

Oklahoma State Council of ESA
Board/ Leadership Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2014

The Board and Leadership meeting was called to order by President Linda Southerland at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday August 23, 2014, at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Linda led in the Opening Ritual then Gwynn Nell Swanson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda asked everyone to confirm their lunch reservation. The attendance will be taken from registration.

Lora Thompson gave the devotional.

Linda had all the Sooner Senioresses to stand. Other introductions will take place as the officers give their reports. She reminded them to come to the microphone and when thru give a copy of report or motion to Recording Secretary Robyn Ryan.

The committee to read the minutes of today's meeting is: Janice Shockley, Chairperson with Gwen Beasley and Gwynn Nell Swanson.

The committee to read the minutes of the June State Council was Maxine Wheelan, Sylvia Ochs and Glenda Petty. Sylvia Ochs announced the minutes were approved and printed on the Petticoat Journal.

Joyce Lacey-Kenny gave the Treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$9,736.44, the Income \$1,784.50 and the expenses \$2,609.10 with the ending balance being \$8,822.84. The Speaker's Fund \$953.98, IC Campaign Fund \$219.36, DOER'S Fund \$172.25, 2012 IC Convention Deposit 11-6-12 \$2,164.90 and the Certificate of Deposit \$4,002.07.

Lori Few gave the report for Project Director Margaret Kramer. Margaret thanked everyone for prayers, good wishes, cards and e-mails during husband's recent medical problems. She is receiving the roster from OSD and waiting on OSB. Please indicate whether a chapter or individual is sponsoring a child and do so before September 1. Also remember to make a donation to the State Project Fund.

Linda thanked Oklahoma State Council for allowing her the honor to represent Oklahoma at the International Council Convention. There were 10 members present. She carried the Oklahoma State Flag and was escorted by Cathy Holsted and Rosalie Griffith.

Linda announced that Deb Hughes was appointed to the IC board as 2014-2015 News Bulletin Chair, Aletha Bolt was appointed to the IC board as IC Junior Webmaster and Judi York was appointed to the Foundation Board as ESA Foundation Newsletter Editor.

Deb Hughes talked to us about MARC (Mid America Regional Council). Oklahoma got an invitation to join. There are 11 states already in this council. The conference for this is held the second weekend of October. This year's will be in Madison, Wisconsin. There are no dues. They send a representative from every chapter to IC Convention. This is for leadership inside and outside ESA. The theme is food, friendship and fun. Have different programs for health issues to learn how to deal with them or educate. They have Scholarships for states to participate and a huge Hope for Heroes program bigger than IC. The registration is \$130.00 which includes two meals Friday, two meals Saturday and Brunch Sunday. Helps with membership for ESA in leadership skills. They invite the State President and two representatives to the

conference. Peggy Hughes made a motion that Oklahoma State Council join the MARC. Linda Leveridge seconded. Motion carried.

Vicki Farris IC President wants is emphasize on Emergency Preparedness. Let's see what we can do to help.

Linda passed out the awards from IC. Maie L Wells Outstanding State Educational Director-Dr. Billye Peterson. Top Ten Educational Programs-Jane Fleming; Kappa Alpha, Tulsa, Katie Wamser; Beta Rho, Del City, Peggie is; Beta Gamma, Tulsa, Association of the Arts- Linda Leveridge-First in poem and Third in short story. What ESA Means to Me (More than One Year)-Margaret Kramer; Beta Iota, McAlester. ESA Foundation "Fantasy Event" Award-First Place for the 6th year in a row Vivian Gibson with \$1810.00. Total monies raised for St. Jude by Oklahoma-\$634,237.00, and 1st place is ESA Outstanding Youth Award.

Linda Leveridge introduced the IC Outstanding Youth Award winner; Skye Tompkins from Purcell. Skye is pursuing a degree in Dentistry at the East Central University in Ada. Skye read her entry for Outstanding Youth. President Linda gave her the certificate from IC and a small token of appreciation.

Directory Chair-Judi York gave a report. She had 65 directories presold. Judy had 100 directories copied instead of printed. She had this done at Office Depot with a rewards member 25% off coupon. They only cost \$288.76. Two changes in the directory are Linda Voss's zip code under the "Sooner Senioresses" should be 73054, and the email under "Chapter President's" (Shawnee) should be lindysesa@atlinkwifi.com. It is correct under the Zeta Gamma Chapter listing. Darla Barton said she doesn't have a home phone any longer and under the alpha listing it

has her phone number wrong, it is what is listed under the Publicity office 580-309-0167.

PJ Editor-Rita Hains announced the next deadline for the PJ is September 10. You can send to PJ or her work email. You can send articles or pictures and please tell who is in pictures. The PJ is mailed to those who paid for a subscription, all others can download it from the ESAOKLA website although she emailed to many people because of the delay. She will email in word format to anyone if requested.

Contest Chairmen-Mary Adams thanked Lora Thompson for chairing the contest meeting in June in her absence and presenting recommended contest form changes for board approval. The approved changes were made and uploaded to the website. The form updated or changed are:

Service Report-located under Forms and Reports on the website.

Philanthropic Official Judging Sheet located in the Contest Section under Judging Sheets on the website.

Summary of Contest, Chairmen, Guidelines and Deadlines located in the Contest Section under Guidelines, Etc. under the title "General Information"

Outstanding Chapter-Additional corrections have been made to the report located in the Contest Section under Judging Sheets titled Outstanding Chapter.

Additional corrections and changes are:

Participation 3(A) Changed to read-Bring chapter scrapbook to convention (displayed in Association of Arts room) point remain 10.

Participation 3(B & C) Changed DIA to DAA.

You still have report to Outstanding Chapter chairperson that you are bringing your scrapbook to convention.

Lori Few taught us “Six Subtle Things Highly Productive People Do Every Day”.

1. Manage your mood: Try for 80 to 90 minutes first thing in the morning to do nothing. Stay calm.
2. Don't check E-mail in the morning: E-mails make you react on others goals or problems not your own.
3. Prioritize: Ask yourself do I need to do this at all?
4. Focus: Is nothing more than eliminating distractions.
5. Have a Personal System: Have a routine it keep you from being reactive.
6. Define your goals the night before: If you know your goals then you're not overwhelmed. Establish a closing ritual. (Time to turn off the work mode).

Touch someone else in a positive way every day.

Parliamentarian-Lori Few went over Parliamentary Procedure. Most of your organizations follow parliamentary procedures(the rules and laws of the organization). About 85% of organizations use the Robert's Rules of Order. Characteristic of a formal parliamentary procedures members are recognized by the presiding officer before speaking and a motion before taking action must precede any discussion on an issue and motions must be seconded. The presiding officer can't participate in the discussion. Formal votes are taking by voice or ballot and members can only speak on the same issue twice. No meeting can be called to order without a quorum. The meeting needs to have an agenda. The agenda defines what the board will discuss or take actions on during the meeting. Members are the only one to vote. The vote can be by raising hands or voiced. The member can be recorded on how they voted. The majority is over half of the quorum voting the same way. Main motions usually pertain to money. The proper way is “I move” or “I resolve” what the motion is. If you want to delay, kill or

postpone a motion, a hatchet motion is used. Board meeting minutes are kept but must have Name of organization, place, date and time of meeting and summary of what took place. An opportunity for questions.

President Linda recognized the state meeting first timers and new pledges.

Ways and Means-Jenny Lizama chairperson with a member of each District had a meeting to come up with a money making project to benefit the State Council. This was a big ticket item that tickets could be sold to people inside or outside of ESA. Though no one has donated a big screen TV, Linda has secured a 50 inch Toshiba TV for \$500.00. Unless someone has found one for a cheaper price or for free, Jenny suggested we proceed with purchasing the TV. Also suggested we try to find companies to underwrite the cost of the TV. Did have someone willing to donate \$50.00 towards it. If we sold 400 tickets at \$15 each, 2 for \$25, and 5 for \$50, we would at minimum receive \$4000, less the cost of the TV, for minimum net profit of \$3500. Jenny listed the help of one of her Omega Pi sisters. Would like to kick-off at the November State Council Meeting. She will have flyers and tickets to take back to the chapters. The drawing would be at Convention.

A Branson trip was suggested but hasn't been pursued. Needed it to be donated. Timeshares, quit, TV, \$250 Walmart gift card were also talked about. A trip to Red River timeshare in New Mexico could be donated but certain times will have to be verified. May be we could get gas cards from Loves or On Cue donated.

Linda commented if we could get three projects we would have to worry about budget for a few years. If the districts want to have a project for the State Council it would be appreciated. This will be continued at the November Meeting.

Convention Skit was performed. The “Love Lady” is spreading the news of the ESA Simply Love Convention in April on the 24-26 at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City. Come one Come all join us for the 2015 ESA State Convention where LOVE IS ALL AROUND. Stay tuned to see the next episode on your local ESA network.

Educational Director-Nancy Baucom educational comes from the Highlands of Scotland. Scotland is international known for their bag pipes. The bag pipes started back in the 1500’s and may be introduced as early as 600’s. The great Highland bag pipe was originally associated with hereditary piping families or special clan chiefs’ later pipes were adopted for other uses including military marching. Piping clans included the McArthur, McDonald, McKay, and the McKermith who were hereditary pipers to McCloud. There are a few different types of bag pipes. But they still have the same basic components. Nancy introduced the new premier band from Elk City metro area. The Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drum group is from all walks of life. They formed their group in 1998 preserving the Celtic culture. The group played several songs and answered questions about their kilts, pipes, required attire and how long they have been playing.

ESA Foundation Counselor-Vivian Gibson spoke to us how to apply for an ESA scholarship. You go online to www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf. It is for anyone. You just have to meet the criteria for that particular scholarship. You need two personal letters of recommendation and a letter explaining how it pertains to the subject. Apply early so that if it is incomplete you have time to fix. There is a \$5 processing fee for each scholarship entry. The Foundation awards over 190 scholarships every year. This year 18 of Oklahoma’s entries were awarded. Oklahoma had 652 applications.

Vivian passed out the scholarships that were awarded to our own endowments if it is your endowment please take the student's name. She also handed out the Plateaus of Achievements: Silver: were Janette Murray, Marie Martins, Tina Davenport-McKamie, and Beta Iota #4283. Crystal: Byrdie Emanuel and Ramona Paine-Mean. Turquoise: Delta Lambda #3920. Peridot: Nu Delta #5244.

Chaplain-Lora Thompson announced we lost another sister Wanda Morrow services were Wednesday. The special devotional was given in memory of Nellrita Barrick and Wanda Morrow. The invocation was given for lunch.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

First Vice-President-Billye Peterson gave instructions for the quilt square. Doc Holsted designed the quilt. Each square must have the person's name on it. You can have anything else you want on it but leave a quarter inch from each of the edges blank.

Billye read a thank you note from Nellrita's son and daughter about the beautiful flowers sent.

Billye introduced her friend, Renae Melburne who has been traveling with her to ESA meetings. She would like to get a chapter going in Yukon.

Membership Chairmen-Lola Jaegers could not be here so Billye

Peterson talked about an idea of Friendship to go kit that was given at IC Convention. She handed out examples of the kit. It can be carried in your purse. The application is on one side and the story of ESA is on the other. There was another slip inside that has become your best self. Join ESA today saying to create connections that last a lifetime, impact your world and become a confident leader, changing the world. How ESA can help. On the bottom has local chapter contact blank to put name and phone number. On the blue card put your name and phone and give that to interested party and then have them fill out the green card with their information for contact later. Billye's chapter is getting four new members just because of talking to strangers about ESA.

Motivational Speaker- Linda introduced Reonna Slagell Gossen our guest speaker. Reonna spoke on Leadership and handed out a questionnaire on Social Motives in a Work Setting and a survey on Leadership Characteristics and Skills.

Sooner Seniorette President-Bunnie Sullins spoke for the Sooner Senioresses a motion to nominate Deb Hughes for IC office of her choice.

Coming from a committee no second is needed. Motion carried. The Sooner Senioresses made another motion to nominate Judi York and Cathy Holsted for the IC office of ESA Foundation. Coming from a committee no second is needed. Motion carried.

Old Business: Billye Peterson had asked Cathy Holsted about looking into purchasing our own A/V equipment. Cathy gave a report on it at the last meeting, so did Judi York. We could purchase the equipment thru Judi's daughter at dealer's cost. The system includes wireless mike, USB port, CD/DVD player, MP3, speakers and speaker stand and would be big enough for a convention room or small room. It has to be

stored properly and be maintain, not too hot or cold and it comes with a cover. The mike stand is \$100.00. The system is portable. The cost is around \$1000.00 with cables and everything.

After much discussion a motion was made by Jenny Lizama to purchase the portable sound system for \$1000.00. Peggy Hughes seconded. Motion was defeated.

Linda still has charms for \$8.00

Linda thank Rita Hains for the fantastic job on the Petticoat Journal.

Announcements:

Remember District IV leadership on September 6th.

District III leadership on September 13th

District V leadership on September 20th

OSD Tour on October 25th

November State Council will be November 15th

The Christmas party will be at 8:00 on November 14th

Convention meeting will be on November 14th

Hope everyone enjoyed the "Shopping on the Mall"

There is forms for the sponsorship of the OSD and OSB students on the back table.

Deb Hughes announced that the MARC meeting will be October 9-11, 2015 in Omaha, Nebraska.

Omega Pi is having their First annual spaghetti fundraiser and movie night. Viewer choice on movie.

Gamma Zeta biggest fundraiser (All the Jazz) is on September 13, the tickets are \$30.00 for luncheon and entertainment.

At IC Convention they are getting a grant in B.J. Clark name. BJ is retiring Jan 1 as Executive Director.

Drawings were done for the items of the day.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

The Closing Ritual was recited.

Submitted by Robyn Ryan
Recording Secretary 2014-2015

