rho, Del City; Ramona Paine, Theta Tau, Kingfisher; and Jane Fleming, Kappa Alpha, Tulsa.
- Outstanding Junior High Youth Award, Kaitlyn Matlock, Lexington, OK nominated by Delta Kappa, Norman.

- What ESA Means to Me, more than one year, 2nd Place – Megan Higgins, Beta Iota, McAlester
- Association of the Arts- Division II Literature, 1st Place and 3rd Place and Association of the Arts-Division IV-Crafts (Painted Art), 2nd Place, Linda Leveridge, Delta Kappa, Norman
- Association of the Arts-Division X Presidential Division, 3rd Place, Billye Peterson, Gamma Zeta, Edmond
- B.J. Clark Award Outstanding State President, Billye Peterson along with all of Rickie's Red Diamond Girls.
- State Foundation Award, 1st Place - \$26,823.01
- Foundation Scholarship Award, 1st Place - \$24,463.01
- "Fantasy Ball" Award, 1st Place - \$2,300.00

ESA Foundation Counselor Vivian Gibson handed out Plateau of Achievement awards to Peggie Sprinkle (Bronze), Dr. Billye Peterson (Silver), and announced that new member, Patty Heer had just joined the Foundation that day.

2nd Vice-President/Educational Director Margaret Kramer presented "Tea Time," a program on tea and its benefits and how tea can be a time to indulge in happiness and renewed awareness. Tea was served along with little homemade desserts.

Jr. Past President//Disaster Fund Chairman Billye Peterson passed out small bags filled with happiness sayings encouraging members to put money into the bag for the Disaster fund each time they read a saying. Sacks are to be returned at the March meeting.

St. Jude Dream Home OKC Chair Billye Peterson pleaded for volunteers until the give-away October 2nd. St. Jude Walk to End Childhood Cancer Chair Aletha Bolt stated training would be held September 23 at the ALSAC OKC office. Volunteers are needed for the walk September 24th at Wheeler Park. Deb Hughes announced the Tulsa Walk would be September 17th and T-shirts are available for \$10.

June Miller, Outstanding Chapter Chair, gave a workshop on the steps to become an Outstanding Chapter. Changes to the contest form included giving chapters credit for attending MARC meetings. The revised form will be put on the website and put in the PJ.

Darla Barton, Philanthropic Chairman, presented Philanthropic 101 and the 2016-17 Service Report form was distributed and discussed along with philanthropic service guidelines. If volunteering in the "name of ESA," that project must be mentioned in chapters minutes in order to be counted.

Membership Chair Jo Rott presented a skit on increasing membership. A handout was distributed on fun event ideas to improve membership. Jo stated she is willing to attend any event and asked to be invited to chapter meetings.

Debra Johnson, Beta Mu, presented a workshop entitled "Fun For All Ages--It's a Generation Thing." She talked on facts about four different generations and the differences. Members were divided into one of the generational groups and answered various questions. Reports were made from each group.

Kim Isaac, co-owner of Yoga Kula in Lawton, entertained with her program, Let's YOGA!!! Everyone participated in simple yoga exercises.

Door prizes were furnished by Districts II & IV.

Announcements:

- Directory Chair Gwen Nell Swanson announced directories were available for \$8
- Petticoat Journal Subscriptions can still be mailed for \$15 – contact Lori Few.
- President/Convention charms are on sale for \$5 each – see Doris Kemp
- March State Council meeting will be March 11, 2017, at Goodrich Church in Norman, Oklahoma
- Tickets for the state fundraising event, a trip to Branson, were passed out to the chapters
- On September 24, all Chili's restaurants give all profits to St. Jude.

President Nancy thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. with members repeating the closing ritual.

s/Liz King
Recording Secretary

Date approved by committee: _____
Date placed on file _____