

OKLAHOMA COUNCIL OF EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA MINUTES

STATE LEADERSHIP ZOOM MEETING

September 12, 2020

The State Leadership meeting was held on September 12, 2020 via Zoom.

President Mona Johnston called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The opening ritual and pledge of allegiance were recited. Mona read the thought for the day for State Chaplain Charlene Law and gave Charlene's report.

Sympathy cards were mailed to Zeta Gamma, Shawnee, for the death of Mary Ann Jones. Roberta Metzger, former Sigma Chi member, loss of her daughter. Leslie Farabee and Liddie Farabee, Eta Mu, Owasso chapter for the loss of Leslie's father and Liddie's grandfather. Jodie Ross, Delta Chi for the loss of her husband. Mara Wheeler, Gamma Delta loss of her mother, Greta Wheeler who was a charter member of Beta Iota. A thinking of you card was sent to Sue Knight, Sigma Chi Inola as she recovers from a broken shoulder.

In keeping with Mona's theme this year "ESA Makes Beautiful Music," Mona introduced speaker Janet Fechnet from Bristow Schools, who spoke about her position with Bristow Schools, her faith in music impact on her students.

The next speaker was Eddie Quaid, Mona's brother, who spoke about his successes during his music teaching career. Following Eddie Quaid, Kappa Theta's Cheryl Tater, spoke about her continuing to work in the music ministry during the pandemic. Cheryl treated us to a song.

After Cheryl Tater, Mona introduced Cassidy Satterfield, St. Jude Rep who gave an update on St. Jude. Shaw Homes will be the builder for the Tulsa St. Jude Dream House as well as the Dream house in Oklahoma City for 2021. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Cassidy shared a video.

Mona introduced the Executive and General Board, and asked the Sooner Senioresses to announce themselves.

We had one guest in attendance, Janet Fechnet and first time attendee, Carol King, Kappa Theta, Guthrie. Attendance will be taking via Zoom for the record.

Committee to read the minutes for this meeting are Rita Haines, Margaret Kramer and Sylvia Ochs.

2020 Convention Update – Robbin Brown/ Linda Leveridge: Robbin stated that we had 58 full registrations and 72 for the Saturday evening event. \$3,190.00 profit was made and \$1,095.25 was given to the State Council.

The committee to read the minutes from the First and Second General Assembly were Cathy Holstead, Chairman, Gwen Beasley and Gwynn Nell Swanson. Minutes were approved with one correction to the July 31st minutes.

The committee to read the March State Council meeting were Aletha Bolt, Sharon Storms and Darla Barton. Minutes were correct as printed.

First Vice President, Sandy Lackey announced the dates for the 2022 Convention, April 29th, 30th and May 1, 2022 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Tulsa. Suite rates are King \$109, 2 doubles \$112. This includes made to order breakfast and a Manager's reception each evening. Convention registration is \$120 which includes the Friday night mixer. Hostess chapters are Alpha Theta and Beta Iota. Convention chair is Elise Jimison and Co-chair is Ruth Jo Carnegie.

Sandy asked everyone to think about serving on the state board, either elected or appointed. Nominating committee consists of Sandy Lackey, Linda Leverage, Margaret Kramer, Rita Hains, Jacque Cantrel and Gloria Torres. Please let them know in what capacity you are willing to serve.

Treasurer Marilyn Hight gave a Treasurer's update. Balance as of September 10, 2020 is \$4,174.39. We have \$4,000 in our CD and \$5,207.99 in the Money Market.

Directory Chair Lori Few reported that all 75 Directories have been sold.

Eastern District Coordinator/ Foundation Chair Judi York reported that the Eastern District Leadership meeting was held on August 22, 2020. Darlene Cushenberry, Kappa Alpha, Tulsa, volunteered to be the district's Vice Coordinator after the resignation of June Miller. The next Eastern District meeting will be February 27, 2021 in Muskogee.

Western District Coordinator, Ramona Bench announced the Western District Meeting will be October 10, 2020 at Noble Avenue Baptist Church, 1219 West Noble Avenue in Guthrie, Ok. Check in will be at 9:30 a.m. More information later.

2021 Convention Chair: Mona Johnston read for Tina McKamie. The 2021 ESA Oklahoma State convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza on April 30, 2021 and May 1, 2021. Registration will remain at \$120. The room rate will be \$99. Beta Iota, Muskogee and Sigma Chi, Inola are hostess chapters.

Peggie Sprinkle, Membership Chair, announced that October is Recruitment month. The IC website has suggestions to go with the theme "Up Your Game in ESA".

Social Media/ Webmaster Aletha Bolt did a presentation about the Zoom process and protocol.

Care Connection/Hope for Heroes Chair, Jennifer Sparkman reported that the Tulsa area Blue Star moms are asking for 150 skull caps to be crocheted/ knitted by November 1st. The Tulsa Vet Center is requesting hats, scarves, quilts, and letters. In Oklahoma City the VA Health Care System announced in person volunteer opportunities are on hold. There is a list of items they are requesting. Please refer to the Oklahoma ESA Facebook page, or contact Jennifer Sparkman for further information.

ESA Foundation:

Judi York International Vice Chairman reported that the ESA Foundation Board of Directors have been busy planning new things for ESA Foundation membership. The new Life Active Membership campaign is called "Smart Cookie", campaign.

As part of the 2020/2021 ESA Foundation Life Active campaign there is a special incentive for States. This is the Life Active Membership Grant Building Program. More information will be available in upcoming ESAF Workshops.

Rosalie Griffith, International ESAF Grant Chair, reported the results of the Foundation survey. Top choices were learning about ESA Foundation and Grants and Scholarships. Rosalie encouraged us to get the word out about available grants and scholarships through the Foundation. Applications have been low due to schools being out for COVID 19.

Vivian Gibson, ESA Foundation Counselor, thanked everyone who helped facilitate the Silent Auction at the State Convention in her absence. The auction raised \$1,561. Easterseals and St. Jude will receive \$520.33 each and the ESA Foundation will receive \$520.34. The foundation's portion was given to Hawkins, Tuma and Starr Endowment.

On Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. the Foundation's first virtual workshop will be held. The topic is "Generosity—The Key to Happiness." To attend please send your email address to Judi York: Judikay@cox.net by Wednesday, September 23, 2020. Space is limited.

On October 17th at 6:30 p.m. ESA Foundation will present "Murder in Margaritaland" murder mystery party. Reservations must be made online: <https://esa-foundation-event.square.site/>. General admission entry is \$25 and sponsorships are tax deductible.

The Scholarship season started on September 1st. Deadline to apply is February 1st. Please check the epsilonsigmaalpha.org website for detailed information.

Vivian announced the winners of the one year Foundation memberships, made possible by Oklahoma new Life Active memberships. For every 2 Life Active Members the Foundation gave us \$100. We had 4 Life Active so we received \$200. Any person interested in getting a one year paid Foundation membership and commits to at least an additional year membership emailed their name to Vivian. She received 5 names. Memberships go to Paula Willingham, Brenda Yates, Darla Barton, Beta Iota Chapter and Jeanne Kindley- Lipton. We have 3 remaining (\$75.00). We must use them before May 31, 2021.

Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair, Linda Leveridge requested that chapters consider doing more for the Disaster Fund this year. She has received two checks each for \$100.00. She would love to see each chapter in our state donate at least that amount as chapter budgets get planned.

Sr. Past President/ Workshop Coordinator Margaret Kramer reported that the Finance committee appointed a Ways and Means Committee and agreed to fundraise in order to repay money to the 2012 IC convention Profit Fund and have additional monies to fund the future budgets. \$1,200.00 had to be moved from the 2012 IC Convention Profit Fund to the General Operating Fund Account for the 2021 budget.

Chapter Presidents will be getting detailed information in October on exciting opportunities to help fund the OK State Council.

OK MARC Report: Deb Hughes announced that the MARC 2020 Leadership Conference will be virtual. October 2nd is the deadline for registering. Email Kim Poling, MARC Recording Secretary at a.kimmi.p57@gmail.com.

In 2022, Oklahoma will host the MARC October meeting. Deb Hughes suggested that a motion to appoint Rosalie Griffith and Deb Hughes as co-directors for planning the MARC 2022 conference in Tulsa. Margaret Kramer moved and Rosalie Griffith second. Motion carried.

Distinguished Achievement Award Chair, Rita Haines reminded us of the March 1st deadline for chapters to submit their candidate.

Sooner Seniorette President Nancy Baucom asked Mona to announce that she will email all Sooner Senioresses by the end of the month.

New Business/ Announcements: September 30th is Chili's profit day for ESA. Deb Hughes asked that those who can't attend please consider donating to Team ESA Oklahoma for the St. Jude Walk/Run.

Other new Business- Brenda Yates announced an update to by laws is in the works with IC. Lee Ann Wray IC President is working on it. Make sure HQ has current ballot email address. Rosalie Griffith stated that language for ballot voting is being updated after board approval. Information will be sent out to states after board approval.

Meeting closed with ritual.

Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Linda Jones

ESA Oklahoma Recording Secretary