

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 2017
Goodrich United Methodist Church
Norman, OK

The Oklahoma State Council Meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by President Nancy Baucom. She thanked everyone for coming to her last state council meeting for her year.

Members repeated the opening ritual followed by Chaplain Peggy Hughes giving the prayer and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken from registration. Lunch hostesses were Delta Kappa.

There were no guests, pledges, Elans, Desas, or Mesas. First-time attendee and pledge, Doylene Heaton, Delta Kappa, was introduced.

Senior Senioresses were asked to stand and each was presented a small gift from President Nancy and thanked for their guidance and dedication to ESA.

The committee to read the September Leadership minutes was Ramona Paine, chair, Lora Thompson, and Libby Zaage. In Ramona's absence, Lora reported the minutes were correct as printed. They will be placed on file.

The committee to read today's minutes is Billye Peterson, chair, Sandy Lackey, and Kay Brader.

1st Vice President/Nominating Chair Peggie Sprinkle thanked her nominating committee. She introduced the following 2017-18 slate of officers and each was given a big silver star: Petticoat Journal Editor, Linda Jones; State Project Director, Peggy Hughes; Parliamentarian, Sylvia Ochs; Treasurer, Mona Quaid; Recording Secretary, Elise Jimison; Corresponding Secretary, Leslie Farabee; 2nd Vice President, Linda Leveridge; 1st Vice President, Margaret Kramer; President, Peggie Sprinkle.

2nd Vice President/Educational Director Margaret Kramer asked each table to discuss what we have done to indulge in happiness during the year. A slide show was presented on "What is Happiness, Learn to be Happy." A discussion followed on the connection between music, health, happiness, and efficiency. We sang happy birthday to Gwynn Nell Swanson.

Treasurer Jenny Lizama was absent. President Nancy stated the report will be emailed and printed in the next Petticoat Journal.

1st Vice President/Nominating Chairman Peggie Sprinkle read Article VII-Section 1 from Oklahoma State Council bylaws which states that active members may submit nominations from the floor at First General Assembly at the convention.

State Project Director Linda Leveridge reported a beginning balance of \$5,325.01 with \$2,360.84 being distributed to OSB, and \$2,964.16 being given to OSD. Donations received to date are \$1,172.01. Linda mentioned the need for additional sponsors for students at OSB. She also told of students at OSD going to Washington, DC. OSD will be having an open house Wednesday, March 30, 2017, called "The Puzzle." All chapters are invited and encouraged to RSVP Marsha Cole at 580-622-4909.

Petticoat Journal Editor Lori Few moved upon recommendation of the Executive/General Board that the price of the PJ for first class mail remain at \$20 per subscription. Coming from a committee no second was required; motion carried.

Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chairman Billye Peterson said she has received \$2,050.87 so far. There have been 21 chapters submitting donations and one claim received today.

Peggie Sprinkle thanked everyone for allowing her to attend Leadership at Denver. She said she learned about new programs for ESA for St. Jude, the ESA Foundation, and membership. Handouts were given out challenging chapters to have community outreach projects. She also presented a new St. Jude program called "Kids Helping Kids." Vivian Gibson received an appreciation award as ESA Foundation State Counselor. Margaret Kramer who also attended Leadership encouraged everyone to add to the new ESA Inspiration Library by sharing their projects on the ESA website.

Sandy Lackey, District 5 Coordinator, mentioned bylaw changes they recently made and suggested that perhaps district meetings could be held during state meetings in breakout sessions, on a rotation with other cities in the district, rotating the district project to include each city, or having meetings following OSD and OSB meetings. The idea to combine District 3 and District 5 was tabled so that these new ideas could be tried.

A convention skit enticing everyone to attend was presented by Linda Leveridge, Robbin Brown, Vivian Gibson, Lola Jaegers, Gwynn Nell Swanson, Lora Thompson, and Janice Shockley.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12 p.m. with Chaplain Peggy Hughes saying grace.

Meeting reconvened by President Nancy after lunch.

A "Random Act of Kindness Activity" was presented by Kayla Powell, Beta Mu member. Attendees were given supplies to assemble one of three choices of cards and were to write someone a random act of kindness.

Auditor Lola Jaegers reported preliminary audits were completed on books for State Project, Petticoat Journal, and the Directory.

Awards Chair Robyn Ryan requested years of services and Pallas Athene degrees need to be turned in by April 1. She encouraged everyone to write an essay on "What ESA Means to Me" for either 1 year or less or more than 1 year, also due April 1.

2017 Convention Co-Chair Cathy Holsted reported cinnamon rolls will be sold to raise money for the convention, hotel reservations need to be in by March 28, and program ads need to be turned in.

Directory Chair Gwynn Nell Swanson reported 90 directories were printed, 83 directories were sold at \$8 each, and 8 directories are available at half price. Gwynn Nell stated that upon recommendation from the Executive Board, the price for directories will remain at \$8 each. Coming from a committee no second was required; motion carried.

ESA Foundation Counselor Vivian Gibson reported scholarship winners will be notified in late May or early June. A new state contest will be implemented this year for donations to the Foundation; for example dollar amount of donated items for auction, or money bid on auction items can count as monetary value donation. It must be reported on the Service report and sent to Vivian. Hours and travel are not counted for this contest. She also requested assistance with the auction at convention. Auction items can be checked in at 1 p.m.

OK MARC Rep Deb Hughes reminded us of MARC convention October 13-15, 2017 in Detroit, Michigan.

Membership Chair Mona Quaid stated that letters were sent out to all chapters asking for names of new members so they can be recognized at State Convention.

Outstanding Chapter Chairman June Miller had no report.

Publicity Chairman Sylvia Ochs urged chapters to send her articles as only two had done so already.

President Nancy requested material for her scrapbook be sent to Peggy Campbell or Patty Heer by April 15th.

Web Master Aletha Bolt asked those members who it affected to please make a decision by State Convention whether to continue web email accounts.

Door prizes were given out.

Announcements

Margaret Kramer reminded everyone deadline for educationals is April 1st.

Don't forget the State Council Fundraiser, raffle tickets for one week in Branson and a \$500 gift card.

Remaining directories are half price – see Gwynn Nell Swanson.

President/Convention charms are on sale for \$5 each.

Don't forget the convention fundraiser, the 50/50 jar.

Peggie Sprinkle stated the remaining position on her board is membership.

Liz King donated \$50 from the Pampered Chef fundraiser to the State Council.

Libby Zaage announced the District II meeting will be Saturday, March 18, 2017, in Guthrie at the Noble Avenue Baptist Church

The hotel registration deadline is March 28 and convention application deadline is April 14th.

Chapters are asked to donate baskets or gift cards for the auction at Convention.

President Nancy thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 2 p.m.

Members repeated the closing ritual.

s/Liz King

Recording Secretary