

Oklahoma State Council of ESA
State Council Meeting
June 21, 2014

The Oklahoma State Council meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by President Linda Southerland. Linda led in the opening ritual. Hope for Heroes Co-Chairman Patty Heer and Peggy Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda read letter of resignation from Nellrita Barrick, due to the aggressiveness of my cancer and the pain I am in, regretfully, I must resign as the ESA Oklahoma Chaplain, 2014-2015. I am so sorry having to miss serving on your general board. Linda also announced that Lora Thompson resigned as member co-chair. Linda then appointed Lora Thompson as the acting State Chaplain. She Nancy Buck to serve as chaplain for this meeting only. All future information concerning chaplain should be sent to Lora.

Corresponding Secretary: Robbin Brown read regrets from Billye Peterson, Rita Hains, Tina McKamie, Jane Thomas, Judy Cravens, Nellrita Barrick, Mary Adams, Rosalie Griffin, Joy Agan.

Introductions: Linda welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized some special people.

Deb Hughes- IC Workshop Coordinator, Candidate for IC Recording Secretary and Sooner Seniorette.

Cathy Holsted- ESA Foundation Director, Past IC President, Past ESA Foundation Chairman, 2012 IC Convention Chair, Awards Chairman and Sooner Seniorette.

Ramona Paine- Outstanding Chapter Chairman and Sooner Seniorette.

Judy York-Past IC Parliamentarian, Directory Chairman and Sooner Seniorette, Parliamentarian for this meeting, and candidate for ESA Foundation board.

Lola Jaegers-Past ESA Foundation Chairman and Sooner Seniorette.

Vivian Gibson-Past ESA Foundation Director, ESA Foundation Counselor and Sooner Seniorette.

Billie Fritch-Dixie Palmer Founder

And the most amazing, helpful, considerate, compassionate, wonderful and beautiful Sooner Senioresses.

Linda then asked if there was any first time attendees, there was none. One DESA was present.

Linda reminded everyone to register for the meeting for attendance with Robyn Ryan.

The committee to read the minutes of the June State Council meeting is Maxine Wheelan, Sylvia Ochs and Glenda Petty.

The committee to read the minutes of the State Convention was Lola Jaegers, chairman with Mona Quaid Martin and Sue Knight. Lola reported the minutes were corrected and will be printed in the PJ.

OFFICER REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

ESA Foundation: Vivian Gibson thanked everyone for helping make the auction successful. We made \$2724 which was equally divided between the Foundation, Easter Seals and St Jude. The Foundation portion was donated to two of the endowments that the Oklahoma State Council is responsible for. We are responsible for Myre Starr, Joyce and Oscar Whitewing and Hawkins-Tuma Memorial Endowment. Vivian received a note from the Scholarship Chairman stating that we needed to add \$179.00 to Mrye Starr Endowment before May 31, 2014 in order to give a scholarship for 2015. Since we have no budget amount in the State Council's budget for the endowments; She made an executive decision to donate \$608.00 to the Mrye Starr Endowment since it had less than any of the endowments, the \$200.00 to the Hawkins-Tuma Endowment. The Joyce and Oscar Whitewing has sufficient funds.

As of March 2014 before awarding scholarships for 2014, Mrye Starr Endowment has \$5821.00, Hawkins-Tuma \$6766.00 and Joyce and Oscar Whitewing \$16,058.00.

Vivian made a motion :

Since the State Counselor is the one who receives the information on the endowments and has the auction money with no designated Foundation Fund that it be left to the discretion of the Foundation Counselor to decide which fund of the Foundation to donate the money to. Peggie Sprinkle seconded. Motion carried.

If you or your chapter are considering making a donation to the foundation general or scholarship fund, please consider making the donation to one of the Council's endowments.

Someone wanted to know if they donated to the Endowment would they get credit as a donation to the Foundation and the answer is yes.

It is scholarship time. Please tell your friends and the schools in your area, about all of the scholarships that are available. Direct them to the website: epsilonsigmaalpha.org to apply online.

Vivian also asked if you are a member of the Foundation please see her to sign your credentials if not going to IC Convention and sign for who you want as your proxy.

PROJECT DIRECTOR: Margaret Kramer reported a total monies collected was \$4415.00.

Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board she moved that we give the Oklahoma School of the Blind \$1870.50 to the 1:1 Initiative Program for grades 5 thru 12. Coming from a committee no seconded required. Motion carried.

Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board she move that we give the Oklahoma School of the Deaf \$2644.50 to utilized at the discretion of the school. The choices were updating the Senior Dormitory with bedding, pillows, rugs, decoration, towels and shower curtains. The last update was 2008-2009 school year. The other choice was DVD players on buses that transport student's home all over the state. The cost is \$100 each with 6 DVD per bus times 5 buses. Coming from a committee no seconded required. Motion carried.

Second Vice-President/Educational Director: Nancy Baucom gave an educational on Science of Music. Music is defined as an art of sound in time that expresses ideas & emotions in significant forms through the elements of rhythm, melody, harmony and color. But what is music? Is birdsong music? How about the tap-tap-tap of a hammer, or the wail of a creaking door? Is playing a garbage can different than playing a drum?

Music refuses to be contained. It won't just sit there, neat & orderly in the bins at a record store. It finds its way into everything, shows up everywhere, and right when you think you've got it, somehow it moves on.

Where is music now? Some say music is where you find it. In fact, music is where it finds you. It can find you in ordinary, daily places and things. First it's in the cacophony of a tuning orchestra then it's in the men's restroom with an itinerant saxophone player. Next it's in your kitchen when pots and pans are clanging, in the sound of a coffee grinder or perhaps you'd hear it just by touching the rim of a wine glass filled with water.

Context has a huge impact on how we interpret the sounds we hear. Visual information is a large part of that context. For example, if you were to close your eyes and listen to sounds in your home such as the sound of the clock ticking, you might think it sounds like a metronome or the claws of a crab or maybe the hum of the refrigerator in your kitchen might sound like an accordion. Often as our brains struggle to make sense of the world, what we see matters as much or more than what we hear. Scientists call this visual dominance.

She was going to demonstrate but due to technical difficulties was not able.

Sooner Seniorette President: Bunnie Sullins was not here.

Treasurer: Joyce Lacey-Kenney Treasurer Report:

Balance transferred for 2013-2014	\$9379.01
Income	\$ 157.43
Disbursements	\$ -0-
Ending Balance as of June 20, 2014	\$9736.44

Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board Joyce move that the 2014-2015 proposed budget be approved. Coming from a committee, no second is needed. Motion carried.

Contest Chairman: Mary Adams was not here but Lora Thompson presented proposed changes.

1. Service Report: Remove Hope Projects and add Hope for Heroes. Coming from a committee no second required. Motion carried.

2. Outstanding Chapter: Under Participation remove K) Hope for Heroes and put under Philanthropic add F) Hope for Heroes for 10 points. Under Participation: eliminate 3J under participation and raise the number of points for 6B Publicity to 10 points. Rush: add D) Held recruitment party for 15 points. Philanthropic: A) Service Report reported by April 1, 20__ Raise to 25 points. Conventions: The Recording Secretary sends information to the Outstanding Chapter Chair. Coming from a committee no second required. Motion carried.
3. Philanthropic Official Judging Sheet: Add Hope for Heroes. Coming from a committee no second required. Motion carried.

Linda then announced the head tables. Margaret Kramer-Project Director, Robyn Ryan-Recording Secretary, Nancy Baucom-2nd Vice-President, Judy York acting Parliamentarian for the day, Joyce Lacey-Kenney-Treasurer, Robbin Brown-Corresponding Secretary.

Robyn Ryan reported 48 Registrants for the meeting and 41 for lunch.

Nancy Buck said our blessing before breaking for lunch.

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

The meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

2014 Oklahoma Convention Chairman: June Miller gave the final financial report. The Hosting Convention Chapters were Alpha Zeta, Epsilon Kappa and Beta Iota. The income was \$18,765.00, expenses \$17,551.14, Total profit \$1,213.86. State Council part of the profit was \$106.93. The three chapters hosting divided \$1106.93.

We had 136 registrations but refunded 6, 11 Luncheon only registrations at \$33 each; 24 banquet only registrations at \$40 each. Ad sales of \$1665, charm sales of \$1039; Hospitality room profit of \$286; Sales on chances for free registration and free one night stay at the Doubletree plus \$50 gift card of \$486; Misc. sales \$36. Convention City paid for the Board Dinner and any Sooner Senioretttes attending.

June thanked everyone for coming to convention, and hoped they enjoyed their weekend. Both Linda and Billye look forward to your good attendance and happy spirits in the next two years.

The Doubletree called a few days after convention and said everyone loved the ESA LADIES and THEY WANT US BACK.

2015 Convention Skit was done inviting everyone to attend the LOVE BOAT to the Biltmore Hotel where colors are everywhere and love is all around.

2015 Convention Chairman Report: Nancy Buck made a motion. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board I move that the registration for 2015 convention remain at \$100 for members and \$40 for guest, and that we include another option to the registration form for those who wish to attend the Sunday morning brunch at a cost of \$20. Coming from a committee no second is required. Motion carried.

ESA for St. Jude: Peggie Sprinkle reported on some of the projects in the last few months for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Right now the Tulsa Dream Home is going on. The last count over 6000 tickets have been sold, the goal is 10000. The house will be open all next week for 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the Parade of Homes. Giveaway will be June 29th 1-3 p.m. on FOX23 tv.

Inola chapter Sigma Chi held their 33rd Inola St. Jude run.

Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Lawton held a St. Jude radiothon for 2 days and raised \$31,245.00

Presentation of certificates were given for the participation of the OKC Dream Home 2013 and the radiothon Feb 2014.

Please let her know of any projects you will be doing to support St. Jude. You can go to epsilonsigmaalpha.org or stjude.org to find out ideas for fundraising. There are forms to use if you have a project not thru ALSAC.

If anyone is interested in making a trip to Memphis to tour St. Jude please see her as she is trying to schedule a tour for October or February.

Please remember by giving and supporting the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital we are helping to find cures, and saving children.

Hope for Heroes: Patty Heer spoke about focusing on the Hope for Heroes families that are here. This is for all branches of service. We were wanting to collect baby items to make a basket to give to a family with a newborn while the other family member is deployed. She also wants to collect teddy bears to give the children of deployed soldiers. We should also think about things we could do to help families like mowing the yard and other jobs around the home.

Report all on the philanthropic report of things you have done.

There were several drawings today to help raise money for this project.

Speakers Fund: Robbin Brown reported that upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, the president would like to request the use of monies from the Speakers Fund, not to exceed \$250.00, for a guest speaker at the August State Council Leadership. Coming from a committee no second is required. Motion carried.

Sr. Past President/Workshop Coordinator: Joyce Gibson had to leave early. No report.

Easter Seals: Tammy Bowman thanked the ESA Foundation for their help at Convention.

Right now there is cookies for sale and have a designer bag (worth \$139) to buy chances on for the next few meetings. Will have other things at different meetings. Chances on the designer hand bag. 1 for \$3, 2 for \$5, 5 for \$10.

Membership: Lola Jeagers with Lora Thompson reported that headquarters printout as of May 31, Oklahoma had lost 2 members. Remember Joyce and Billie standing up here, did their reports inspire us to have the most members ever then? You are the reason we have new members-we don't achieve great things by ourselves. Remember, the reason you joined ESA and give someone the gift of ESA by asking them to become a member. Let's do it for the team.

Lola would like to know about your recruitment (rush) parties for reporting to the Outstanding Chapter Chairman.

Directory: Judi York announced that if you have given her an updated Chapter Roster you need to do so as quickly ASAP. Get your directory order today so we know how many to print.

District Coordinators: President Linda announced that District III needs the chapter president names to be given to Charlene Law. Linda, Robbin Brown, and Judi York need a chapter presidents names.

She then announced the District Meeting dates. District II will be August 2 at Clinton, District III will be September 13 at the Highland Park Christian Church in Tulsa, District IV will be September 6 in Norman, District V will be September 30 at the Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee.

Cathy Holstead asked if you brought your Dr. Seuss books for IC Convention, be sure she gets them.

If you brought your baby items get them to Peggy or Patty.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Linda want a committee to figure out money making projects for the State Council so we don't have to cut budget or raise dues.

One member from each District to be on the committee. District IV –Sue Bobb, District II-Libby Zuage, District III- Marge Goodno, District V-June Miller.

Billye Peterson had asked Cathy Holstead if we could look into purchasing our own A/V equipment. Cathy got a quote of \$798 without mike stand and with mike stand would be \$1000. Cathy reminded that if we get this someone will have to tote it around and check with hotels if we can use our own equipment.

Judi York report we could get a portable sound system at dealer's cost thru her daughter. It includes system with wireless mike, USB port, cd/dvd player, MP3, speakers and speaker stand. Will be big enough for a convention room, or small room. Have to stored properly and be maintain, not to hot or cold. Has

cover for it. Mike stand is about \$100.00. This will be discussed at August meeting.

Announcements: We will be having "ESA shopping on the mall" at Leadership so reserve a table and get you sales pitch going. Tables are \$10.

Linda Leveridge read a letter from Anita Kay Hilburn the ESA IC Outstanding Youth Chair 2013-2014. She informed us that Skye Tompkins, Delta Kappa #3538 nominee, was chosen by a panel of judges for the ESA IC Outstanding Senior High Youth winner for 2013-2014.

District V-Leadership is on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Oklahoma School for the Blind. "Learn First Hand with ESA." Come and hear from families who receive services and care from Kelly B Todd Cerebral Palsy and Neuro-Muscular Center and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Learn self-defense techniques, how to maintain physical agility and improve your leadership skills. Remember to invite your prospective pledges to this exciting and fun day of learning and serving ESA. Registration is \$15 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. Please email the names of those attending to Jane Thomas. (jthomas@osb.k12.us) by Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

Tulsa Area Council Bunco Bash is on Friday, August 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. located in the Highland Park Christian Church. This benefits Emergency Infant Services. The cost is \$15 per player or \$10 if you bring an item on the list. Like diapers (newborn, size 4 & 5), wipes, formula, receiving blankets, baby wash, baby bottles, or new toddler clothing sizes 2-6.

Reminders: If participating in the Secret Sister Program see Linda Jones.

There is items for sale in back. 50/50 jar is also in back. Order your directory with Judi York. President/Convention charms are on sale for \$8. Petticoat Journal subscriptions to be mailed are \$15, contact Rita Hains.

Deb Hughes on the Santa Hugs. There is simpler instructions now available. Need people can sew and can donate money for material.

Everyone who is going to IC please stand. They counted 12 people going.

Thank you for coming today and have a safe and pleasant drive home. I do hope to see you at State Leadership on August 23.

Meeting adjourned a 1:38 p.m.

The Closing Ritual was recited.