

Oklahoma State Council of ESA
State Council Meeting
November 9, 2013

The Oklahoma State Council meeting was called to order at 9:51 a.m. by State President Tina Davenport McKamie. Tina led members in the opening ritual. Schlunda Leslie led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lora Thompson, for Chaplain Nellrita Barrick, gave the devotional for the day which was about Love and wished everyone a very Wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy Love-filled New Year.

Nancy Buck reported on how Gwen Nell Swanson was doing after her car accident. Nancy said she has a fractured hip and possibly cracked ribs. She had an MRI but no report on what that showed as of yet. She will be down 4 to 6 weeks, so prayers and cards will be appreciated.

Nancy Baucom gave a health report on Doris Kemp. Doris had strep pneumonia and was home doing better and she thanked everyone for all the cards and well wishes and prayers on Doris' behalf. Nancy also reported that Vivian Gibson was doing good and thanked everyone for all the prayers and cards on her behalf as well.

Tina welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for choosing to spend their day at the meeting. She asked if everyone had registered and paid for lunch and if not, they needed to see the Treasurer, Margaret Kramer. She reminded all that attendance would be taken from registration.

Tina introduced the fabulously adorable, magnificently brilliant Sooner Senioresses.

Tina appointed the committee to read the minutes this meeting Chairman, Mary Adams with members Dawn Haley and Maggie Sellers.

The committee to read the minutes of the August 24th State Council Leadership was Chairman Nancy Buck with members, Louise Maloy and Billie Fritch. Nancy Buck reported that the minutes will be placed on file as printed.

First Vice-President/Nominating Committee Chairman, Linda Southerland reported that she needs officers! They had a nominating committee meeting during the break and they came up with some names and had one turn them down. She said that if they ask any of us it's a compliment. They wouldn't ask if they didn't think our members are able and capable and could do a good job. So, please don't turn them down. She also needs committee chairmen. If anyone wants to be on a committee, please see one of nominating committee members.

Parliamentarian, Robyn Ryan reported that the deadline to submit By-Law Changes is March 1, 2014.

Treasurer, Margaret Kramer presented her report. General Fund beginning balance as of August 24, 2013 was \$5,221.78. Total income was \$3,892.00 and total disbursements were \$2,190.89. General Fund ending balance as of November 9, 2013 is \$7,172.89.

Speaker's Fund beginning balance was \$1,171.96. Total disbursements (Cindy Morrison) were \$250.00. Ending balance is \$921.96.

IC Campaign Fund balance is \$219.36.
Doer's Fund balance is \$172.25.
2012 IC Convention Deposit Balance is \$5,515.14
Certificate of Deposit balance is \$4,002.07

Billie Fritch, Beta Zeta, Oklahoma City, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. It was seconded. Motion carried.

Margaret also reported that we recently received notice that the Registration Fee for IC Leadership has increased to \$610. When the Budget for this year was approved in June, we based the budgeted amount on last year's registration fee. She moved that the Budget amount for IC Leadership Registration Fee for the First Vice President to increased from \$600 to \$610. It was seconded by Robbin Brown, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee. Motion carried.

Tina and the Texas State President, Sue Ann Tarleton have discussed planning a weekend retreat to discuss issues and challenges both states face as well as socializing. It has been suggested that we meet during the first quarter of 2014 probably somewhere around the Red River. Upon recommendation from the executive board it has been moved that we plan such a retreat. Coming from a committee no second is required. Motion carried.

Membership Director, Rita Hains reported that we didn't quite reach our membership goal for November of one new member per chapter, an increase of 5% which would have been 35 members. We made it to 31 new members but we still have time to meet the 10% goal by April of 70 new members. Right now we are sitting at 54 chapters and 718 members. We need more members. She had handouts about membership ideas. There was one new member in attendance and Rita gave her a carrot cake. She also gave sponsors of new members carrot cakes.

She then introduced Deb Hughes, Oklahoma Social Media Chair and IC Workshop Coordinator. Deb has a new program to introduce called BOGO. Deb explained that BOGO means Be One Get One. Invite someone to do an activity with you. Peak their interest in ESA. We want to Be a good member to Get a good member. She asked everyone to make a commitment to Be One Get One.

ESA Membership Corp President, Past IC President and "The Energizer", Rosalie Griffith had a small project for everyone. We played Bingo but not the typical kind of Bingo. This Bingo had no free spaces and everyone was up and moving around. To get a Bingo everyone had to find matches to each square by asking questions such as "Have you traveled to more than 25 states?"

State Project Director, Darlene Cushenberry reported that all the students from the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf are sponsored. Everyone that came to the meeting brought hats and scarves for the students at the OSB. She also had "thank you" door prizes.

Directory Chairman, Judi York said she had ten directories left to sell.

Petticoat Journal Editor, Lori Few said the next deadline for the Dec/Jan issue was Sunday, Nov. 10th. Also, if you'd still like a subscription she will send the back issues as well as the current issue. Cost is \$15.00.

Easter Seals Chairman, Judy Cravens encouraged everyone to have some type of fund raiser for Easter Seals this year. Since the last meeting she has sent Easter Seals an additional \$280 raised through raffles and donations. The total that Judy has sent to Easter Seals so far this year is \$1,441.33. She has copies of the report form needed to send in with any donations and they can also find them on the IC website.

The focus of the current IC President, Vicky Jones' this year is literacy so we've added another position on the board, the Care and Share Coordinator which is Karen Barker. She is going to search for ways or ideas that we can promote literacy. One idea is to learn more about and support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project. Another idea is to volunteer to read to kids at local schools, at nursing homes or at hospitals. Other members mentioned some websites and organizations for Karen to check out.

Contest Chairman, Jeanne Meyer said she hoped that we will enter state contests this year so we can share the successes that ESA brings to Oklahoma. The rules are published on the Oklahoma website so please take a few minutes to read over them and remember your state council dues must be paid by January 1, 2014 in order to be eligible to enter the contests. Also keep in mind the contests entries and materials must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2014 to be eligible for the Distinguished Achievement award and Outstanding Youth awards. All other contest entries must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2014. She also reminded the chairmen overseeing contests that your official judging sheets, composite sheets and winner's sheets can be found on the Oklahoma website. All chairmen with information that is to be sent to the Outstanding Chapter Chairman, must do so by April 1, 2014.

Hope for Heroes Chairman, Peggie Sprinkle read about how November 11th got chosen to be Veteran's day. She also read a poem called Veteran's Day Tribute. If you need ideas for projects just ask her. Peggie also had two special guest speakers. These were two very special ladies that served our country. One veteran, L Pietje, was an immigrant from Holland, a full blooded Dutch and served during World War II. The other, Sergeant Wanda Graham was a Korean War veteran. They had very interesting stories about their life and service in the Marines as well as their lives and families now. They have formed an Oklahoma Women's Chapter in Tulsa for Women veterans.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

We reconvened at 12:30 p.m. with Ms. Rosalie Griffith having everybody exercising

Ms. Judy Cravens had her drawing from her Easter Seals raffle since she needed to leave.

Tina passed around the Disaster Fund jar for donations since Joyce Gibson was not able to be at the meeting.

Second Vice-President/Educational Director, Billye Peterson educational for the day was making homemade hand cream which she called Essence of ESA. She also shared ideas that you can make out of empty toilet paper rolls such as fire starters and creative Christmas packaging.

President Tina reminded everybody about her Crystal Slipper Award. It goes to an ESA member who we feel has gone the extra mile and beyond for another member or members. If there is someone that any of us think has gone the extra mile please let her know.

2014 Convention Committee performed a skit about the 2014 convention and we all sang the song, "Somewhere over the Rainbow."

ESA for St. Jude Chairman, Ms. Donna Shook had to leave so Ms. Judi York talked about the upcoming St. Jude Walks. One in OKC at Penn Square Mall and the other in Tulsa at the Promenade Mall on November 23rd. The next event is the Memphis St. Jude Marathon and there are three from Oklahoma going, Deb Hughes, Rosalie Griffith and Judi York and they need sponsors. Tulsa will be having another St. Jude Dream home give away in Owasso. OKC is working on their dream home give away.

Ms. Nancy Buck had a special project – She demonstrated several different ways to tie or wear a scarf as well as accessorizing with one.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements

Ms. June Miller, 2014 Convention Chairman – there are already 26 early registrations for state convention.

Peggie Sprinkle gave away the Patriotic basket to Mary Adams and the Santa Claus figurine went to Linda Leveridge.

Tina presented the Sooner Senioresses with Christmas gifts.

Carrie Willingham thanked everybody that came to the District II meeting on Nov. 9th and they collected 61 children's books which will be distributed to a head start program in downtown OKC and one in Guthrie.

Margaret Kramer gave away the 50/50 raffle prize to Deb Hughes.

President Tina then wished everyone "a Very Merry Holiday Season full of special memories with family and friends. May the good Lord bless you abundantly and please have safe travel until we meet again. "

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. and members recited the closing ritual.

Submitted by:
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