

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
79th Annual Oklahoma State Convention
“April Showers Bring May Flowers”
Embassy Suites Hotel, Tulsa, OK
First General Assembly
April 29, 2022

Call for seating was at 2:55 p.m.

Rosalie Griffith, Sooner Seniorettette, conducted a beautiful Flag Ceremony.

The meeting was called to order by OK State President, Sandy Lackey.

Chaplain, Cheryl Tarter gave the thought for the day.

Convention Chair, Elise Jimison welcomed everyone to the 79th Annual Oklahoma State Convention. She introduced International Council Representative, Sandy Fletcher and MARC Representative, Brenda “B.J.” Voll. She introduced the Convention hostess chapters, Alpha Theta, Beta Gamma and Kappa Alpha.

President Sandy recognized a first-time Convention attendee. She then introduced the head table. Treasurer, Tammy Ramirez; IC Rep, Sandy Fletcher; 1st Vice President, Linda Jones; Parliamentarian, Charlene Law; Chaplain, Cheryl Tarter; MARC Rep, BJ Voll; Recording Secretary, Darla Barton. Other introductions included Rosalie Griffith, ESA Foundation Director, OK State MARC Representative, Past ESA Membership Corp. Chairman, Past IC President, Sooner Seniorettette; Cathy Holsted, OK State Council Auditor, Past ESA Foundation Director, Past IC President and Sooner Seniorettette; Judi York, Registration Chair, Past ESA Foundation, Vice Chair/Credentials Chair and Sooner Seniorettette; Vivian Gibson, OK State Council Foundation Counselor, Past Foundation Director and Sooner Seniorettette; Lola Jaegers, OK State Council Membership Co-Chair, Past ESA Foundation Chair and Sooner Seniorettette; Jeanne Meyer, Past ESA Foundation Director and Sooner Seniorettette. Sandy then thanked the Sooner Seniorettettes for their willingness to always help anyone, when asked.

Margaret Kramer, Corresponding Secretary and Sooner Seniorettette read regrets from Ruth Jo Carnagey, Maxine Wheelan, Paula Willingham, Sue Knight and Peggy

Hughes. She reminded attendees to turn in attendance sheets to Recording Secretary, Darla Barton.

President, Sandy announced the Committee to read the minutes from the March 12, 2022 State Council meeting were Chair, June Miller, along with Lora Thompson and Jennifer Sparkman. June reported the minutes were correct as printed. The committee to read the minutes of this convention would be Chair, Kay Brader, Hali Simmons and Mona Johnston.

Parliamentarian, Charlene Law moved the Convention rules be adopted as printed in the convention program. Motion was seconded by Linda Jones. A vote was taken; motion passed.

Convention Chair, Elise Jimison moved the Convention Program be adopted as printed and distributed to the paid Registrants of this convention. Motion was seconded by Jacci Gantz. A vote was taken; motion carried.

Credentials Chair, Mara Wheeler announced she would wait to take the count of eligible votes for IC elections, until the 2nd General Assembly, due to chapters still needing to sign for their credentials.

Convention Chair, Judi York reported on registration. Oklahoma members totaled 90; out of state members were 2; men totaled 7, for a combined total of 99 registered.

Greetings from International Council was given by IC Representative, Sandy Fletcher. She announced ESA and St. Jude have been partnered for fifty years, this year. She asked if the OK State Council had plans for reaching the goal of \$50.00 for 50 years for 2022. She encouraged everyone to go to the IC website and look at the different ideas for reaching the goal. She reminded members to keep track of their points and turn them in. She also reminded everyone to attend the 2022 IC Convention in Indianapolis, IN. She listed some highlights.

BJ Voll, MARC Rep welcomed everyone by entering the room in costume, playing "Get Your Kicks on Route 66." She announced the 2022 MARC Conference would be held in Tulsa, OK on October 7-8, 2022. She asked members to volunteer for the conference and register today. She suggested members plan ahead. She

provided paper and asked everyone to make a list of 4 people to travel with, to the conference; what music you want to listen to; and what snacks/provisions you would like to take with you. She began to list the highlights of the convention. She ended her welcome by reminding members to turn in their ReMARCS articles for publication.

BJ asked Jennifer Sparkman, prospective MARC Hope for Heroes Chair to say a few words. Jennifer expressed her excitement for MARC and suggested members log into the IC website and look for Hope for Heroes packets to help raise funds for Veterans.

Treasurer, Tammy Ramirez gave her Treasurer's Report. Balance forward from 2021-2022 was \$4,869.50. Receipts were \$5,965. There were disbursements of \$8,139.55. The balance/General Fund as of April 29, 2022, was \$2,610.45. The Money Market Fund was \$6,332.63; Speaker's Fund, \$693.52; IC Campaign Fund, \$219.36; 2012 IC Convention Fund, \$5,415.14. The Certificate of Deposit remains at \$4,000. Sandy stated the Treasurer's Report would be filed for audit.

State Project Director, Liz King reported the balance forward from 2021-2022 was \$3,185.85. She had receipts of \$7,123.66 and disbursements of \$10,260.16. Balance as of April 29, 2022 was \$49.35. Oklahoma School for The Deaf had 110 students and received \$3,739.00; Oklahoma School for the Blind had 87 students and received \$3,346. Sandy reported the State Project Report would be filed for audit.

Directory Chair, Jeanne Meyer reported that she had collected \$628.00 for Directories for the months of May and June. One more was sold, bringing the total collected for Directories to \$632.

Petticoat Journal Editor, Brenda Yates reported that the PJ beginning balance was \$662.24. She had income of \$210.00 and expenses of \$125.51, bringing the current balance to \$746.73. Thirty-five issues were printed and mailed.

Foundation Chair, Vivian Gibson thanked members for bringing auction items to Convention. She asked bidders to make checks payable to the OK State Council, when paying for winning bids.

Association of the Arts Chair, Linda Leveridge announced the Association of the Arts was open for viewing and being judged. She said there was a new category this year of Best in Show. Members would vote for their choice and the winner would be announced at the 2nd General Assembly.

Awards Chair, Gwynn Nell Swanson reminded members to get their points for Palace Athene and Years of Service to her immediately, so she will have the information for the Awards Luncheon, during the 2nd General Assembly.

Sandy announced the Manager's Reception would be held at 5:30 p.m., in the bar area. This was a complimentary service of the hotel.

Convention Chair, Elise Jimison asked members to take all their belongings out of the room, so the hotel could turn the room for the banquet. There would be assigned seating.

Recording Secretary, Darla Barton reminded members to give her a copy of their reports.

Margaret Kramer announced she had the t-shirts for the MARC Conference, and they would be passed out later. She asked the Awards Chairs to meet with her. She would pass out their certificates for the Award's Luncheon.

Vice President, Linda Jones asked to have a short Incoming/Outgoing Board meeting, to exchange books for the new Board. She said she would be handing out packets for the Incoming Board. She would meet with them after the Banquet.

President, Sandy reminded first time attender to meet at the Manager's Reception. Sandy announced the Celebration of Life service would be at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning; doors would close at 8:25 a.m.

Sandy, at 4:40 p.m., declared the First General Assembly of the 79th Annual Convention was now in recess and would re-convene Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

Submitted by
Darla Barton/Recording Secretary