

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International

Oklahoma State Council Meeting

August Leadership Minutes

August 9, 2008

The August Leadership of the Oklahoma State Council was called to order at 10:00am by President, Bunnie Sullins, at Freddie's Restaurant in Sapulpa. The members in attendance recited the Opening Ritual. Chaplain, Peggy Sprinkle, gave the devotional on "The Eagle and The Storm" and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bunnie recognized the ladies of District IV as our hostesses for the meeting. Bunnie then introduced past IC Council Presidents, Cathy Holsted and Rosalie Griffith, current IC and Foundation Board Members, Deb Hughes, Judi York and Vivian Gibson, past Foundation Chairman, Lola Jaegers, and Dixie Palmer Founder, Joyce Whitewing-Slate and the Sooner Seniores.

Roll call taken from the registration. There were 3 first time attendees. We did not have any DESAs, MESAs, guests, or ELANs. The committee to read the minutes of the August Leadership was Lora Thompson, Chairman, Connie Johnson and Jenny Kindley.

The committee to read the minutes of the June State Council Meeting was Nellrita Barrick, Chairman, Marilyn Joplin and Robbin Brown. Nellrita Barrick reported that the minutes will be filed as printed.

Bunnie reported that we had 20 women and 3 men in attendance at International Convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Foundation Board Member, Vivian Gibson, was called on to give an update on her husband, Wilbur Gibson.

Jr Past President, Ramona Paine, presented the awards that were received at International Convention.

1st Vice President/Nominating Chairman, Deb Hughes, discussed wearing vests at IC next year instead of the Indian dresses we normally wear. They will have one available for show at the District III meeting in Tulsa. Deb advised that they are still working on a price. She extended an invitation to be on the board and she will gladly visit with anyone interested.

Joyce Whitewing, Billie Fritch and Rosalie Griffith did a skit to inform the members that convention will be the last weekend in April next year. The convention will be April 24-26 at the Cherokee Casino in Catoosa, Oklahoma.

2nd Vice President/Education Director, Jacque Edwards, in keeping with her theme, "Made in Oklahoma", Jacque informed the members that she presented a mini educational in the Petticoat Journal on POPS located on Route 66 in Arcadia Oklahoma. She provided handouts for Ozarka Bottled Water Company and Borden/Meadow Gold Dairy, in downtown Tulsa, to be read at our convenience. Today, Jacque, gave an educational on Blue Bell Ice Cream. She announced that 28 people can attend the District IV field trip to Braum's on August 28 at 10:30am.

Project Director, MaryAnn Jones, advised that she has sponsorship forms available. She is waiting for the schools to contact her.

Sr. Circle of Life, Tina Davenport McKamie, reminded and encouraged everyone to attend the St. Jude, Memphis Bus Tour. It will be October 23-25. There will be four girls to a room at a cost of \$198.00. The fee will cover the cost of the bus and two nights stay at the hotel. Nascar will also be racing that weekend.

ESA Foundation Chairman, June Miller, advised the members that she has the receipts from the Foundation meeting at IC. She also advised of individuals that had reached Plateaus of Achievement.

Jeannette Murray informed the members that Convention registration forms are available today. Room registration deadline is March 23rd. Be sure to mention the code EPSA0409. **Cathy Holsted** reminded the members of the 50/50 money jar. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

Business meeting was adjourned.

Past IC President, Rosalie Griffith, informed the members that Mike Burns has retired and the ownership of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International has changed hands. She explained the formation of ESA Membership Corporation. She advised the members that this change only pertains to ESA Headquarters, it will not affect how the International Council operates.

Executive Director, B.J. Clark, gave an inspirational talk about "Walking on the Wild side" and "How ESA can help you make your dreams come true".

Joyce Whitewing, Robyn Ryan and Jeanette Murray gave a "Convention Shout out". They advised that registration for women is \$85.00 and \$40.00 for men. Registration deadline is March 23rd. They reminded everyone to give the code EPSA0409 when calling to make room reservations.

The members broke for lunch after Peggie Sprinkle said the prayer.

Deb Hughes and Barb Childers performed an ESA history skit, titled "Soaring for ESA Oklahoma Style".

Past IC President, Cathy Holsted, gave a very informative talk on "Etiquette".

Webmaster, Aletha Bolt, gave an overview of the Oklahoma ESA website. She spoke about the new links that have been added and the email addresses available for the board members. She informed the board members how to access their email. Aletha also informed the members that there are email addresses left that can be used by anyone. They are \$10.00 each and the proceeds go to the Oklahoma State Board. If anyone has trouble with SPAM please inform Aletha.

IC Senior Membership, Judi York, gave a talk on "Experiencing ESA". She informed us of membership plans for new members and new chapters.

No Unfinished business.

Bunnie presented "Thank you" gifts to the workshop presenters. She also presented B.J. Clark with an Osage Indian Blanket and a history of the blanket.

Announcements:

Lola Jaegers announced that \$120.00 was raised on the 50/50 Easter Seals fundraiser. She informed the membership that Billye Hansen won \$60.00 and the remaining \$60.00 will go to Easter Seals. District Coordinators gave the date for each of their District meetings.

The meeting was adjourned and we recited the closing ritual.

Submitted by:

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