

ESA OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ZOOM MEETING MARCH 6, 2021

Mona Johnston, Oklahoma State President, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. by reciting the opening ritual.

Chassidy Satterfield ASLAC representative, talked about Oklahoma events. There are still no in person events for Oklahoma at this time. Radiothons raised the following amounts in 2020; 101.9, The Twister \$100,000, Dec. 3-4, 2020. K95.5 \$180,927 on February 25-26, 2020.

St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway tickets for Tulsa go on sale: March 26th with 13,000 tickets. The giveaway is June 27th. Oklahoma City tickets go on sale June 3rd with 9,000 tickets. The OKC giveaway is August 26th.

Other dates discussed: St. Jude Walk/ Run Virtual Event for Saturday, September 25th. Registration opens April 20th. St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend, Saturday, December 4th, Virtual and in person. Hero registration opens in March.

Chassidy announced St. Jude's will have a former patient and now employee, Hayley Arceneaux take part in the Inspiration 4 Space Mission. \$100 million has been committed to St. Jude, with hopes to generate more by the mission.

Chaplain, Charlene Law gave the Thought for the Day.

Mona led everyone in the Flag salute and recognized all Sooner Seniorettes present in the meeting.

The meeting was recorded for roll call. No guests, first time attendees, pledges, Elans, Desa's or Mesa's present.

Committee to read the minutes of this meeting are Rosalie Griffith, Judi York, and Deb Hughes.

Margaret Kramer as chair of the committee to read the September 20th Leadership minutes, noted that the minutes are correct as printed and approved.

Sandy Lackey, 1st Vice President/ Nominating Committee Chair- Thanked the State Council for sending her to the Virtual IC Leadership, titled MAKE LEMONADE.

Sandy noted that the ESA Member Portal is new and improved. Everyone needs to log into their account and change their password. Payment options are now available through the IC website and need a more secure login. You can now opt into paperless billing for IC dues. You can also opt for automatic bill pay, so you don't forget each year. Chapter presidents and treasurers will be able to view their chapter rosters.

In light of the presented By-Law changes the 2021-22 slate of officers are as follows:

President:	Sandy Lackey
First Vice President:	Robyn Ryan
Recording Secretary:	Darla Barton
Treasurer:	Tammy Ramirez
Petticoat Journal Editor:	Brenda Yates
Project Director:	Liz King
Parliamentarian:	Charlene Law
Corresponding Secretary/ Sooner Seniorette:	Margaret Kramer
Junior Past President:	Mona Quaid Johnston
Eastern District Coordinator / Sooner Seniorette	Deb Hughes
Western District Coordinator:	Gloria Torres

Qualifications and pictures will be listed in the next issue of the PJ. All the offices were filled with the help of the Nominating Committee consisting of Jacque Cantrel, Margaret Kramer, Linda Leveridge, Rita Haines and Gloria Torres.

State Treasurer, Marilyn Hight- reported the General fund balance of \$6,950.20. Due to some computer issues, the Balance as of 3/6/2021 and final balance will be reported at the Convention.

Petticoat Journal Editor, Leslie Farabee- The last PJ article deadline is March 10th. Remember to send a limit of 2 pictures per Chapter Chatter. There were 11 subscriptions plus Mona's printed copy. Thanks to all the officers, chairs and chapter members that sent in their articles.

Convention Registration and Treasurer, Judy Cravens and Rosalie Griffith/ Sooner Seniorette- Mona Johnston's theme this year is **ESA---Music for your Soul** and we all need to attend to support Mona. We have very few registrations so far. Registration deadline is Thursday April 1, 2021 and any registrations postmarked after April 1, 2021 will be assigned seating only where vacancies exist. Late registrants will not be seated with your chapter. The hotel registration deadline is also April 1, 2021. Don't forget to request the ESA group rate.

Rosalie Griffith reported that \$1,945 was collected from the calendars. Currently \$2,007.00 has been collected in registration fees. There's \$6,015.40 in the Convention fund, working capital for convention.

Convention Chair/ Sooner Seniorette, Tina McKamie- Reminded everyone that the Convention will be May 14th & 15th at the Tulsa Doubletree, Warren Place. Instead of the Friday evening dinner for Executive and General Board there will be dinner served for all registered attendees. Convention ads can be submitted to Lori Few. The form made be found on the state website and Oklahoma ESA Facebook files. Hostesses for the State Convention are Sigma Chi, Inola and Beta Iota, McAlester.

Eastern District Coordinator/ Sooner Seniorette, Judi York announced that on February 27, 2021 the Eastern District met via Zoom with 33 in attendance. The new officers were elected by acclamation. They were installed by Dawn Haley Tulsa Area Council President.

Coordinator: Deb Hughes
Vice Coordinator: Darlene Cushenberry
Treasurer: Charlene Law
Secretary: Brenda Beed
Past President/
Parliamentarian: Judi York

Western District Coordinator, Ramona Bench announced that they will meet live on Saturday, March 13th at Noble Avenue Baptist Church, 1219 Noble Ave, Guthrie, Ok. 73044. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. cost \$10.00. Meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. Installation follows the meeting. Please bring items for the silent auction and socks for the Shoes that Fit project.

Peggie Sprinkle, Membership Chair/ Sooner Seniorette, The headquarters shows that Oklahoma has 50 chapters in the state. Total at beginning of year- 528 members, Total as of March 1, 2021- 500 members. There are mistakes in the report. Peggie will contact IC for a more accurate report. Please let her know if your chapter has new members since May 2020. Remember April 1, 2021 is the deadline for contest.

Aletha Bolt, Social Media/Webmaster / Sooner Seniorette, along with Mona demonstrated how to find forms and information in the files on OKESA Facebook group page. You can use the search box within the group to find the most current information. Our website is more of an archive for forms.

Auditor Judy Cravens will need to audit Treasurer, Directory, Project Director and Petticoat Journal books at the State Convention.

Jennifer Sparkman, Care Connection and Hope for Heroes chair, reminded everyone that reports are due by April 1st. See the forms on Facebook or the State website.

Easterseals Chair, Jeanne Kindley- Lifton Requested that chapters disbursing funds at this time of the year to please remember easterseals. Please send to Jeanne Kindley-Lifton, Oklahoma ESA easterseals Chairman, 7126 East 91st Place, Tulsa, Ok. 74133.

Jr. Past President/ Disaster Fund Chair, Linda Leveridge, reported that we have experienced a number of national tragedies in our country. We must support the ESA Disaster Fund to unite and be able to help our sisterhood in affected areas. She has received two checks each for \$100.00. She would love to see each chapter in our state donate at least that amount as you plan your chapter budgets.

St. Past President/ Workshop Coordinator, Margaret Kramer, stated that tickets for the "Condo Week" are still available. They can be printed off from the Facebook page, PJ or each chapter president was sent them in an email attachment. The winner will be able to select a week in a condo of their choice depended on availability, the week they choose. The tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The trip is worth

\$850.00. The goal is to sell at least 120 tickets. The proceeds go to the Ok State Council Operating Budget. Tentative drawing will be at Convention, May 15th.

Association of the Arts/ Sooner Seniorette, Linda Leveridge reminded everyone to submit something for the arts. She is needing "What ESA Means to Me," essays sent to her by April 1st.

Chaplain Charlene Law, requested that any chapter who lost a member, please send her a brief summary about the member along with a picture.

Distinguished Achievement Award chair, Rita Haines Reminded chapters to get in their entries, whether electronically or mail.

Ok MARC Rep/ Sooner Seniorette, Deb Hughes stated that information will be in the Petticoat Journal.

ESA Counselor/ Sooner Seniorette, Vivian Gibson, announced that the scholarship season closed February 1st with 5489 applicants. They are needing non ESA and non ESA Foundation people to assist with the judging. If you know someone interested contact Kathy Loyd at kathybloyd@gmail.com.

A special thank you to Jacci Jantz, Gamma Zeta Edmond for contacting all the Edmond School counselors. We still have 4 new memberships to the Foundation available. If any chapter has new pledges we will give the memberships to them. If there are more than 4 then there will be a drawing for the four winners. Funds must be used by July.

Auction items are needed from chapters for the auction at the State Convention. Please let Vivian know if you wish to help with the auction in any way.

Due to the uncertainties with the pandemic, the Foundation Board has decided to continue to conduct all activities virtually in 2021. Instead of chapters donating auction items for the Foundation Funfest at IC, please consider donating to the Murder Mystery as a sponsor. Mark calendars for the **Totally Rad 80s Gone Bad**, Virtual Murder Mystery on April 17th at 6 p.m. CST.

The motion to amend the bylaws was approved in January and the updated bylaws are now available on the ESA website. Credentials are no longer processed by the Foundation Counselors, since voting will be electronic. Each member will be able to cast his or her own ballot. Please keep your email address and chapter/council/state/regional council president information up to date with ESA headquarters.

The ESA Foundation Annual Membership Meeting will be virtual, July 10th at 10:00 a.m. Plan to attend the next Foundation workshop, Tuesday, March 16th at 7:30 p.m. Central time. The topic will be Changes in the Educational Landscape.

Some slight changes have been made to the ESA Foundation Turn-Around Fund request form. Please start using this new form now. If you have questions please contact the ESA Foundation Treasurer, Tammy Akines at tsakines@yahoo.com or (870) 370-0923.

ESA for St. Jude Chairman, Ramona Paine Means, reported that ALSAC/St. Jude hosted event volunteer registration will be handled through the St. Jude Volunteer management System (VMS). The system tracks hours you volunteer at ALSAC/St. Jude events for ease in reporting to your event chair.

Remember to send Ramona Paine Means your Service Report for donations to St. Jude. Winners will be announced at the Awards luncheon at the State Convention.

Outstanding Chapter Chair Cheryl Young asked for reports to be sent to her.

Outstanding Youth Chair, Melissa Byrum, announced that applications were due March 1st. Judging will be done virtually as well as in person due to COVID. Judging will take place March 7th – 15th.

New Business/ Announcements

Mona announced that the Memorial service usually held on Sunday morning of the Convention will look different this year. Instead of a guided service, there will be a private place with peaceful music where ESA members can pay respects to members we have lost this year. Photos and information will be available for viewing. More information will be announced later.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m. with the reciting of the closing ritual.

Submitted by,

Linda Jones

State Council Recording Secretary