

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International

Oklahoma State Council Meeting

June 20, 2020 Minutes

Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Mona Quaid Johnston, Oklahoma State President at 10:10 a.m. with a recitation of the Opening Ritual. Mona led in the flag salute and gave the Thought for the day from Chaplain, Charlene Law. Mona recognized the Sooner Senioresses, present at the meeting.

Brenda Yates and Leslie Farabee took names of those in attendance so there was no roll call. Carol King was a first time attendee and Patsy Timmons was our guest. The committee to read the minutes of this meeting included Aletha Bolt, Darla Barton and Sharon Storms. The minutes from the March conference call meeting can be discussed at Convention. Corresponding Secretary had no correspondence to be read.

2019- 2020 ESA State Convention update was presented by Past president, Linda Leveridge. The committee is still working with the Sheraton at the Reed Center to finalize plans for the convention. The Dates are tentative either July 31 through August 1st, (Friday/ Saturday) or August 1st and August 2nd, (Saturday/ Sunday).

Recording Secretary, Linda Jones will send out copies of the minutes to Executive Board and PJ Editor upon completion. 1st Vice President/ Nominating Committee Chair, Sandy Lackey greeted everyone and gave a report as 2nd Vice President and Educational Chair. All entries received for Gold Seal and Gold Link have been judged and the top three books have been sent off to the IC Education Chair for judging at that level. The entries should be back in time for our State Convention for display and pickup. 2nd Vice President/ Educational Director Robyn Ryan announced her theme as "Women Who Made a Difference."

Treasurer Marilyn Hight, upon recommendation of the Executive Board, moved to allow the Council to transfer \$1,200.00 from the 2012 IC Convention Profit Fund. Coming from a committee, no second is required. This is necessary to meet a deficient in the budget that could hinder ESA members serving as leaders and getting financial needs met by Oklahoma ESA and the Executive Board. Motion carried.

The 2020-2021 budget was presented by Treasurer Marilyn Hight. Upon recommendation of the Executive Board it was moved that the proposed 2020-2021 budget be approved as presented with revision of transfer of \$1,200.00 from the 2012 IC Convention Profit Fund. No second is required. Motion carried.

Petticoat Journal Editor Leslie Farabee, upon the recommendation of the Oklahoma State Council Executive Board, moved that the cost of the Petticoat Journal remain at \$30.00 for the print version. No second needed. Motion carried. Subscription forms are available on oklaesa.org website. Please share the information with chapter members. The first article deadline for August / September edition must be postmarked by July 5th. Please keep articles to ½ page and limit pictures to 2 for each event. Printed copies will be in black and white.

Secret Sister Coordinator Liddie Farabee asked for those interested in participating in the Oklahoma State Council Executive/ General Board Secret Sister Program to please contact her and she will get a form to you.

Directory chair Lori Few, moved to keep the price of the directory at \$8.00 plus \$5.00 postage if it is mailed. No second required. Motion carried. Order form is on the OKESA Facebook page and website. Directories will be for sale during the convention.

Project Director, Amanda Lovell, reported a balance of \$4,358.00. 2019 -2020 allocations are Oklahoma School for the Blind, 81 students and Oklahoma School for the Deaf, 130 students, for a total of 211 students, providing \$20.65 per student. OSB money allocated \$1,672.65 and OSD allocated \$2,684.50. Amanda moved that checks sent with allocated amounts to OSD and OSB be used at their discretion. No second required. Motion carried. Other business Kay Brader's final report showed that OSD plans on using the funds for new furniture for dorms and distant learning. OSB plans on using the funds for new equipment for their new gym. State Project Sponsorships forms are available. Chapters and individual sponsors need to confirm their intent to continue sponsoring their respective students. Contact Amanda Lovell for additional information.

Eastern Oklahoma District Coordinator, Judi York, announced the officers for the Eastern District as: Coordinator; Judi York, Vice Coordinator; June Miller, Treasurer; Robyn Ryan, Secretary; Gina Wozencraft, Past President/ Parliamentarian; Tawanna Cathey, Project Coordinators; Peggie Sprinkle and Charlene Law. The Eastern District Leadership will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at Highland Park Christian Church in Tulsa.

Western Oklahoma District Coordinator, Ramona Bench, announced the officers and appointed chairs for the Western Oklahoma District as: Coordinator; Ramona Bench, Vice Coordinator; Gloria Torres, Recording Secretary; Darla Barton, Treasurer; Cathy Holsted, Parliamentarian/ Jr. Past Coordinator; Nancy Baucom. Appointed Chairman; Corresponding Secretary; Libby Zaage, Chaplain; Kay Brader, Publicity; Maxine Whelan, and Philanthropic/ Ways and Means; Cathy Holsted. The Western District Leadership will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at Noble Avenue Baptist Church. Spring Meeting will be Saturday, March 20, 2021 at a location to be announced.

Convention Chair for 2020, Robbin Brown, stated that the committee is working with the Reed Conference Center to assure that the Convention can be held under the safest conditions possible. Registration to attend and to reserve rooms is July 17th. Request for refunds must be sent to Janice Shockley in writing by July 17th. There will be no refunds after that date and a \$30.00 late registration fee after July 17th. An announcement will be made and more information will be sent out within the next week.

Contest Chair Peggy Hughes, will be working with Awards Chair, Dana Terell, The Distinguished Athenian Award Chair, Rita Haines, Disaster Fund Chair, Linda Leveridge, Easter Seals Chair, Jill Drummond, ESA Foundation Chair, Vivian Gibson, Gold Link and Gold Seal Awards Chair, Robyn Ryan, Outstanding Chapter Chair, Cheryl Young, State Project Chair, Amanda Lovell, Outstanding Youth Chair, Melissa Byrum, Philanthropic Chair, Linda Voss and Publicity Chair, Gina Wozencraft.

Auditor, Judy Cravens reported that she attended via phone a budget meeting to discuss changes and correction for 2020-2021 budget as well as the June 7, 2020 Executive Board meeting via Zoom.

Hope for Heroes Chair, Jennifer Sparkman asked that everyone keep track of chapter projects, hours, miles and monies spent for Hope for Heroes activities for the end of year report. Previous year guidelines for projects and donations to Tulsa Blue Star Mothers will continue until contact can be made with the group. www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Heroes has a link to service project ideas.

Membership Chairman, Peggie Sprinkle will place an update in the August/ September PJ. Social Media/ Webmaster, Aletha Bolt will send out an email.

Jr. Past President/ Disaster Fund Chair- Linda Leveridge asked that chapters consider adding \$25.00 - \$50.00 to chapter budgets designated for Disaster Fund. Association of the Arts Chair Jeanne Kindley encouraged everyone to enter an item for 2021 Association of the Arts contest.

State Chaplain Charlene Law has emailed IC and MARC reports emailed to Executive Board, General Board, Sooner Senioresses and Chapter Presidents. Cards were mailed to Darlene Cushenberry for the loss of her son and Rosalie Griffith for the loss of her sister. Please remember to notify Charlene on any news on our members.

Oklahoma MARC Rep, Deb Hughes reported that the August 4th meeting will be via Zoom. The October business meeting and MARC meeting in person has been canceled.

ESA Counselor, Vivian Gibson reported that she has all the endowment statements and available from 2019, as well as how much the 2020-2021 scholarships will be. Please email Vivian if you wish to have a copy. Thank you notes have been received from scholarship recipients. Oklahoma State Council is responsible for the following endowments: Oscar and Joyce Whitewing; Mary Louise Smith; and Hawkins/ Tuma/ Starr.

There will be individual voting this year for the ESA Foundation Board. Ballots will be mailed to Foundation members by the 22nd of June. Select 2 out of the three candidates, Kim Mandrell, Terri Rust and Tammy Akines. Ballots must be returned by June 29th. Oklahoma has two life active incentives and four new life active members: Gina Woziencraft, Gamma Delta, Tulsa; Sigma Chi Chapter, Inola; Oklahoma Sooner Senioresses and Patsy Timmons.

Under State Convention news, Vivian stated that Linda Jones, 2019-2020 Easter Seals Chair and Cheryl Lamacus, 2019-2020 ESA for St. Jude chair will co-chair the auction with her. Assistance is needed to help set up and cashiers are needed. Please talk with your chapter about donating a basket or any item for the auction.

Ramona Paine Means, ESA for St. Jude Chair reported that ESA has partnered with St. Jude's Children Hospital for 48 years. Oklahoma has contributed \$798,862.39 from June 2019 – May 31, 2020. Registration for the 2020 St. Jude Walk/Run is now open at stjude.org/walk. Judi York, Tulsa Dream Home Chair, reported they have less than 500 tickets left to sell out of 12,000 for the giveaway on August 2nd. Aletha Bolt, spokesperson for the OKC Dream Home reported that 3,400 tickets out of 8,000 have been sold. The giveaway will be on August 27th.

Sooner Senioress President Nancy Baucom wasn't available, so Billye Peterson gave her report. Officers have been chosen for the year after a March 22nd Zoom meeting. 2020-2021 Officers are SS President – Nancy Baucom, Secretary/Treasurer – Peggie Sprinkle and Historian Linda Leveridge. Sooner Senioresses donated enough money to become a Life Member of the ESA Foundation.

ESA Foundation Parliamentarian and Grants Chair, Rosalie Griffith reported that grant applications are now open and available. Grants are available for Career Enhancement. Those are individual grants awarded to applicants seeking to develop skills for career advancement such as training programs to update or maintain employment credentials or seeking to advance your professional skills.

We also have the Vocational Training Grants available. Those are for applicants that need to complete requirement to obtain trade certification or apprenticeships or promoting programs and skills for training in the fine arts. We would especially like to see veterans that are rejoining the workforce to take advantage of these grants that are available.

If you know of anyone needing help with tuition fees for any of these grants or if you yourself need help in any of these areas, please visit the ESA Foundation website, www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf.

ESA Foundation Vice Chair Judi York, reported that the voting will be online and individually. There are three candidates for two positions on the Foundation Board. Congratulations to Life Active Foundation members, Gina Woziencraft, Sooner Senioresses, Sigma Chi Chapter and Patsy Timmons of Massachusetts, who joined under Oklahoma.

New Business/ Announcements

Margaret Kramer reported that since Oklahoma State Council Convention will be held after the IC Virtual Convention, there will not be an opportunity for a caucus. Each ESA member will have an opportunity to vote for the IC Board Candidates. The Oklahoma State Council will also get a vote. Margaret Kramer, Beta Iota McAlester, moved that Oklahoma State Council give Mona Johnston voting power to cast Oklahoma State vote for the following IC candidates: Recording Secretary- Mary Humphrey, Colorado; Treasurer- Lynda Edwards, Alabama; Parliamentarian- Chris York, Oregon; Workshop Coordinator- Malinda Remington, Florida.

Brenda Yates, Kappa Alpha, Tulsa seconded. Motion carried.

Vivian Gibson, Delta Kappa, Norman made the motion for the Oklahoma State Council to give Mona Johnston voting power to cast Oklahoma State vote for the following ESA Foundation candidates. Kim Mandrell and Terri Rust. The motion was seconded by Margaret Kramer, Beta Iota, McAlester. Motion Carried.

Margaret Kramer reminded everyone to check the IC ESA website for information regarding the Virtual Convention and to join in the fun.

President Mona Johnston will consult with her team of supporters to decide on an additional date in November to hold a meeting/ social event, due to the amount of time between State meetings.

Deb Hughes, reminded everyone to sign up for Team ESA Oklahoma and donate for the St. Jude Walk/ Run.

President Mona Johnston, introduced Patsy Timmons Massachusetts, who was in attendance.

Margaret Kramer announced that 4 fundraisers for Oklahoma State Council are in the works: Sooner Senioress Calendar, a Jewelry fundraiser, Mag to Sell, and Chances on a Condo. More information will be available later.

Oklahoma State Council Leadership is planned for September 12, 2020 in Stroud, Oklahoma at the Country Cattle Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. Closing Ritual was recited. There were 54 members in attendance, one guest, Patsy Timmons and one first time attendee; Carol King, Kappa Theta, Guthrie.

Submitted by Linda Jones, Recording Secretary