

Oklahoma State Council of ESA
State Council Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2012

The State Council meeting was called to order by the president, Gwynn Nell Swanson, at 10:35 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at the Goodrich Methodist Church, Norman, Oklahoma. Dr. Billye Peterson, recording secretary, was present.

Gwynn Nell welcomed everyone to her last State Council meeting. After the opening ritual, Ellen Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain Linda Leveridge gave a Thought for the Day.

Gwynn Nell recognized Zeta Gamma for being hostesses for today's meeting and District V for furnishing the door prizes.

Gwynn Nell recognized 1 DESA, 1 guest, the Sooner Senioresses, and the Executive and General Board.

Gwynn Nell announced the following appointments: Committee to read the minutes of this meeting: Vivian Gibson, Chair; Glenda Petty, Judy Montgomery

Nancy Buck, Chair to read the minutes of the November Oklahoma State Council Meeting, reported the minutes were correct as printed

Corresponding Secretary Sue Knight had no report.

First Vice President/Nominating Chair Joyce Gibson introduced nominating committee members Nellrita Barrick, Lola Jaegers, Peggy Pate, Peggie Sprinkle, and Jacque Edwards. The following slate of officers for the 2012-2013 Executive Board were introduced and those present came forward: District II Coordinator Joyce Lacey-Kenney, District III Coordinator Peggie Sprinkle, District IV Coordinator Kay Brader, District V Coordinator Amber Alexander, Sr. Past President Jacque Edwards, Jr. Past President Gwynn Nell Swanson, PJ Editor Donna Shook, State Project Director Jo Ann Rott, Parliamentarian Nancy Baucom, Treasurer Billye Peterson, Recording Secretary Mary Adams, 2nd Vice President Linda Southerland, and 1st Vice President Tina Davenport-McKamie. Joyce Gibson, 2012-2013 President, introduced her Corresponding Secretary, Vivian Gibson .

Second Vice President/Educational Director Tina McKamie gave a mini-educational on using weights while exercising. Everyone participated by doing arm exercises.

Linda Southerland gave the treasurer's report. Balance forward from November 11, 2011, was \$6,053.37. Income was \$1,712.70; expenses \$936.26, leaving a balance as of March 15, 2012, of \$6,829.81. Also in the Speaker's Fund is \$1,107.33; the IC Campaign Fund has \$219.36; and the Doer's Fund has \$172.25. The CD as of 3-15-12 is \$4,040.26. Linda also reminded everyone if they have expenses to fill out a voucher and have it to her by April 1 as no checks can be written during convention. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Parliamentarian Connie Johnson announced there will be 2 proposed by-law amendments voted on at State Convention. She urged everyone to bring the by-law pages from the April/May PJ to convention.

Project Director, Margaret Kramer, reported all children at OSB and OSD each had a Christmas gift thanks to ESA's generosity. The OSB tour on February 25, 2012, was well attended with the school's jazz band entertaining everyone. As of March 16, 13 chapters have donated \$1,950. Last year \$3,450 was distributed, so all chapters were encouraged to send money. She reminded everyone the State Project Service Reports are due April 1; only 6 chapters have reported so far.

Petticoat Journal Editor Rita Hains was not present. Gwynn Nell answered questions about the number of issues being mailed. Gwynn Nell moved the price of the PJ for first class remain at \$15. Motion carried. Donna Shook reported that next year's copies that are mailed will be black & white only due to the cost of color printing.

Because Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair Jacque Edwards was absent, Gwynn Nell gave her report. As of today, 19 out of 41 chapters have contributed \$3,000. This is not enough to pay the one Oklahoma claim that has been filed (claims are maxed at \$5,000). Jacque urged chapters to make a contribution or give more if they've already given and make checks out to Disaster Fund and send to her. Emails were sent reminding chapters that April 1 is the Oklahoma contest deadline; however, technically contributions to IC can be made as late as May 31.

Sr. Past President/Workshop Coordinator Deb Hughes invited everyone to participate in the hands-on workshops she has planned for convention.

Joyce Gibson and Tina McKamie gave a report on the Leadership Seminar they attended February 9 to 11 in Denver. They shared the story of the ESA Foundation and the Celebrate ESA Campaign.

Chaplain Linda Leveridge gave the Invocation.

District II Coordinator Sylvia Ochs invited everyone to installation of officers on March 24 at Kingfisher at the InterBank at 9:30 a.m. She gave a report on Libby Zaage, Vice Coordinator, who is extremely ill.

District II Coordinator Peggy Hughes, District IV Coordinator Ellen Clark, and District V Coordinator Ruth Thompson had no reports.

District III Coordinator Peggie Sprinkle told everyone to put September 15 on their calendar for her Leadership Seminar to be held in Broken Arrow.

Cathy Holsted, 2013 State Convention Chair, announced a meeting during lunch in the parlor of all hostess chapters.

Association of the Arts Chair Nancy Baucom announced the entry deadline was 2 weeks away, and she has only received two entries.

Auditor, Donna Shook, has audited the State Project Director and District IV's books, and has received Linda Southerland's State Treasurer books and books from State Convention Treasurer Lola Jaegers and will be auditing those. If you have books that need auditing, please mail to her. She would like to do them before convention.

Care Connection/Hope for Heroes Chair Peggie Sprinkle announced she had placed a copy of the Care Connection directory information on the tables. Care Connection links ESA members who might need assistance. She also urged everyone to send in reports by April 1 of any donations and events the chapter or members have done in the past year to support military personnel. This will be included in a book she is making for Gwynn Nell; however, information will be accepted until July 1 for reporting to the IC Hope for Heroes Chair.

Awards Chair, Judy Cravens, encouraged everyone to participate in writing an essay due April 1 on What ESA Means to Me. Chapters also need to send in Pallas Athene degrees. Years of service will also be recognized at convention with special recognition for those having 25 years and up, but she needs names by April 1.

Chaplain Linda Leveridge needs names of those who have passed away in your chapter: member, spouse, daughter, son, etc., for the convention memorial service. She also needs the name of your chapter representative for that service. She gave a report on the cards she had sent since last report.

Connie Johnson gave an update on District II Vice Coordinator Libby Zaage, who is still very ill.

LUNCH RECESS

Contest Chair Sue Patterson reminded members that contests can be postmarked April 1 and that each individual contest needs to go to that respective chair. Also each chair was reminded to get their information to Outstanding Chapter Chair Joy Agan as soon as possible after April 1. If you have any concerns about any contest, get these to Sue so they can be presented at the June meeting.

Credentials Chair Joyce Lacey-Kenney reported 28 chapters are eligible to vote at State Convention according to the Treasurer's report. Please check with Joyce when you arrive at convention to sign for chapter ballots, and also delegate or proxy for IC convention. She will use the April 1st printout from IC for the final number of chapters eligible.

Janice Shockley, 2012 Convention Chair, announced the person who sells the most ads for the most money will receive \$100. Sue Knight only has 7 ads so far.

Robbin Brown reported 69 had registered for state convention along with 4 guests. Please get registration in as soon as possible.

In Libby Zaage's absence, Nancy Buck has taken over DIANA. She stated there were 4 entries and 5 judges were used. There was a tie, so more judges were brought in.

Directory Chair Mary Adams reported to date 101 directories had been sold, 98 at full \$8 price and 3 at ½ price with total sales of \$806. Upon recommendation of the Executive & General Board, Mary moved the price of the State Directory remain at \$8 each. Motion carried.

Judi York, St. Jude Chair, reported it had been a great year for Oklahoma and St. Jude. There have been radio-thons, runs, Saddle up for St. Jude, mall walks, the Memphis Marathon, and other events. The Oklahoma Dream homes are coming along with tickets going on sale in Tulsa March 2 and in Oklahoma City March 15. The IC Challenge for St. Jude is the ESA Hope Hop at IC. Initial fee is \$200 and will take place Friday evening with lots of dancing and fun. Chapters also need to donate

silent auction items for the Friday evening state convention with funds going to St. Jude, Easter Seals, and the ESA Foundation. The Thank You ESA will be in Nashville April 14. If you are mailing your report, do it BEFORE April 1 as she will be out of town; but reports can be e-mailed by April 1.

Jo Rott, Easter Seals Chair, encouraged everyone to buy a raffle ticket and send her reports by April 1.

ESA Foundation Chair Ramona Means processed 421 scholarship applications and is now waiting to hear which Oklahoma students will receive Foundation scholarships, which should be either late April or May. At the beginning of the Foundation year, we had 116 members, which is down. Please see Ramona at State Convention to sign the IC Credentials form and get a proxy if not attending IC.

Membership Chair Mary Johnson reported 41 new pledges will be recognized at convention.

Outstanding Chapter Chair Joy Agan asked contest chairs to send their results to her before April 10 to eaja1116@prodigy.net

Outstanding Youth Chair Nellrita Barrick has received both Outstanding Junior High and Senior High applications by the March 1 deadline. They are being judged.

Philanthropic Chair Darla Barton asked that when anyone is e-mailing her to please put a subject line that she will recognize so she won't delete the message. Philanthropic reports are due April 1 with mileage rates being calculated at 55.5 cents.

Sooner Seniorette President Robbin Brown had no report.

Webmaster Aletha Bolt reminded everyone to send her things that need to be uploaded to the www.oklaesa.org website. The password to get into emails is "esa2008" unless changed by the previous officer.

2012 IC Convention Chair Cathy Holsted urged everyone to stay at the hotel and that only 2 people from Oklahoma had registered for convention and only 20 total people. Deadline is April 1 before a penalty is assessed. Immediately after today's meeting, there will be a meeting of all IC convention chapter hostesses.

Publicity Chair Leslie Farabee reminded chapters wanting to compete to compile a Presentation Book of published articles, then download and fill out a Publicity Contest Entry Form and mail all to her by April 1. If you have articles to be placed in Gwynn Nell's News Folder to be presented to her at convention, get them to Leslie as soon as possible. These will not be judged. Leslie's cell phone is 918.808.6085.

Gwynn Nell asked for any new business. Linda Leveridge said she had received an email about Bunnie Sullins who is having kidney problems and her husband, who fell and was severely injured and is in the Pawnee Rehab Center now unable to work. Connie Johnson reported that Libby Zaage had been moved out of ICU to Room 601 at Baptist Hospital, and they had removed the tube from her brain. Louise Malloy invited everyone to Arapaho Friday March 30 for their Bunco Bash for St. Jude. Billye Peterson announced Edmond's Bunco Bash will be Sunday afternoon, March 25. Joyce Gibson announced there would be a State Board meeting May 19.

Gwynn Nell reminded all board members to report what they had done for the year in their notebooks to be passed on at convention in lieu of the annual reports previously used. All Chapter Presidents are urged to bring their chapter roster forms with new chapter officers marked to give to the new Directory Chair and also the list of people who want the Petticoat Journal mailed to them given to the new PJ editor.

Gwynn Nell urged everyone to get convention registration in before the April 13 deadline.

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Approved by Committee April 7, 2012

s/ Dr. Billye Peterson
Recording Secretary

Date approved: _____