

ESA Oklahoma State Council Executive/General Board Meeting

March 11, 2023

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Edmond

The OK State Council Meeting was called to order by President, Linda Jones, at approximately 11:33 a.m.

President, Linda led the council in the Opening Ritual. The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle.

Chaplain, Peggie's Thought for the Day was how to be a blessing. She gave the members suggestions.

President, Linda recognized the host chapter, Gamma Zeta. She also recognized the Sooner Senioresses that were present.

President, Linda reminded members that attendance would be taken from the sign in sheets. She asked everyone to be sure and sign in.

There were 8 first time attendees and 2 pledges.

The committee to read the minutes for the September State Council Leadership Meeting was Chair, Gwynn Nell Swanson, Dawn Haley and Barbara Childers. Gwynn Nell reported the minutes were correct as printed. Report will be placed on file.

The committee to read the minutes for today's meeting was Chair, Brenda Yates, Lana Rubio and Mona Johnston.

Corresponding Secretary, Eileen Wiley read regrets.

1st Vice President, Patty Heer introduced her 2023-2024 incoming Executive Board: President, Patty Heer; 1st Vice President, Darla Barton; Corresponding Secretary, Peggy Campbell; Recording Secretary, Robbin Brown; Treasurer, Tammy Ramirez; Parliamentarian, Jacque Cantrel; Project Director, Margaret Kramer; Petticoat Journal Editor, Gwynn Nell Swanson; Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair, Linda Jones; Western District Coordinator, Jennifer Sparkman; Eastern District Coordinator, Dawn Haley.

Patty moved the candidates be accepted by acclamation. There were no objections.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. for lunch.

Treasurer, Jennifer reported Balance as of March 11, 2023, was \$5,343.16; year to date income was \$6,924.50; expenses were \$4,776.44. The Speakers Fund balance was \$693.52; IC Campaign Fund balance \$225.11; 2012 IC Convention \$5,420.23. The Certificate of Deposit remains at \$4,000.00 and will renew 2/5/24.

Directory Chair, Gina Wozencraft reported that she had printed 80 directories and to date had sold 71 at \$8.00 each. The account balance on hand was \$1,208. With the cost of printing going up, the Board voted that the price of directories will be raised to \$15.00 plus postage of \$5.00 for a total price of \$20.00 to have the directories mailed. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion passed.

Disaster Fund Chair, Sandy Lackey reported that she had received checks from various chapters totaling \$1,308. The checks had been mailed to IC. Sandy will continue to take donations until April 1, 2023.

President, Linda stood in for Petticoat Journal Editor, Charlene Law. Linda reported that Charlene had only sent out two mailings. The Board voted to keep the cost the same. Coming from a committee, no second was required.

State Project Director, Liz King reported that her budget had a beginning balance of \$49.35. After income and disbursements, Balance on hand was \$1,851.05. The funds will be divided evenly between seniors at both schools, for the senior graduation.

Foundation Counselor, Vivian Gibson reminded members the Foundation dues are due between January and December.

Sooner Seniorette, Cathy Holsted explained how the Foundation began and its history leading up to present-day activities.

Vivian asked for donations for the Foundation Fun Fest at IC Convention. She asked all monies, in the form of gift cards be brought to the June State Council meeting. She reminded members of April 11, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. eastern time for a presentation on ABC's of Parliamentary Procedures presented by ESA's registered Parliamentarian, Rosalie Griffith.

1st Vice President, Patty Heer reported that she attended the IC Leadership in Denver, Colorado. She said that it was extremely informative. She learned new ideas on how to hold meetings and generate membership. She also received leadership ideas.

Past Western District Coordinator, Linda Leveridge announced new officers: District Coordinator, Jennifer Sparkman; Vice Coordinator, Liz King; Recording Secretary, Lana Rubio; Treasurer, Cathy Holsted; Parliamentarian, Linda Leveridge.

Linda Leveridge stood in for DAA Chair, Sharon Storms. Deadline was March 1st, 2023, to have all entry books in to be judged on Monday, March 13.

Brenda Yates stood in for Eastern District Coordinator, Darlene Cushenberry. Darlene's report thanked her officers. Through donations, Eastern District was able to donate \$1,753.00 to the food bank of Eastern, OK.

Eastern District officers were announced: Coordinator, Dawn Haley; Vice Coordinator, Cheryl Young; Recording Secretary, Kristin Sullivan; Treasurer, Margaret Kramer.

Easter Seals Chair, Maxine Wheelan reported that to date, she has received four donations and she would be glad to accept more.

Contest Chair, Tammy Ramirez reported that the deadline for all entries is April 1, 2023. She will award certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries. Guidelines are listed on the ESA website.

President, Linda reminded contest chairs to be sure and get her the names of the winners, so she can print award certificates.

Gwen Beasley stood in for Awards Chair, Kay Brader. She reminded members to send her the chapter awards, years of service, Pallas Athene and What ESA Means to Me by April 1, 2023.

Association of the Arts Co-Chair, Charlotte Smith reported she had only received three entries. She listed the categories and asked members to get their entries in by April 1, 2023. Poetry, short stories and all entry forms must be mailed and postmarked by April 1st. All other entries will be brought to Convention and checked in by noon.

Outstanding Youth Chair, Brenda Yates reported she had received two Jr. High applicants and three Sr. High applicants. The entries were currently being judged.

2022-2023 Convention Committee, Judi York presented a skit inviting everyone to attend the 80th Annual Oklahoma State Council Convention. The theme is "ESA...The Stars Come Out." It will be held April 28-29, 2023, at the Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills. Deadline to register is March 31, 2023. Hotel deadline for the ESA rate is April 1, 2023.

Membership Chair, Sylvia Ochs thanked the first-time attenders for coming to today's meeting. She encouraged members to promote ESA and bring in new pledges. As of March 10, 2023, Headquarters reported 45 OK ESA chapters and 489 members.

Social Media/Webmaster, Aletha Bolt reminded members of the OKLA ESA email accounts. All chapters, local, district and state board members have an email address. She encouraged members to use them. She also encouraged members to post pictures of today's meeting on OK ESA's Facebook page.

Hope for Heroes Chair, Judy Cravens thanked those that brought tuna and socks for their donations. She encouraged members to send in their reports.

ESA for St. Jude Chair, Billye Putnam thanked everyone for their participation in the \$50 for 50 campaign. 174 chapters and/or individuals sent in money. She requested reports reach her by April 1, 2023.

President, Linda announced that certain chairs had "diamonds" taped to the bottom. Those people won a door prize.

Publicity Chair, Jacci Gantz thanked everyone that had sent pictures to her for the publicity book.

Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle reported the Celebration of Life service at Convention will be held Saturday morning before the 2nd General Assembly. She asked for missing pictures for her memorials. She also asked for the name of the person representing their departed member.

Gwynn Nell Swanson stood in for Philanthropic Chair, Gloria Torres. She reminded members all reports are due by April 1, 2023.

Outstanding Chapter Chair, Peggy Campbell reminded members all reports should be sent to her by April 1, 2023.

Sooner Seniorettte President, Margaret Kramer encouraged members to step up and serve. She asked that those who haven't held board positions in ESA, to consider volunteering. She stated any Sooner Seniorettte would be available for assistance.

President, Linda also encouraged members to volunteer for board positions. She explained how she came to be state president.

Credentials Chair, Mara Wheeler asked for delegate credentials. They would be voting as proxy for those not attending IC Convention. She needed actual chapter member counts, which would indicate how many votes each chapter will be allowed.

Rosalie Griffith spoke about the Foundation grants. They are funded by the Life Active members. She encouraged members to become Life Active. She also encouraged members to apply for grants.

Announcements and raffle winners were announced.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m., followed by the Closing Ritual.

Submitted by:

Darla Barton, Recording Secretary