

OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL OF ESA  
LEADERSHIP MEETING  
September 9, 2017  
Minutes

Meeting was called to order at Highland Park Christian Church at 5708 E 31st in Tulsa, OK, at 9:30 am. We were welcomed to the meeting by President, Peggie Sprinkle, reminding us to turn off or silence our phones and asking us to stand for the Opening Ritual and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance a slide presentation in commemoration of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center was shown.

Our Chaplain, Robbin Brown, gave us a thought for the day.

Our Corresponding Secretary, Leslie Farabee, read the list of regrets we had received. They were from: Linda Jones, Vivian Gibson, Joyce Gibson, Elise Jimison, Nancy Buck, Gwynn Nell Swanson, Paula Willingham, Maxine Wheelan, Laura Robinson and Bunnie Sullins.

Peggie reminded any who had not confirmed their lunch reservation when they signed in that morning to please see Mona Quaid, Treasurer, to get their lunch ticket.

Peggie introduced the blue folders she had put together that had been given to each attendee. They contained the agenda for the day and lots of important information to take home and share with your chapter members.

Peggie asked anyone giving a report or making a motion to please speak into the microphone and introduce themselves. She told us to give a copy of our information to Acting Recording Secretary, Peggy Hughes, since Elise Jimison was unable to attend.

Gina Wozie, Gamma Delta, Tulsa, is a new pledge. Peggie had a little gift to present to her to start her year and welcome her to ESA. First time attending State Council meeting people were asked to stand. Peggie had small gifts for them too. A guest of Gamma Delta, Tulsa, named Greta Wheeler was introduced. Peggie acknowledged the Sooner Seniores.

Rosalie Griffith then presented a slide show entitled "You in the Leadership Role".

The St. Jude Walk/Run chairmen, Deb Hughes (Tulsa) and Aletha Bolt (OKC), told us of the coming very soon events at 201 N Elgin at the baseball field in Tulsa and Stars and Stripes by the Lake at Lake Heavener in OKC.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Linda Leveridge, lead us in a game called "Duck". She then gave us an educational on more of her "Notorious Outlaws". The subject was "Ma Barker".

Hope for Heroes Chairs, Marla Tyndall & Sandy Lackey, showed us a pillowcase like the ones we are making to send to the troops to give them a little piece of home to lay their heads on at night. Marla and Sandy had several of the pillowcases with them so anyone wishing to make some pillowcases was welcome to take one home to use as a pattern to sew them. The pillowcases are 30"X 24". You can also write notes as to whom made the pillow so they know where they come from. We are to bring the pillowcases to the March 10 State Council Meeting. They had asked for white socks to be brought to this meeting for the VA Hospital. They told us where in the meeting room they were collecting those socks.

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Aletha Bolt, our Social Media/Web Master and Sooner Seniorett, showed us a slide presentation about Social Media. She told us to look in the folder Peggie had given us to a page called "Facebook for OK ESA Members" for further instructions.

We had a guest speaker, Karen Dill, with RSVP of Tulsa, a group of people who serve the Creek, Osage, Tulsa, Wagoner & Washington counties of Oklahoma as volunteers to do whatever they need to do to serve the community. They work with over 200 non profits to "enhance our communities by engaging volunteers age 55 and over, matching their experiences, talents and interests to meaningful community service".

Jacque Cantrell, Awards Chair and Sooner Seniorett, was scheduled on the agenda for later in the day but due to the fact she had to leave early gave her report at this time in the meeting. She talked of our keeping track of hours for events. Jacque announce that June Miller won first place at IC on the What ESA Means to Me contest. Peggie read the "What ESA Means to Me" theme by June Miller.

The meeting then broke for ESA on the Mall and Lunch.

After Lunch the Executive/General Board meeting was called to order for a short business meeting.

The committee to read the minutes of the June State Council meeting was Chair, Deb Hughes, with Charlene Law and Billye Peterson. The minutes were placed on file as printed.

The committee to read today's minutes will be June Miller, Chair, with Darlene Cushenberry and Sylvia Ochs.

Treasurer, Mona Quaid, presented the financial report:

A copy of the report was in our folders.

General Fund Balance from 2016-17 Treasurer	\$2,609.64
Income	\$3,287.17
Expenses	\$1,180.59
General Fund Balance as of Sept. 1, 2017	\$4,726.22
Speakers Fund:	\$792.04
IC Campaign Fund:	\$219.36
2012 Convention Profit	\$5,415.14
Certificate of Deposit	\$4,000.00

The report will be placed on file for audit.

Easter Seal Chair Judy Cravens along with Deb Hughes gave a report on the changes in Easters Seals organization. There is no longer an Easter Seals of Oklahoma.

Peggie explained that the board positions had all been filled except for one, membership chair. It is such a daunting task that no one person wants the job. Therefore, Sooner Seniorett,es have taken over. June Miller will

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chair the task force with the other Sooner Senioresses as her committee. If you have any ideas about membership tell June. She is anxious to get started.

The Executive/General Board adjourned at 2:00 pm. Special Reports and Announcements followed:

First Vice President, Margaret Kramer, reported that she is building her board for next year. Please tell her what position you would like to fill.

Disaster Fund Chair, Nancy Baucom, asked us to send in our donations. The ESA Disaster Fund is set up to assist the ESA member up to \$5,000 whose home and/or personal belongings are destroyed or damaged extensively in one of nature's causes (a fire, flood, etc.). Assistance may also be given when a member incurs heavy financial responsibility due to a debilitating illness or accident. Nancy urged us to: "Be a life saver, donate to the Disaster Fund."

Judi York, Convention Chair, informed us Beta Gamma, Eta Mu, Gamma Delta, Kappa Alpha and Omega Pi along with Alpha Rho and Sigma Chi invite us to the 75<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma State Convention "Diamonds in the Garden of ESA will be held April 27, 28, 29, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tulsa. Registration is \$120 and includes dinner on Friday evening at the mixer. Rooms are \$99 + tax and the hotel has recently been remodeled. There are breakfast coupons for 2 per room and free parking. They also have arranged for late checkout for all attendees, so checkout is 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. When you call for your reservation use the code ESA State Convention. If you get your registration form in by January 1, 2018 you will be in a drawing for a free registration.

Outstanding Youth Chairs Darlene Cushenberry and Barbara Childers gave their report. Darlene stood at the microphone while Barbara "looked" with a magnifying glass throughout the membership for an Outstanding Youth. They distributed packettes they downloaded for us. They told us of the qualifications & essays and easy forms to fill out. The deadline for Outstanding Youth is March 1.

ESA Foundation Chairs Rosalie Griffith and Judi York were called on for report. Before they could give their report the Sooner Senioresses nominated Judi York for the ESA Foundation Board for re-election. Coming from a committee it needed no second. The nomination carried. Judi reports she wants to increase the number of active Foundation members in our state. There was an application form in the folder that Peggie had given us. Complete it & give it to Judi or send it in to headquarters. Judi would also like to ask for help in promoting the scholarships available by asking members for their assistance in getting the word out to schools in their areas. We have over 500 school districts in the state of Oklahoma and every high school counselor needs to be aware of the scholarship opportunities available for graduating students. The same goes for our colleges and universities. Watch for an article in the PJ about contributing to "dormant" endowments.

Ramona Bench, ESA for St Jude chair, has been having fun working with the St Jude Dreamhome. She did two different telethon appearances and helped to host the Edmond Dreamhome. She's anxious to hear what fun things you all have come up with to earn money for St. Jude. Invite her to your clever and original fundraising events & she'll do her best to come. Ramona's email address is [ramonabench@hotmail.com](mailto:ramonabench@hotmail.com). Let's make this year our largest contribution ever.

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Peggie Sprinkle thanked us for allowing her the privilege of representing Oklahoma at the IC Convention. She got to hold up a sign that stated we made \$758,304 for St. Jude last year. She announced several awards we had received:

First Place - "Fantasy Ball" Award

ESA Outstanding Youth Award - Kevin Ngo - Norman, OK

ESA Maie Wells Award - State Outstanding Educational Director - Margaret Kramer

ESA Top Ten Educational Program - Kappa Alpha - Tulsa

What ESA Means To Me - more than one year - First Place - June Miller - Beta Iota, McAlester

What ESA Means To Me - less than one year - Second Place - Kayla Powell - Beta Mu - Lawton

Outstanding Recruitment Award : Beta Iota - McAlester , Beta Mu – Lawton, Beta Beta - Holdenville      Gamma

Theta – Texhoma, Gamma Pi - Inola

Association of the Arts: Linda Leveridge : First Place Holiday Ornaments , Second Place Visual Arts,      Second Place Holiday, Third Place Literature

Top 10 St Jude "Danny's Dream Award" - Oklahoma has donated over \$8 million to St Jude!

Peggie read a brief history of Beta Iota #4283, McAlester to recognize them as a Shining Star chapter.

Don't forget that District 5 is gathering towels & wash clothes for the Kelly B Todd Cerebral Palsy Center for handicapped children. Bring to the District 5 meeting in Muskogee on September 30.

Project Director, Peggy Hughes, announced that the OSB Tour is February 24. She has students who need sponsors.

District 3 & 5 will meet February 24 in Muskogee in conjunction with the OSB Tour.

Philanthropic Chair, Libby Zaage, asks that we get reports in as soon as possible. We don't have to wait until the March 1 deadline.

Deb Hughes, the MARC representative, reminds us that the conference is 10/13 & 14. The room deadline is this week. No one else was planning on going.

Barbara Eck, Directories Chair, presented the new directory. They are on sale for \$8.

Door prizes were distributed to a few lucky members.

Secret Sister gifts were exchanged.

Peggie read a special thought for the day before adjourning the meeting at 3:00 pm.

We joined hands in a big circle to recite the closing ritual.

Peggy Hughes  
Acting Recording Secretary