

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2015
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The Oklahoma State Council meeting was called to order at New Covenant United Methodist Church, Edmond, OK at 10:32 a.m. by State President Dr. Billye Peterson. Billye thanked everyone for coming.

The membership recited the Opening Ritual.

Peggy Hughes gave the Thought for the Day, a quote from William James. Peggy then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Peggy reported that since convention she sent 29 cards in total: 10 get-well, 10 sympathy and 9 thinking of you. Peggy created an email list that includes all OK ESA members. Peggy asked that if you have not been receiving her e-mail to let her know.

Dr. Peterson recognized and thanked her Gamma Zeta Sisters for helping her with her first Star Spangled year meeting.

Billye introduced Rosalie Griffith, ESA Membership Corporation President, Past IC President, Sooner Seniorette and Board "Firecracker". Rosalie led the membership in an activity. Each member had half of a paper plate and was instructed to find the member who had the match and learn something new about that member. Billye asked the Board members to stand and be recognized and thanked them for their service. She further informed the members that the Executive Board would not be at a head table and at lunch will be sitting among the membership so that everyone would have an opportunity to know the leaders better.

The Sooner Senioresses were acknowledged and were presented a small gift from Billye in appreciation for their willingness to help, their guidance, and dedication to ESA.

There were no guests. Pam Fink, Gamma Zeta, was a first-time meeting attendee and one ELAN was also present.

Roll call will be taken from the registration. Corresponding Secretary, Jacque Cantrel reported 55 present; 47 members, 1 ELAN and 7 working the St. Jude Dream Home, Tulsa.

The committee to read the minutes of the 72nd Oklahoma State Convention was Rosalie Griffith, Chair; Jacque Cantrel and Sue Knight. Rosalie reported the minutes were incomplete.

The committee to read today's meeting minutes is Linda Voss, Chair; Linda Coniglio and Brenda Beed.

OFFICER REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Corresponding Secretary – Jacque Cantrel read regrets and correspondence.

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Treasurer – Synovia Lemmings presented the financial report

Balance transferred from 2014-2015	\$ 757.07
Income 2015 Convention Profit	\$2,258.45
Donations	\$ 100.00
Directories	\$ 216.00
Disbursements	\$ 0.00
General Fund Balance as of June 5, 2015	\$3,331.52

Synovia presented the proposed 2015-2016 Budget. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Synovia moved the 2015-2016 proposed Budget be approved. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Project Director – Margaret Kramer (in Tawanna Cathey’s absence) reported \$2,356.44 is allocated to OSD and they would like to utilize the monies to update the student union or move engraved bricks to the flag pole area near the football field. OSB would like to spend their allocated funds of \$1,893.56 to purchase new cheerleader uniforms. Margaret moved: Upon recommendation of the Oklahoma Executive and General Board, I move that \$2,356.44 be given to OSD and \$1,893.56 be given to OSB for the schools to use at their discretion. Coming from a committee, no second is required. Motion carried.

Tour Dates for OSD October 3, 2015, and OSB February 20, 2016

2015 Convention Report – Gwynn Nell Swanson reported 127 were in attendance; members 100 - 99 woman, 1 man; and 27 guests.

2016 Convention Chair – Linda Coniglio, Co-Chair and Linda Voss, Registration Chair
Linda announced that America the Beautiful, the OK State Convention 2016, will be held at the Reed Conference Center, Midwest City, OK on April 30, April 31 and May 1, 2016.

Linda Voss shared with the group the most painless registration ever! The jar! Linda further explained if everyone went home today and put \$9.17 a week in the jar you would have enough money saved to pay your registration in full by the August 2015 Leadership meeting or if you preferred to put \$4.54 per week you would have adequate funds to pay for Convention registration by the November State Council meeting. Linda encouraged the membership to decorate their jars and bring them to the August meeting to show off and receive something fun. If you pay registration by August your name will be placed in the “Happy Bucket” for a chance for something special. Linda made the motion: Upon the recommendation of the Oklahoma Executive and General Board, I move the 2016 Convention registration fee be raised to \$110 for members, DESA’s and ELAN’s and \$50 for banquet guests. Coming from a committee no second is required, motion carried.

Dr. Peterson made a motion to request the use of monies from the Speaker’s Fund, not to exceed \$100, for guest speakers at the August 2015 State Council Leadership. The motion was seconded, motion carried.

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Contest Chair – Rita Hains recommended the following changes to the Contest rules:

Outstanding Chapter Official Judging Sheet: Rita moved Outstanding Chapter Contest Meetings Section 8A to read: Each Chapter Member, DESA, MESA and ELAN attending any District Meeting (5 points for each one in attendance). Coming from a committee no second was required, motion carried.

Rita further discussed adding additional subdivisions under the **Division VII– Crafts (Mixed Media)** section of the Association of the Art's Entry Form to include scrapbooking, origami, and cards. It was also suggested to allow the Association of the Art's Chair to award a Certificate of Recognition or a Best in Show and change the Blue Book to reflect the change to encourage participation. The Blue Book changes will be forwarded to Linda Southerland, Jr. Past President for updating.

Membership Chair – Jenny Lizama shared with the group in order to attract younger members to ESA it will be necessary to become “tech savvy.” Jenny encouraged all the chapters and members to post pictures of their chapter projects and philanthropic work on the Oklahoma ESA Facebook page. Recently on ESA International's Facebook page members from all over the country posted picture of themselves with posters telling something about “Because of ESA.” Jenny supplied posters and urged members present to complete the verse “Because of ESA” and she would take their photo and post it on the OK State ESA Facebook page. Jenny further said it was the responsibility of all members to recruit new members.

Social Media Chair – Pam Fink presented information about Pinterest, Twitter, Instagram, Hashtags, and Facebook communication. Pam sent around a form for the membership to sign with their e-mail information if they were interested in getting a copy of her presentation notes.

Second Vice President/Educational Director – Peggie Sprinkle gave a short presentation focusing on interesting facts about “Who is that Guy,” Will Rogers and his many accomplishments and contributions to Oklahoma. Then she introduced Andy Hogan, Historical Guide and Interpreter, for the Will Rogers Memorial Museum's. Mr. Hogan provided the group with a very entertaining program about Will Rogers.

Dr. Peterson recessed the meeting for lunch.

Chaplain, Peggy Hughes gave the meal Blessing.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Easter Seals Chair – Judy Cravens stressed the importance of sending any contributions to Easter Seals to her directly. If this is not done, the funds donated do not stay in Oklahoma; they go to the Easter Seals general fund that do not necessarily get utilized in Oklahoma. Judy then introduced Samantha Pascoe, Director of Child Development Program at the OKC facility. Ms. Pascoe gave an overview of all the programs that are available at the Center for both adults and children. Brochures were available on all programs.

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WORKSHOPS

Outstanding Youth Chair – Brenda Beed reviewed the contest rules and judging sheets for the Outstanding Junior and Senior Youth. She entertained questions from the audience and showed examples of the books submitted for judging. Brenda informed the group that the students were eligible to compete on the local level as well as the international level and there are cash awards on both levels. Brenda urged the chapters to submit candidates for this award, and if they had any questions or needed assistance she was available.

Distinguished Achievement Award Chair - Joy Agan, for Sylvia Ochs, shared what DAA contest was, who was eligible, and what each chapter’s responsibility was in order to submit an entry. This is also a local as well as an international competition.

Recording Secretary - Margaret Kramer presented a Power Point highlighting the important facts and tips for recording and preparing meeting minutes.

Webmaster – Aletha Bolt stressed in her presentation the Eleven Commandments for Meeting Etiquette: R.S.V.P., Arrive Early, Come Prepared, Do Not Interrupt, Abstain from Electronics, Speak in Turn, Keep Questions Brief, Pay Attention, Be Patient and Calm, Attend the Entire Meeting, and Respond to Action Items. R.S.V.P. was defined. How to wear your ESA pin was demonstrated. Handouts were provided.

REPORTS

OK MARC Rep – Deb Hughes is currently IC News Bulletin Chair and is candidate for International Council Recording Secretary. Deb apprised the membership of the upcoming MARC Regional Council Conference being held in Omaha, NE on October 9, 10 and 11, 2015. Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and South Dakota comprise the 12-state MARC membership; their website is esamarc.org. Each member state is being asked to bring a basket or two for the auction in addition to the items for the “Accessory Sale” such as necklaces, bracelets, earrings, scarfs and purses. These items should be valued at \$15 or more and can be new or gently used. MARC does not collect dues; they depend on fundraisers for their funding. For additional information or to make a donation contact Deb or the website.

ESA Foundation Counselor – Cathy Holsted for Vivian Gibson asked that all Foundation members and chapter representatives see her to sign their credentials for voting at IC Conventions. Monies from the State Convention Auction netted \$1,824.00

St Jude \$608.00 Turn Around Fund
Easter Seals \$608.00 Turn Around Fund
\$608.00 divided between State Council Endowments
Vi Gardner Memorial Endowment Balance \$6,788.00-----Donation \$203.00
Myre Starr Honorarium Endowment Balance \$6,857.00-----Donation \$203.00
Hawkins-Tuma Memorial Endowment Balance \$7,332.00----- Donation \$202.00
Oscar and Joyce Whitewing Honorarium Endowment Balance \$17,450.00-Donation \$000.00

Cathy is taking any donation for the ESA Foundation Auction Baskets that will be sold at IC Convention; suggestions were cash, gift cards, or items made in Oklahoma.

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ESA for St. Jude – Barbara Childers, Co-Chair, presented a copy of the St. Jude Fundraising Event Form available on the Website that is required to be completed and submitted to IC Headquarters to be eligible for credit for your efforts. She also showed a copy of the post event form to be sent upon completion of your special St. Jude Event. Darlene and Barbara will be on the OK State Council Leadership agenda and will share what they learned at the St. Jude Leadership training they attended in Memphis in March.

NEW BUSINESS

State Council Fundraisers – Raffle Tickets on patriotic wreath.

Doer's Fund – Dr. Billye Peterson moved: "Upon recommendation of the Oklahoma Executive and General Board, I move the Oklahoma State Council Doer's Fund be eliminated and be split between Epsilon Rho, El Reno, and Eta Theta, Tulsa, with the understanding this is not a loan and will be used to help the new chapter get started." Coming from a committee no second is required, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Directories are available at \$8; see Gwynn Nell Swanson.

Petticoat Journal subscriptions can still be mailed to you at the cost of \$15. Contact Patty Heer, PJ Editor, to order a hard copy of the newsletter.

Door Prizes were furnished by District II.

State Leadership will be August 22, 2015, New Covenant United Methodist Church, Edmond, OK.

Dr. Peterson thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Star Spangled 4th of July and wonderful summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m. The Closing Ritual was recited.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Kramer
2015-16 Recording Secretary