

Corrected Minutes

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International

Oklahoma State Council Meeting

June 11, 2021, Minutes

Cattle Country Lodge – Stroud, OK

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Lackey at 10:45 a.m. with the Opening Ritual and Flag Salute, led by Sandy.

Chaplain, Cheryl Tarter gave the thought for the day. She shared several Bible scriptures and titled her talk, “Waiting and Watching for Morning,” based on a book she had read. Cheryl shared that we need to rely on God for our peace but waiting and watching are difficult.

Sandy introduced the 2021-2022 Executive and General Board. She recognized the Sooner Senioresses.

Sandy reminded members to sign in, as attendance will be taken from the registration.

There were two guests: JoAnn Singley from Colorado and Jodie MacDonald, guest of Maxine Wheelan. There were three first time attendees.

Corresponding Secretary, Margaret Kramer read regrets.

Recording Secretary, Darla Barton reminded members that if they give a report, to give her a copy for the minutes, in person or by email.

The committee to read the minutes for today’s meeting is Jeanne Meyer, Robbin Brown and Charlene Law.

1st Vice President, Linda Jones introduced herself and asked members to consider being on her 2022-2023 Executive or General Board. The Nomination Committee consists of Linda, Judi York, Rosalie Griffith, Jennifer Sparkman and Robbin Brown.

Margaret Kramer stated there were 44 persons in attendance.

Treasurer, Tammy Ramirez presented the Treasurer's Report. Balance as of May 14, 2021, is \$4,533.50; Income is \$1,032.00; Expenses are \$1,754.00; Balance as of June 18, 2021, is \$3,811.50. Margaret Kramer, Beta Iota, McAlester made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Liz King, Gamma Zeta, Edmond seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Tammy explained that the interest on the Money Market Checking account is just \$3.71 each quarter. The interest is transferred into the General Fund. Tammy requested that the interest be kept in the Money Market instead of being transferred, since the amount was so small. Gwen Beasley, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee made the motion to keep the interest in the Money Market checking account; Brenda Yates, Kappa Alpha, Tulsa seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Petticoat Journal Editor, Brenda Yates reported the PJ Checking account balance as of May 15, 2021, was \$662.24; Income was \$150.00; Balance as of June 19, 2021, was \$814.24. Brenda said the deadline for the Aug/Sept Edition is July 7, 2021.

Directory Chair, Jeanne Meyer announced she had sold 76 out of the 80 directories printed. Jeanne made a motion to keep the cost of directories at \$8.00 each. Coming from a committee, no second is required. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Project Director, Liz King reported the balance for the State Project fund was \$3,185.50. The number of students attending Oklahoma School for the Blind is 86. 107 students are attending Oklahoma School for the Deaf. Money allocated to OSB was \$1,419.00; OSD \$1,765.50. Liz moved that we accept the amounts as reported. Coming from a committee, no second is required. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Brenda Yates of the Tulsa Area Council stood in for Eastern District Coordinator, Deb Hughes. Brenda announced the Eastern District meeting would be September 17th & 18th at the Highland Park Christian Church in Tulsa. There would be a Bunco night on the 17th and the meeting on the 18th. Judi York would send out invites for the Bunco night.

Linda Leveridge stood in for Western District Coordinator, Gloria Torres. Linda announced the Western District meeting would be October 2nd at the Goodrich United Methodist Church in Norman. Gloria will send out flyers.

Convention Chair, Elise Jimison invited everyone to the 79th Annual ESA Convention. It will be held April 29-30, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Tulsa. King room rates are \$109.00; doubles are \$112. The hotel address is 3332 S. 79th E. Ave, Tulsa, OK. The Convention theme will be "April Showers Bring May Flowers." There will be a BBQ

dinner mixer on Friday night. Saturday will be full of activities. Convention will end Saturday evening.

Sharon Barnett of Kappa Alpha, Tulsa, spoke about the ESA calendars for 2022. She explained the cost is \$50.00 per chapter to be in the calendar. Photos should be received by October 1, 2021. The cost per calendar is \$20. The cost for shipping is an additional \$5.

Contest Chair, Linda Voss reported discussion from the contest meeting. It was brought up that since there are only two district Coordinators and it is required that they sign all the judging sheets, Vice Coordinator should be added as an authorized signature. Peggy Hughes, Beta Gamma, Tulsa, made the motion to add Vice Coordinator to the line on the judging sheets that indicate where the Coordinator is to sign. Coming from a committee, no second is required. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Linda Voss also reported that going forward, the Association of the Arts will begin to comply with IC regulations. She stated this year, prizes would be awarded. She strongly recommended that when you are sending in a contest entry, you send it priority mail with a tracking number. She also suggested you send the tracking number to the contest chair, so you both can track the entry.

Foundation Chair, Vivian Gibson wants to have a separate line on the Service Report for money spent or donated for the Foundation. She listed purchase of silent auctions items or local donations, can be listed separate from monies sent directly to the Foundation.

Margaret Kramer encouraged members keep track of monies spent or donated. She said everything should be listed on the Service Report, regardless of how minimal.

Membership Chair, Sylvia Ochs announced that, this year, she would like membership increased by 5%.

Sandy dismissed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and resumed the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Webmaster, Aletha Bolt spoke about our OK ESA page on Facebook. She asked that everyone join ESA's Facebook page. She suggested all members are welcome to post on the page or send items to her and she would post them or walk them through how to do it. Aletha stated she would update the contest forms and judging sheets on the website.

Care Connection/Hope for Heroes Chair, Ramona Bench reported she would be getting in touch with Blue Star Mother's and other charities to learn of their needs. She also reminded members to keep track of their points for awards at Convention.

ESA for St. Jude Chair, Dawn Haley shared a program Amazon uses on their website. It is called Amazon Smile. You select your favorite charity and Amazon donates .5% of the purchase price to a charity of your choice. She had instruction sheets for everyone to take.

Dawn also announced the Tulsa Dream Home had sold out of all 13,000 tickets in nine weeks. June 27th will be the drawing for the house. The Tulsa St. Jude Walk will be September 25, 2021. The Oklahoma City Walk will be September 18, 2021. Team ESA Oklahoma is the name everyone should register under.

Aletha Bolt reported that the Oklahoma City Dream Home sold 4,500 of their 9,000 tickets in two weeks.

Easter Seals Chair, Jennifer Sparkman explained Easter Seals provides services to those with autism, developmental disabilities, physical and mental disabilities, and other special needs. The Easter Seals Telethon for 2021 will be July 18th from noon to 6 p.m. on ABC. Easter Seals also has an art project for 2022. Submissions for the contest are welcome. The submission deadline is Monday, August 2, 2021.

Association of the Arts Chair, Linda Leveridge reported the Association of the Arts would be different next year. Oklahoma State Council is aligning with IC. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and Best in Show. Music, poetry, and short stories will be among the categories to enter.

Educational Chair, Ramona Paine-Means distributed out an instruction sheet on "Keys to Planning a Successful Educational Program." She provided ideas in the form of tools chapters can use. Above everything else have fun, laugh and learn. Her state theme is "_____ that (who) changed the world." Fill in the blank.

ESA Foundation Counselor, Vivian Gibson thanked everyone who participated in the Auction and announced a donation of \$893.33 was sent through the Turn Around Fund for Easter Seals. There is a new computer program that handles checks differently, so the funds cannot be divided between different programs. It had to do with the multiple checks coming in by different people. Vivian suggested going forward, the checks should be made payable to the Oklahoma State Council. The Treasurer can divide the money up correctly and send to the appropriate place. There is a new form for the Turn

Around Fund to be used when donating. Vivian said there are two ESA Foundations. The one ESA is affiliated with is in Ft. Collins.

Vivian also mentioned Amazon Smile for a donation to the Foundation and to toggle between the Foundation and St. Jude for donations. She recommended members make sure their emails are up to date with ESA Headquarters so voting ballots may be received. Vivian also announced the ESA virtual annual membership meeting will be held July 10th at 12 noon.

President, Sandy Lackey, stood in for Outstanding Chapter Chair, June Miller. June had sent Sandy her report. She stated members should begin racking up outstanding chapter points., by keeping track of everything members do. Participate in every area of ESA; attend all meetings; attend convention; have fundraisers and give the money away to philanthropic projects and report all of it.

Sandy enclosed a paper “passport” in member’s meeting packets. It is divided into four blocks. Each meeting she will play a trivia game. Today’s trivia topic is Geography. When all four meetings are attended and all blocks are filled, the passports will be placed in a box at Convention and drawn for prizes.

Philanthropic Chair, Robbin Brown recommended that members turn in their service reports more often, than just at the April 1st deadline. She also corrected her email that was missing a letter on the service report.

Publicity Chair, Jacci Gantz announced she would be contacting chapter Presidents, so they can send pictures from the activities the chapters participate in. She wanted to be able to fill up Sandy’s book with ESA happenings.

Sooner Seniorette President, Peggie Sprinkle announced their next meeting will be held at the September State Council meeting.

Jeanne Meyer reported there were only three directories left.

New Business: IC Vice President Denise Holdaway contacted Sandy asking for a courtesy bid for the 2024 IC Convention. We missed the deadline but could offer a courtesy bid for 2025 or future conventions. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was decided to table the offer until ESA membership is built up.

Announcements:

- State Leadership, September 11 at Embassy Suites, 3332 S. 79th E. Ave, in Tulsa. Price for a king room is \$94.00 a night; double room is \$103. We will have Shopping on the Mall at the meeting.
- Eastern District Leadership, Highland Park Christian Church, September 18, in Tulsa.
- Western District Leadership, October 2, at the Goodrich United Methodist Church in Norman.
- MARC Conference, October 7-9 in Wichita, Kansas.

Sandy thanked everyone for their attendance and since there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m., with the Closing Ritual.

Submitted by:

Darla Barton, Recording Secretary