

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council Meeting
First Christian Church – Shawnee, OK
June 9, 2018

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:05am by President Margaret Kramer. A welcome was given by Madam President and she led the meeting in the opening ritual. A short video on hot summer days was shown to lighten the day and put a smile on everyone's face.

Chaplain Charlene Law could not be at the meeting. Peggie Sprinkle gave the thought for the day. Billie Fritch led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of God Bless America.

A welcome was given by President Margaret. Beta Iota and Alpha Theta Muskogee are the hostesses for the meeting. Lora Thompson was thanked for arranging the meeting place and for setting up for the meeting.

Three guests were introduced and two first-time attendees. Roll call was taken from registration.

The committee to read the minutes of the 75th Oklahoma State Convention included Robbin Brown, Chair; Kay Brader, and Peggy Campbell. Robbin could not attend today, so Gwen Beasley gave the report. The minutes will be placed on file as printed.

The committee to read the minutes of today's meeting consists of Lora Thompson, Chair, Gloria Torres, and Gina Wozencraft.

Corresponding Secretary June Miller reported that 55 people were present today. 16 regrets were received. She also reported that Mary Adams was in a car accident and admitted to the hospital; she will go to rehab on Monday.

Treasurer Robyn Ryan, upon recommendation of the Oklahoma Executive and General Board, moved that the Money Market interest earned by deposited into the Operating Funds Checking account. No second was required. Motion unanimously carried.

Robin presented the 2018-19 Budget. Robyn Ryan, upon recommendation of the Oklahoma Executive and General Board, moved that the proposed budget for 2018-2019 be approved. No second was required. Motion unanimously carried.

Project Director Susan Patterson presented the report on the balance in the Project account. Balance is \$3751. Number of students at OSB is 95. Number of students at OSD is 104. Money allocated to OSB is

\$1790.68. Money allocated to OSD is \$1960.32. Susan, upon recommendation of the Oklahoma Executive and General Board, moved that \$1790.68 be given to OSB and \$1960.32 be given to OSD for the schools to use at their discretion. No second was required. Motion unanimously carried.

2018 Convention Chair Judy York could not be in attendance today; Rosalie Griffith gave the report. The 2018 State Convention "Diamonds in the Garden of ESA" was a success. They do not have the final financial report as there are still a few outstanding items. They fully expect to have a profit from the 2018 convention. The full financial report will be printed in the July/August PJ. 106 were in attendance, 8 guests, 2 out of state guests who were IC representatives.

2019 Convention Chair Tina McKamie announced that the 2019 Convention, "April in Paris" will be held April 26, 27, 28, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency in Tulsa. There will be ongoing raffles for free convention registration and 50/50 jars to raise funds for the convention. Also, the chapter with the most members in attendance at the convention will be awarded \$100. The hostess chapters will not be eligible for this promotion. Upon recommendation of the 2019 Convention Committee, Tina moved that the 2019 registration fee remain at \$120.00 for members, DESAs and ELANs; men's registration for mixer, banquet, and breakfast \$75.00; banquet guest registration \$50.00. No second was required. Motion unanimously carried. Meals included are the luncheon, banquet, and Sunday breakfast.

Contest Chair Sylvia Ochs announced that there will be no major changes. Minor and cleanup changes will be in the PJ.

Membership Co-Chairs Lola Jaegers and Linda Voss presented a skit on conversations about ESA. They gave many examples and ideas on ways to increase chapter membership.

Social Media/Webmaster Aletha Bolt introduced the "Groupme" program for members to stay in touch with friends and family. It works on Windows, iOS, Android and the web. It is simple to add anyone to a group using their phone number or e-mail address. For more information contact Aletha at aletha.bolt@yahoo.com or webmaster@oklaesa.org.

Second Vice President/Educational Director Mona Quaid Johnston gave a presentation on her theme "Keep Calm and Relax" and had members participate in a project demonstrating relaxation.

Hope for Hero's Chair Sandy Lackey reported that she has had positive responses from soldiers receiving pillow cases. This project is ongoing for anyone interested in sending more. Brenda Yates shared a list of wish items for the troops and Sandy has a copy for those interested. Other projects include crocheted beanie hats and crochet balls and she has instructions available for those projects. A project was suggested for some sort of pouch or reusable bag to keep the desert sand out of personal items, but a pattern has not as yet been found. A raffle will be held at the September 15 Leadership meeting for anyone who brings items.

Easter Seals Chair Jeanne Kindley-Lifton reported that she has been in contact with Jed Johnson at the Easter Seals National Office in Washington, DC. He said that Easter Seals has two items of note related to service delivery in Oklahoma: 1) The Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP.) This program is the largest federally-funded program for older adults who seek employment and training assistance as well as civic engagement. Through this transitional employment program Easter Seals partners with community-based non-profit organizations and government agencies. Easter Seals provides these services through a partnership with the AARP Foundation in Oklahoma in three locations (Tulsa, OKC, and McAlester). 2) Easter Seals is working with an organization called Fedcap that will be initiating service delivery in Oklahoma as Easter Seals Oklahoma. The date for re-initiation of Easter Seals services in Oklahoma has a projected date of January 1, 2019. "Woven Life" will not be credited this year for outstanding chapter. A check was received for Easter Seals and Woven Life. The Woven life was credited on the philanthropic report.

Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair Peggie Sprinkle reported that donations are made to the Fund by sending the money to her at 1802 E. Norman St., Broken Arrow, OK 74014. Check must be made out to ESA Disaster Fund. She will send monies to the IC Disaster Fund Chair. Peggie handed out ESA Disaster Fund Blessings Jars. Members are to decorate the jar and place it where they will see it every day to collect extra change whenever they felt they received blessings. She also suggested that the jar be passed around at meetings.

OK MARC Reps Deb Hughes and Rosalie Griffith announced that the MARC Conference will be in Sioux Falls, SD on October 12-14. Registration will be \$125.00 for the entire weekend.

ESA for St. Jude Ramona Bench reported that the Tulsa Dream Home sales were going strong and it will be given away in June. The OKC ticket sales just started last week and the home will be given away in August. A show of hands indicated that there is enough interest for a trip to Memphis for a tour of St. Jude's. She will contact ALSAC and make those arrangements.

Credentials Co-Chairs Darlene Cushenberry and Barbara Childers were covering the Tulsa Dream Home and not in attendance. Members were asked to see June Miller if they have not signed and designated a proxy for the IC Officers vote at Convention.

The remaining Executive and General Board members who did not give reports were introduced.

Announcements:

- Directories available. See June Miller for today. Cost is \$8.00
- PJ Subscriptions for mailed copies are \$25.00. See Peggy Hughes to order.
- Door prizes were furnished by Beta Iota.
- State Leadership will be September 15, 2018 at a Tulsa location.
- District IV Leadership will be October 13m 2018 at 1st Christian Church in Shawnee. 9:30 registration.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm with the closing ritual.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Hains
Recording Secretary
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