

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council
November Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2008

The November meeting of the Oklahoma State Council was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President, Bunnie Sullins, at Freddie's Restaurant in Sapulpa. The members in attendance recited the Opening Ritual. Chaplain, Peggy Sprinkle, gave the thought for the day, "Thank You God, for Everything" by Helen Steiner Rice and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bunnie recognized the ladies of District III as our hostesses for the meeting. Bunnie advised the members that things would be a little different today and the meeting will not be done in any particular order. The committee to read the minutes of the November meeting is Billie Fritch, Chairman, Gwen Beasley and Donna McCandless. The committee to read the minutes of the August Leadership was Lora Thompson, Chairman, Connie Johnson and Jenny Kindley. Lora Thompson reported that the minutes will be placed on file as printed.

Mona Martin presented a workshop to teach us about eagles. She read an inspirational story about "being the best eagle you can be". Mona then asked the members to recognize the ladies that have helped them achieve all that they thought possible. Those ladies were escorted to the front of the room and given a round of applause. We then honored the ladies that have helped others and are no longer with us with a moment of silence.

Bunnie recognized two new Pledges and introduced them to the membership. We also had one member attending her first state council meeting.

Announcements:

Robyn Ryan advised that copies of the Treasurers report could be found on the front table.

Maxine Wheelan invited the members to the District IV Meeting/Installation in Shawnee. It will be April 4th, 2009 at the library.

Nancy Buck advised that she has directories available for sale.

Cathy Holsted is selling chances for a reindeer. The reindeer will be given away today at the end of the meeting.

Sue Knight has ceremony books for sale. The money will go to State Council.

District V Installation will be during the OSB tour, in Muskogee, on February 28, 2009.

DIANA Chairman, Marie Thomas, encouraged everyone to select and honor a DIANA in their community. She provided locations and opportunities to locate someone that would be a good candidate.

Awards Chairman, Connie Johnson, asked for "What ESA Means to Me" entries. The deadline will be March 1, 2009. She also requested that one person from each chapter send a report of Pallas Athene's earned this year. Connie will be recognizing years of service beginning with five years and up, with special recognition for members having 25 years or more. The deadline for this information is April 1, 2009.

Petticoat Journal Editor, Charlene Law, stated the deadline for this past PJ was November 5. She is still accepting articles at this time. Charlene is asking the members to keep the chapter reports to 1/2 type written page. Charlene gave a reminder of the PJ deadlines. Articles for the February – March issue are due January 5, 2009. Articles for the April issue are due March 5, 2009.

Workshop Coordinator, Robbin Brown, introduced Directory Chairman, Linda Southerland. Linda explained the responsibilities of the Directory Chairman. She advised that the template for the directory information is on a disk. This was done to make it easier to make changes each year.

Sr. Circle of Life, Tina Davenport McKamie, informed the members that Oklahoma will be having a 5K Walk at the Promenade Mall in Tulsa. It will be November 22, 2008. Oklahoma was one of 14 states chosen to do this event. The goal is to have at least 100 walkers. All 14 locations will be having the walk the same day. Red Roof Inn is offering 2 double beds for \$60.00 a night on Yale and I-44. There will be television promotion on Channel 2 on the 17th or 20th of November. Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. and the walk will start at 8:30 a.m. Affair of the Heart is also that weekend. Several restaurants are donating. T shirts will be given out to all participants. There will be a prize given to the person that raises the most money. Registration can be done on line and St. Jude will send a letter that can be mailed out to potential sponsors. Anyone can pay the \$25.00 to register and not walk. Or you can sponsor someone else, like a child, to walk for you. 100% credit will be given to ESA for donations received.

Chaplain, Peggy Sprinkle, recited a prayer before lunch.

Convention Chairman Priscilla Drummond advised that the meeting rooms are non smoking. The hotel has both smoking and non smoking rooms available. Priscilla asked the membership about helping to make sure the room block requirement is met. That will give the state a free room for the IC Rep, etc. 66th Annual Oklahoma State Convention will be at the Cherokee Resort and Casino in Catoosa, Oklahoma, April 24-26, 2009. Room rates are \$99.00 for 1-4 persons. You can register on line at www.cherokeecasion.com or by calling the toll free number 1-800-760-6700. Remember to use the code EPSA0409 when booking rooms. The deadline for booking rooms is March 23, 2009. Full registration is \$85.00 and Men's registration is \$40.00. Registrations must be postmarked by April 13, 2009 or there is a \$25.00 late fee. There

will be a Friday Night meal before the skits. The cost is \$20.00. Janette Murray will take anyone's registration. Ellen Mader will answer any questions about convention ads or will help design the ad. Two-sided charm is available with President Bunnie's theme on one side and the Convention on the other. Charms are \$5.00. The hostesses will be Epsilon Kappa, Hominy, Alpha Zeta, Pawhuska, and Eta Epsilon, Skiatook.

1st Vice President/Nominating Chairman, Deb Hughes, discussed the vests. Over 100 have been sold so far. Thirteen chapters have ordered the vests. Four more chapters placed orders today. The plan is to cease taking orders at the end of December. It will cost \$2.50 to add your chapter name to the vest. It is a wash and wear material, no ironing needed. Deb informed the members that nomination forms are available on the website.

2nd Vice President/Education Director, Jacque Edwards, talked with the members about the District II field trip, to Charlie Bean Coffee. A story about the trip made it into the Sunday Sun newspaper. Maxine Wheelan was the first director to send in six educationals and receive the first Gold Link Award. The December educational will be on Bedre Chocolates in Pauls Valley and Bryant Pecan Company and Candies in Ada. She passed around a sample of chocolate chips for the members to try. November mini-educational program was on Wewoka Window Works and Frankoma Pottery, Inc. in Sapulpa. Jacque requested that the educationals be sent in as they are finished.

Webmaster, Aletha Bolt, moved, upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, that 100 oklaesa.org email accounts be made available for use by Oklahoma members of ESA for a fee of \$10.00 per year, per email account. Motion carried.

President, Bunnie Sullins, made some introductions and recognized the Sooner Senioresses by having them stand.

Project Director, MaryAnn Jones, talked about the OSD tour on October 4, 2008. The school prepared picture magnets of the students as gifts for the ladies. Courtney Norman's last day at OSD will be October 31, 2008. Tracy Prince will be the interim contact, until a replacement is selected. MaryAnn gave the financial report for OSD and OSB. A disbursement of \$2002.75 was sent to OSB and \$2448.65 was sent to OSD. \$328.11 was not spent by OSD and will be added to their amount for the 2008-2009 year. The projects have received \$502.00 in donations since the June meeting. Maryann also advised us that several of the children are still in need of sponsors.

Workshop Coordinator, Robbin Brown, introduced Nancy Buck to talk about the Awards Chairman position. Nancy stressed the importance of keeping things fun and interesting.

Easter Seals, Lola Jaegers, informed the members of the donations that have been received since Leadership. She asked that all chapters consider including Easter Seals in their donation list. Oklahoma Easter Seals has an Adult Day Health Center. On September 8, it opened a Therapeutic Day School for children with Autism – ages 2-5.

Anyone interested in a special project for Easter Seals, please see a member of Delta Epsilon.

ESA Foundation Chairman, June Miller, reminded the members that dues are due by March 1, 2009 to be eligible to vote at the Foundation Annual Meeting in San Antonio next July. Please send your dues directly to the Foundation at: P.O. Box 270517, Ft. Collins, CO 80527. 500 schools and colleges were contacted about the Oklahoma ESAF Scholarships available in 2009. The deadline for submission of these applications is February 1, 2009. Applications can be printed off line at http://www.esaintl.com/esaf/scholarship_application2009.html. 93 applications were submitted last year and \$9100.00 was awarded from Oklahoma Scholarships. She asked members to pay dues, use the turnaround fund and inform people about scholarships.

Parliamentarian, Jennye Hickman, asked for proposed bylaw changes be sent to her via email: parliamentarian@oklaesa.org or snail mail: HC75 Box 325, McAlester, Oklahoma 74501.

Sue Knight reminded the members again that she has ceremony books available for \$5.00 each. All of the proceeds will go to the State Council.

Aletha Bolt informed the members that Chasity Satterfield adopted a baby boy in October and named him, Turner Cantrell Satterfield.

Janet with Alpha Rho Chapter wanted to thank everyone for their support of the Craft Show.

Drawings were held for a singing Moose and the 50/50 jar. Cuba Gulley won half of the \$107.00. She requested that it be given to Easter Seals.

Next State Council meeting will be March 21, 2009 at Freddie's Restaurant in Sapulpa.

The closing ritual was recited and the meeting was adjourned.

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