

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA, INTL.
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 17, 2023
PATTY HEER, PRESIDENT
MINUTES

President Patty Heer opened the June 17, 2023 general board meeting welcoming everyone for coming.

Chaplain Jacci Gantz presented the thought of the day.

Corresponding Secretary Peggy Campbell read regrets from Linda Jones, Kay Brader, Sharon Storms, Ramona Paine, Lana Rubio, Janet Curry, Lola Jaegers, Lora Thompson, Charlene Law & Rosalie Griffith.

The committee to read the June 17, 2023, minutes are Chair Margaret Kramer, Gwen Beasley & Jacci Gantz.

2024 Convention Chair Cathy Holsted explained the reason for the increase to the registration with the rise in the cost of food and equipment. Registration will be \$150. Members will be able to use VENMO and CASHAPP to register for convention. To avoid charges through the bank, VENMO & CASHAPP it must go through a personal account which will be Stormy Simmons. Cathy moved to raise the registration amount to \$150.00 for the 2024 State Convention. Coming from a committee no second is required, motion carried. The rooms will be \$119.00 a night for all rooms.

First time attendees to a State Council meeting are Barb Fairbain, Beta Zeta OKC and Rosemarie Pagan, Delta Kappa, Norman.

Vice President/Nomination Chair Darla Barton wants you on her board for 2024. She still needs for executive board Treasurer, Parliamentarian and PJ Editor. For the general board is Association of the Arts, Auditor, Awards, DAA, Easter Seals, ESA for St. Jude, Hope for Heroes, Membership, Outstanding Chapter, Outstanding Youth, Publicity, Philanthropic & Scrapbook. You and another member could be co-chairs on a committee. This way you both can learn together and share the work. The nomination committee is Judi York, Jacci Gantz, Aletha Bolt, Rosalie Griffith and Darla. She has a new email address darlaesa498@gmail.com. This is for ESA business but she still has the other one.

The Sooner Senioresses were introduced. Patty thanked them for leading the way in leadership and encouragement for ESA members on their Journey in ESA. Each one was resented a gift.

Peggie Sprinkle presented her educational theme "Enjoy the Little Things in Life". Examples of relaxation to do as a chapter would be plant flowers, read a book then discuss at a meeting, go for a walk, listen to music, cook a new recipe, get gifts for

nursing home residents and much more. Peggie's education today is how drinking a hot cup of tea can help with certain types of diseases like depression, prevents some cancers, stress, diabetes and lower body fat. Each member received a tea bag. Each tea bag had Snoopy and Friends characters with it and if you bring it back to the September meeting, she will have a surprise for members. Let's all take this Journey together. She has several educational links to go to on the net that she will put in the PJ.

Patty introduced the executive and general board officers Corresponding secretary Peggy Campbell, First Vice President, Darla Barton, Recording Secretary Robbin Brown, Parliamentarian Jacque Cantrel, Treasurer Tammy Ramirez, *Petticoat Journal* Editor, GwynnNell Swanson, State Project Director Margaret Kramer, Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Linda Jones, Eastern District Coordinator Dawn Haley, Western District Coordinator Jennifer Sparkman, Association of the Arts, Kay Brader, Auditor, Linda Congilio, Awards, Sylvia Ochs, Awards Co-chair, Jessica Gunn, Hopes for Heroes, Ramona Bench, Chaplain, Jacci Gantz, Contest Chair, Cheryl Young, Convention Chair, Cathy Holsted, Convention Co-chair, Stormy Simmons, Credentials, Mara Wheeler, Directory, Gina Wozencraft, DAA, Sharon Storms, Easter Seals, Gwen Beasley, Educational, Peggie Sprinkle, ESA for ST, Jude, Janet Guiles, ESA Foundation Counselor, Vivian Gibson, MARC Rep, Deb Hughes, MARC Rep, Rosalie Griffith, Membership, Linda Voss, Membership Co-chair, Mary Voss, Outstanding Chapter, Ramona Paine-Means, Outstanding Youth, Faye Alexander, Publicity, Lana Rubio, Philanthropic, Melissa Byrum, Philanthropic Co-chair, Lori Few, Social Media/Web Master, Aletha Bolt, Sooner Seniorette President, Linda Leveridge, Past Foundation Chair, Lola Jaegers.

Tammy Ramirez presents the 2023-2024 financial report. General fund balance as of May 1, 2023, \$4260.95, income as of May 25, 2023, \$3373.66, expenses \$2427.40 for a balance as of May 31, 2023, \$5207.21. CD balance \$4000.00, Money Market \$6405.34. Tammy moved to accept the treasures report as given, coming from a committee no second is required, motion carried. If you need a copy of this report, let her know and she will email you a copy.

Upon recommendation from the board, Tammy moved to approve the proposed budget as presented. Coming from a committee, no second is required, motion carried.

Jacque Cantrel announced that at IC convention, Oklahoma will be performing in the lip sync contest doing the song "Beverly Hillbillies". Cost is \$30 for attendees.

Chaplain Jacci Gantz gave the devotional. Lunch was served.

Care Connection/Hopes for Heroes chair Ramona Bench reminded everyone to remember who is planning an event for any of our Veterans, first responders, police officers, doctors or nurses to remember the sacrifices they made for you or someone in need. Please let me know when you plan this event so others may be able to attend. Ramona introduced guest speaker Marsha Harrod, President of "The Blue Star Mothers". Marsha's son Major Arthur Clymer, is in the military. He received his ROTC

scholarship and then his four years in the service, then to a Kiowa Helicopter. Edmond Blue Star Mothers contacted her to join their group. The group keeps active by participating in parades, raise money with a spaghetti dinner then a dessert auction and provide activities for the soldiers from Fort Sill that don't get to go home for Christmas. They start at the Renaissance Hotel and feed them a big breakfast, then they take them to the Oklahoma Memorial. Next to DEVON for a big lunch that they get to cook themselves. From there, they visit the 45th Infantry Museum, the Science Museum, then Incredible Pizza and tickets to play all the games. It's a full day of activities and fun.

Educational Chair Peggie Sprinkle along with Jacque Cantrel provided "Back to Basics" educational on putting an educational book together. How to fill out the reports and all that is needed to present your books. Six reports are needed to get a Gold Link award and six reports presented in a book for Gold Seal award.

45 members were in attendance.

Petticoat Journal Editor GwynnNell Swanson announced the due date for the first PJ is July 15. Please get them in on time. Only two pictures per chapter will be printed.

Web Master Aletha Bolt will be updating the ESA software and design items soon. Please let her know if there is something incorrect or needs updating. You can send her information and pictures that she can post on the ESA Facebook page.

Membership chair Linda Voss and Co-chair Mary Voss gave a report on how to "Nurture" our new members. Nurturing is the act of caring & nurturing growth. We need to nurture our members to keep them involved and to enjoy ESA. We're eating our young new members. Things do not need to be done the same as they have been done in the past. If you have questions, ask one of the mentors. They are full of ideas and will help in anyway possible. Let us know when you are going to have a new member in your chapter so we can come meet them. We need to nurture one another.

Margaret Kramer, State Project Chair. She read letters of thanks from OSB and OSD for the money that will go to new projects for the school. \$550 went to OSD to buy gift cards, \$506 went to OSB to give to graduating students. Since we no longer sponsor individual children and only give monetary donations, some chapters and individuals still have an interest in being more involved with the students. It was discussed the possibility for chapters and individuals to sponsor a classroom. By sponsoring a classroom, sending notes of encouragement, cards for special occasions and the like. If this is something your chapter or you would like to do let Margaret know and she will contact the schools. Remember to make your donations directly to the Project Fund and do so before Thanksgiving so funds can be sent for Christmas gifts for the students.

Margaret announced for MARC Rep, Deb Hughes, that the MARC convention will be held in Peoria, IL, October 13-16, registration is \$150.00, at the Embassy Suites.

Directory Chair Gina Wozencraft, presented the directory to the members. She would like to downsize the directory to put all the members' information in the back and include all the MAL's. Gina's email is Ginaw2017esa@gmail.com

ESA Foundation Counselor Vivian Gibson reminded to bring items for the IC Convention for the Foundation Fest auction. Also, wine or beer for the wine pull. Please read the PJ article for more information. The annual foundation meeting will be held July 27 at convention. Vivian's address has changed to 5531 Segundo Dr., Loveland, CO. 80538. Joyce's address is the same as Vivian's. ESA Headquarters address has changed and is in the directory.

Chaplain Jacci Gantz reported she sent out 22 cards in April, and five since the convention.

Western District leadership meeting is October 21 in Guthrie. Place TBA.

Announcements:

IC Convention – “Where it all Began, July 25-30, Grapevine, TX

Eastern District – August 19, 2023, Tulsa, Highland Christian Church

State Council Meeting – September 16, 2023, - St, Crispin's

MARC Conference – October 13-15, 2023 – Peoria, IL

Western District Leadership – October 21, 2023 – Guthrie

Since there was no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Robbin Brown

Recording Secretary