

ESA Oklahoma State Council Meeting

June 18, 2022

Goodrich United Methodist Church – Norman

The State Council Meeting was called to order by President, Linda Jones, at approximately 10:55 a.m., with the Opening Ritual. The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle.

Chaplain, Peggie gave her thought for the day. She spoke about being a blessing to others, in any way a person could.

President, Linda introduced the Executive and General Board. She thanked everyone who accepted her challenge to serve on the State Council Executive/General Board. She recognized the Sooner Senioresses with a gift of appreciation, for their service to ESA. Delta Kappa will provide a “picnic” lunch. There was one First Time Attendee.

Corresponding Secretary, Eileen Wiley read regrets.

Kay Brader, Chair of the Committee to Read the Minutes, from the Oklahoma 79th State Convention, reported the minutes were placed on file as corrected. Linda reminded members to sign in on the attendance sheet, because Recording Secretary, Darla Barton would take roll call from those sheets.

Secretary Darla reminded members to give a copy of their report to her for the minutes.

President Linda announced The Committee to Read the Minutes for today’s meeting would be Chair, Jacque Cantrel, along with Darlene Cushenberry and Liz King.

Sandy Lackey, standing in for 2022 Convention Chair, Elise Jimison, thanked those that helped raise money to incur some of the cost, leading to the income of \$18,054.50. Hotel and food expense was \$11,097.13; fund raising and miscellaneous expense of \$1,507.84; \$1,075.50 repayment of the loan from the

OK State Council, leaving an ending balance of \$4,374.03. Sandy split the profit as follows: \$2,184.00 to the State Council; hostess chapters, Beta Gamma, Kappa Alpha and Alpha Theta each received a check in the amount of \$730.01. All checks had cleared the bank. The account was closed.

Treasurer, Jennifer Sparkman gave the Treasure's report. She reported the general fund balance as of May 31, 2022, was \$3,370.49; income \$2,357.50, with an ending balance of \$5,727.99. The CD remains at \$4,000. The Money Market checking account balance was \$6,333.93. Jennifer moved the budget be approved as presented. President Linda explained the only increase added to the budget was \$50.00 for scrapbook and a few other items were raised \$10. With the motion to accept the budget, coming from a committee, no second was required. A vote was taken; motion carried.

State Project Director, Liz King reported that she was able to give gift cards in the amount of \$50.00 to the seniors, of each school; three students from the School for the Deaf and ten students from the School for the Blind. She reported that a tour of the School for the Deaf was tentatively scheduled for October 29, 2022. The hope was that there would be interaction with the students. Liz reported there were 87 students at OSB and 110 students at OSD. Money allocated to OSB was \$4,765.66; OSD \$5,494.50. The remaining balance in the account was \$49.35.

Vice President, Patty Heer introduced the nominating committee; Sandy Lackey, Linda Leveridge, Jacci Gantz, Brenda Yates and Dawn Haley. Patti encouraged members to ask questions and seek a board position for the 2023-2024 year. She said she would have contact information in the next Petticoat Journal.

Petticoat Journal Chair, Charlene Law reported the PJ Deadline dates as follows: 2022; July 5th, September 5th, November 5th. 2023; January 5th and March 5th. She asked that the articles be received as timely as possible and entries to be kept to half a page, with only two photos. The cost of mailing would remain at \$30. Charlene read the names of those that had paid and listed those that had not. She asked if anyone else wished to receive copies, they were to notify her.

2023 Convention Chair, Judi York reported that she had made the following recommendations at the Executive Board meeting, and they had approved an increase in the Convention registration fees. The Council would need to vote on

the proposal, as well. The recommendations were as follows: full registration raised from \$125.00 to \$135.00; men/guest registration from \$80.00 to \$90.00; banquet guest registration from \$55.00 to \$65.00. There was no discussion. Coming from a committee, no second was required. A vote was taken. Motion passed.

Acting Contest Chair, Margaret Kramer reported that the only business to handle was making small changes to the Service Report and contest requirements. Cheryl Tarter had stepped down from her position, as Contest Chair, due to the unexpected passing of her husband. Ramona Bench and Tammy Ramirez stepped in to take her place.

Directory Chair, Gina Wozencraft reported that 80 Directories had been printed. 67 were paid for. The remaining were available for purchase.

Web Master, Aletha Bolt asked for questions about the website or emails. She reminded members that each chapter and office have an email address to use.

Membership Chair, Sylvia Ochs, reported that she had received the membership stats from Headquarters. The report showed 49 ESA chapters in Oklahoma. There were 8 demits; no new pledges; one transfer in; one transfer out; 3 reinstatements, with a total of 512 active members.

Easter District Coordinator, Darlene Cushenberry introduced the Board for Eastern District; Vice Coordinator, Dawn Haley; Secretary, Sharon Barnett; Treasurer, Charlene Law; Parliamentarian, Deb Hughes. Darlene invited the Council to Eastern District's meeting August 27, 2022, at Highland Park Christian Church in Tulsa. Meeting to begin 10:00 a.m.

Western District Coordinator, Linda Leveridge announced the Western District meeting would be September 17, 2022, at Goodrich United Methodist Church, in Norman.

Educational Director, Jacque Cantrel announced her theme was "Route 66 Diners/Drive-In's East to West Coast." She said that Rt 66 covers eight states, beginning in Chicago, Illinois and ending in Santa Monica, California. She provided

copies from diners and drive ins in IL and will feature the state of Missouri in the July PJ.

Easter Seals Chair, Maxine Wheelan received one check and will apply it where it needs to go.

President Linda reminded members to turn in Philanthropic reports to their chapter chairs.

Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle gave the blessing for the meal. The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:51 a.m. The meeting resumed at 12:50 p.m.

ESA for St. Jude Chair, Billye Putnam reported that 2022 was the 50th year that ESA had partnered with St. Jude. She said that, for this reason, St. Jude has asked each chapter to donate \$50.00 to the hospital. Billye challenged each member to donate \$50. She gave ideas on how to raise money.

Linda introduced a fun game called Sooner Seniorette Bingo. She had blank boxes on one sheet of paper and a list of Sooner Seniorette names on another. Write one name per box and later the names would be called. Place a mark over the name, if it's in a box and try to bingo. Prizes would be awarded.

Association of the Arts Chair, Dawn Haley reported that there were revisions to the report. She added two more categories; one for ESA 50th Anniversary with St Jude and ESA's 80th year in existence. She encouraged members to enter the contest.

OK MARC Rep, Rosalie Griffith stood in for OK MARC Rep, Deb Hughes. Rosalie reminded members to register for the MARC Conference, October 7-8, at the Marriot Hotel in Tulsa. She said there would be workshops and many fun activities.

ESA Foundation Counselor, Gibson asked if members brought items or money for the basket auction at IC Convention, to give it to Cathy Holsted. Cathy has agreed to put OK ESA's basket together.

Outstanding Chapter Chair, Peggy Campbell reminded everyone to send in the information when meetings are attended.

Outstanding Youth Chair, Brenda Yates reminded members to turn in their contestants by March 1.

President Linda reminded members to send in pictures and articles for Publicity.

Secret Sister Coordinator, Susan Patterson asked for discussion on ending the Secret Sister program. There hadn't been a lot of interest in the past several years. There was no discussion. Susan made the motion to drop Secret Sister program for the State Council. Darla Barton seconded the motion. A vote was taken; motion carried.

Jacque Cantrel stood in for Publicity Chair, Jacci Gantz. Jacque said that Jacci would like pictures and articles texted to her, so she can put together Linda's publicity notebook. Jacci prefers texting because it is easier for her to use. Jacci heard from 15 chapters last year and is hoping for more this coming year.

Sooner Seniorett President, Margaret Kramer reported that each officer and chair have been assigned a mentor/advisor to help get them through the year. She asked that everyone please reach out with any questions. She stated the Sooner Seniorettes would be reaching out also.

ESA Foundation Parliamentarian and Grants Chair, Rosalie Griffith reported that the grant funding is being depleted and she asked for donations. She thanked everyone that bought items at the auction at Convention. The funds were divided between St Jude, Easter Seals and the Foundation. \$728.00 was given to the grant fund. Most of the grants go toward St Jude's Bio Medical Sciences that ESA committed to several years ago, which doesn't leave much for other grants.

2023 Convention Co-Chair, Judi York put on a skit introducing the theme of the 80th Annual Oklahoma State Council Convention, "ESA...The Stars Come Out." Convention will be held at the Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills, April 28 & 29, 2023. The room rate is \$121.00 for a king or double, which includes breakfast for 2 people per room. The Co-Chairs of the Convention Committee are Judi York and Cheryl Young; Treasurer, Rosalie Griffith; Registration, Dawn Haley; Secretary,

Paula Frerichs; Workshop, Darlene Cushenberry; Program, Brenda Yates; Decorations, Leslie Farabee; Fundraising Becky Edwards and Peggy Schoenhals. Hospitality will be the men of Tulsa Area Council.

Past ESA Foundation Chair/Sooner Seniorette, Lola Jaegers announced she would be moving to Indiana.

President Linda began the Bingo game. There were three bingo winners.

Recording Secretary, Darla Barton thanked members for giving her copies of their reports. She received several.

Door prizes were awarded.

With no other business to be brought before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:48 p.m., with the closing ritual.

Submitted by:
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Oklahoma State Council