

OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL OF ESA

State Council Meeting

March 5, 2016

9:45 a.m.

Minutes

President Dr. Billye Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Billye welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the last State Council meeting for the 2015-2016 year.

The membership joined in reciting the Opening Ritual.

Chaplain Peggy Hughes gave the devotional followed by the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting hostesses from Gamma Zeta, Edmond chapter were recognized. District V was thanked for providing door prizes.

Treasurer Lemmings reported that meeting attendance was 75, including 1 Elan, and 1 guest. The 5 new pledges/first time meeting attendees were welcomed, introduced and received a gift from Billye.

Introductions were then made:

ESA Foundation Director/Grants/Fantasy Ball Co-Chair, Past ESA Foundation Chair, Past IC President and Sooner Seniorettette: **Cathy Holtsted**

IC Easter Seals Chair, OK MARC Rep and Sooner Seniorettette: **Deb Hughes**

IC Sr. Webmaster, Oklahoma Webmaster and Sooner Seniorettette: **Aletha Bolt**

ESA Foundation Director/Newsletter Editor, Fantasy Ball Co-chair and Sooner Seniorettette: **Judi York**

Past ESA Foundation Chair and Sooner Seniorettette: **Lola Jaegers**

Past ESA Foundation Director and Sooner Seniorettette: **Vivian Gibson**

The past Oklahoma State Presidents, also known as Sooner Seniorettettes, were recognized and given a special thanks for their friendship and help and then were presented with a special treat from Billye.

President Peterson then introduced the 2015-2016 Executive Officers and her General Board members who were in attendance and thanked them for making her job as President much easier by doing their jobs.

The committee to read the meeting minutes today are: Cathy Holsted, Chair, Paula Frerichs and Marge Stevens.

The committee that read the minutes of November's meeting was Lora Thompson, Chair, Darla Barton and Judy Cravens. Lora reported that the minutes will be placed on file as printed.

Corresponding Secretary, Tietje German had 4 regrets and reported 75 members in attendance. No other correspondence.

First Vice President/Nominating Committee Chair, Nancy Baucom presented the 2016-2017 Slate of Officers:

District II Coordinator	Libby Zaage
District III Coordinator	Linda Jones
District IV Coordinator	Linda Voss
District V Coordinator	Sandy Lackey
Sr. Past President	Linda Southerland
Jr. Past President	Billye Peterson
Petticoat Journal Editor	Lori Few
Project Director	Linda Leveridge
Parliamentarian	Carrie Willingham
Treasurer	Jenny Lizama
Recording Secretary	Synovia Lemmings

Corresponding Secretary	Joyce Gibson
Second Vice President	Margaret Kramer
First Vice President	Peggie Sprinkle
President	Nancy Baucom

Treasurer Synovia Lemmings reminded officers and chairs to be sure and submit expense vouchers before April 1. Synovia requested all to submit an expense report to help the budget committee plan for next year. Ms. Lemmings brought to the attention of the group that the budget was not adjusted to reflect the increase in State Convention fee from \$100 to \$110. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Synovia moved the State Convention Registration for the President, IC Rep, and MARC Rep be increased from \$100 to \$110. Coming from a committee, no second was required. There was no discussion. A vote was conducted and the motion carried. The Treasurer reported the follow account balances as of March 5, 2016:

General Fund Balance – November 24, 2015	\$ 4269.91
Income	\$ 3137.75
Expenses	\$ 2149.00
General Fund Balance – March 5, 2016	\$ 5258.66
Speakers Fund Balance	\$ 937.97
IC Campaign Fund Balance	\$ 219.36
2012 IC Convention	\$ 5515.14
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 4000.00
Total	\$15531.13

Petticoat Journal Editor, Patty Heer reported that 28 copies of the PJ were mailed to members. Beginning balance \$623.00, income \$375.00, expenses \$239.00 leaving current balance on hand \$759.00. Patty further reported that the cost of printing and mailing of each PJ’s was in excess of \$17.00 yearly. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Patty moved the price of the Petticoat Journal, for first class mail be increased from \$15 to \$20. Coming from a committee, no second was required, no discussion, the motion carried on vote.

State Project Director – Tawanna Cathey reported that OSD was allocated \$2,356.44 and OSB \$1,893.56 at the State Convention 2015. Tawanna informed the group that there were a few newly enrolled students who were in need of sponsors for the remainder of the school year and if anyone was interested in sponsoring them to let her know. To date donations to the State Project fund is \$1,475.01; there was no service charges or interest to report. Ms. Cathey reminded the membership that the donation deadline is April 1 to be eligible to participate in contest. Tawanna shared with the group that a student that Steve and Judi York sponsor at OSD, Montrell Adams had articles printed about his “Spirit and accomplishments as a Cheerleader”. Tawanna read the inspiring article. Judi and Steve had the articles framed and President Billye will be presenting it to OSD at a future date.

Social Media Chair, Pam Fink, thanked everyone for utilizing the OK ESA webpage. She then requested the group to identify their favorite app and discuss why it was their favorite. A representative from each group had the opportunity to share their favorite apps with the group. Informative and useful information was shared. A list of the suggested apps will be printed in the PJ.

Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair, Linda Southerland, reported 19 chapters donated to the fund to date amounting to \$2152.00. Two (2) claims were submitted, one (1) was granted and the other one (1) was denied because it did not meet the criteria.

Parliamentarian Peggy Campbell moved that Oklahoma State Council Standing Rule #4 be accepted as proposed. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Nancy Baucom and Peggie Sprinkle shared their respective experiences at Leadership Conference they attended in Denver, Co. The focus was on membership and creative ways to recruit new members while being open to change and putting emphasis on multi-generational fun for all ages.

IC Easter Seals – Deb Hughes reported that Easter Seals does not have chapters in all states and each state has a different focus that emphasizes meeting the needs of their respective areas. Easter Seals is also in the process of rebranding and changes are in progress.

Deb informed the membership that MARC will be hosting the 2017 IC Convention at Union Station, St. Louis and the red ESA Volunteer apron will be worn by MARC hostesses. The aprons are available to order only through April 1.

ESA Foundation Newsletter – Judi York informed the membership that she and Cathy Holsted attended the mid-year Foundation Board of Directors meeting and found it to be interesting and very informative. The ESAF newsletter will be delivered electronically starting in March, saving the Foundation a considerable amount of money. A printed copy will still be available, all one needs to do is inform Judi and she will get them on the mailing list. She can be contacted at 918-605-2860.

ESAF Fantasy event information will be sent out soon and Judi asked that the chapters consider making a contribution to help fund the operations of the Foundation.

Awards Chair Dana Terrell encouraged the membership to submit “What ESA Means to Me” by April 1. The deadline to submit names of members receiving Years of Service awards, First Pearl and Pallas Athene awards is April 15.

2016 Convention: Robbin Brown, Convention Chair apologized for any problems people might have experienced attempting to make reservations at the Sheraton. She assured everyone the problem has been rectified and to be sure to mention Epsilon Sigma Alpha, not ESA, when calling in a reservation. The room rate is \$97.00 per night plus tax. Convention registration fee is due by March 30 or a \$25 late fee will be added. Mail your registration forms and payment to Linda Voss. Friday night mixer will include a Bingo County Fair. Bingo cards will be available for \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 with proceeds will go to State Convention. Silent Auction will be held Friday night as usual and Vivian Gibson asked for both donations and helpers starting at 3 pm in Reed Salon D. The proceeds of the auction will be split between Easter Seals, St. Jude and the Foundation. Lola Jaegers will be conducting the Flag Ceremony on Saturday morning and encouraged all chapters to represent their respective chapters proudly. Please notify Lola with name of the person who will be presenting your flag. Dr. Peterson reported that Tina McKamie, Workshop Coordinator, has many exciting workshops planned to include Fun for All Ages: Membership, Paint and Pour (\$35.00 fee and pre-register with Tina), Social Media, Gardening and Composting, Make and Take Cards, Photography with Jerry as well as a workshop presented by the IC representative.

Directory Chair, Gwynn Nell Swanson, reported that 90 directories were printed and 87 sold at \$8.00 each and 1 sold at \$4.00. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Gwynn Nell moved that the price of the State Directory remain at the cost of \$8.00 each. Coming from a committee no second was necessary, there was no discussion, and a vote was conducted, the motion carried.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Peggy Hughes, Chaplain gave the meal blessing.

Dr. Peterson reconvened the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

First Vice President Peggie Sprinkle focused her educational on the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame and several of the Oklahoman military who were inducted and their respective accomplishments. Peggie then introduced Brad McClard, 16 year veteran, retired U. S. Navy Aviation Electronics Technician. Brad felt the need to help Veterans returning from combat transition to civilian life. He started a local business that is owned and operated by Veterans and Military Family Members, JDog Junk Removal and Hauling servicing the Greater OKC area. Brad also is involved in the Hugs Project.

There was no Unfinished Business.

There was no New Business.

Dr. Billye Peterson discussed fun multigenerational creative social and recruiting ideas.

The membership then participated in playing a Left Right Center (L R C) dice game. Handouts were also provided for Dubs Bridge.

Door prizes were won by Peggy Hughes, Billie Fritch, Sue Patterson, Jakkie Goetzke and Wanda Lucas.

The Bunny Wreath, made by Billye, was won by Carrie Willingham.

Sue Patterson won the Easter Seals garden ornament raffle.

Announcements

Orders for Tee shirts worn by Convention hostesses can be ordered for \$20.00 and will be delivered at Convention.

Convention charms are available for \$8.00.

Nancy Buck informed the members that past IC President Grace Mullenix donated an Indian dress and full headdress and it will be donated to the Indian Heritage Center.

President Peterson reflected on a great ESA Star Spangled year and thanked everyone for their support. She is looking forward to a really fun convention with fun workshops. Billye encouraged each chapter to attend the convention and reminded them the deadline for registration was March 30 or a late fee of \$25.00 will be added.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m. The membership formed a circle and recited the Closing Ritual.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Kramer
Recording Secretary