

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International

Oklahoma State Council Meeting

June Minutes

June 21, 2008

The June meeting of the Oklahoma State Council was called to order at 11:00am by President, Bunnie Sullins, at Freddie's Restaurant in Sapulpa. The members in attendance recited the Opening Ritual. Chaplain, Peggy Sprinkle, gave the devotional on "What Eagle Represents" and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Peggy also informed us of an informative website, www.eaglespiritministry.com.

Bunnie recognized the ladies of District V as our hostesses for the meeting. Bunnie then introduced past IC Council Presidents, Cathy Holsted and Rosalie Griffith, current IC and Foundation Board Members, Deb Hughes, Judi York and Vivian Gibson, past Foundation Chairman, Lola Jaegers, and Dixie Palmer Founders Priscilla Drummond, Joyce Whitewing-Slate and the Sooner Senioresettes.

There were 80 members in attendance including 7 first time attendees and 1 new pledge. We did not have any DESAs, MESAs, guests, or ELANs.

The committee to read the minutes of the June State Council Meeting is Nellrita Barrick, Chairman, Marilyn Joplin and Robbin Brown. The committee to read the minutes of the 65th Annual Oklahoma State Convention was Wanda Lucas, Chairman, Dana Terrell and Daleene Sumrall. Wanda Lucas reported that the minutes are correct and will be filed as printed.

1st Vice President/Nominating Chairman, Deb Hughes, introduced the nominating committee. They are Billye Peterson, Barbara Stapleton, Gwen Beasley, Patsy Timmons, Ramona Paine and Deb Hughes. "She encouraged board members to set an example to our membership and challenged the board members to bring a prospective board member to the state council meetings."

2nd Vice President/Education Director, Jacque Edwards, in keeping with her theme, "Made in Oklahoma", Jacque presented a mini educational on Lavender Valley Acres and lavender. She provided a website www.madeinoklahoma.net and announced there would be a field trip for each district.

Treasurer, Robyn Ryan, presented the treasurer's report. She also presented the proposed budget for 2008-2009. Robyn moved that, upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, the proposed budget be adopted. The motion carried.

Project Director, MaryAnn Jones, gave the report for Oklahoma School for the Blind and Oklahoma School for the Deaf. The total amount of funds available for 2008-2009 school disbursements is \$4,758. With 130 students, \$2,776.76 is allotted to OSD and with 91 students, \$1,981.24 is allotted to OSB. She presented the list of items requested by each school. OSD requested 5 Wii bundles and 5 Balance Boards at a total cost of \$2,448.65. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, MaryAnn moved that we purchase 5 Wii bundles and 5 Balance Boards at a total cost of \$2,448.65. Motion carried. OSB requested 10 Desk Top Talking Calculators (w/earpiece), 1 Library Resources for Teachers, Core Set of Braille Tack-Tiles, Job Hunting Resources for People with Visual Impairments, Connie's Kitchen, Nintendo Wii and the fitness system, Vertebrate Survey and Study Set, Frog Dissection Lab, 15 Chord Autoharp and Rhythm Band Set at a total cost of \$1,981.24. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, MaryAnn moved that we accept Oklahoma School for the Blind's request up to the amount allotted of \$1,981.24 plus \$22.00 donated during the Executive session. Motion carried.

The Oklahoma School for the Deaf tour will be October 4, 2008 and Oklahoma School for the Blind tour will be February 28, 2009. MaryAnn asked chapters to consider sponsoring one or more student. She stated that personal sponsorships are also encouraged. A basket will be passed around for donations.

2008 Convention Chairman, Cathy Holsted, reported total income of \$18,920.00, total expenses of \$17,945.19, with a total profit of \$974.81. Profit was distributed as reimbursement to: \$100.00 each to Beta Psi, Clinton, Beta Zeta, OKC, Delta Kappa, Norman, Kappa Theta, Guthrie and Theta Tau, Kingfisher. The remaining \$474.00 was given to the Oklahoma State Council. There were 152 ESA Members, 43 spouses and guests (including IC rep) and 3 DESAs.

2009 Convention Chairman, Priscilla Drummond, reported on behalf of the Executive and General Board, Priscilla moved that full convention registration for the 2009 Convention be \$85.00 for women and \$40.00 for men. Motion carried. Hostess chapters for the 66th Annual Convention - ESA's Casino Royale are Epsilon Kappa, Hominy, Alpha Zeta, Pawhuska and Eta Epsilon, Skiatook. The convention will be April 24-26, 2009 at the Cherokee Resort and Casino in Catoosa, OK. Room rates are \$99.00 per night. You can register on line at www.cherokeecasino.com or by calling 1-800-760-6700. Be sure to use the group code - EPSA0409. Deadline for room reservations is March 23, 2009. Priscilla also informed the members of a sit down meal being offered on Friday night for the cost of \$20.00 per person. Bunnie's charm is being offered for \$5.00. The charm represents Bunnie's year on one side and the convention on the other. Forms are available for anyone wishing to place an ad.

The members broke for lunch after Peggie Sprinkle said the prayer.

Corresponding Secretary, Joyce Whitewing-Slate, had fun leading a dessert flavored personality test.

Senior Past President/Workshop Coordinator, Robbin Brown, advised that per President Bunnie's request we will have mini workshops at all state council meetings instead of convention. The workshops will be given by past chairmen explaining the responsibilities of their chairmanship. Robbin also asked the members to encourage

others to take a chairmanship. First workshop was given by Nellrita Barrick on the DIANA. Last workshop was given by Jacque Edwards on Chaplain.

Contest Chairman, Joyce Lacey-Kenney, advised the members that contest information can be obtained via the website, www.oklaesa.org. Contest deadlines are April 1, 2009 except for DIANA and Outstanding Youth which are March 1, 2009. Joyce presented the proposal of changing the date for final chapter status figures. The change will begin on March 1, 2008, ending the last day of February, 2009. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Joyce made the motion that we accept the proposal. Motion carried. Joyce then proposed that there are particular contests that would require hard copies; the rest can be sent via email. She advised the members that hard copies are needed for Association of the Arts, Educational – Gold Seal, DIANA, Outstanding Youth, Publicity and What ESA Means to Me. All other contests, including Gold Link, can be submitted via email, with chairman responding when the entry is received. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Joyce made the motion that we accept the proposal. Motion carried.

Junior Past President/Disaster Fund Chairman, Ramona Paine, informed the members that the Disaster Fund was set aside to assist ESA members who have incurred financial responsibility due to serious illness or accident. You can claim up to \$5000.00. She asked that members include a donation in their budget for the coming year. Her goal is to have 38 chapters participate and raise \$3500.00 this year. The application will be in the Petticoat Journal and on the website.

ESA Foundation Counselor, June Miller, asked for all Foundation members to make sure they have signed their credentials and provided her with proxies for IC voting. She will provide the Foundation scholarship winners when she is able to obtain that information.

Easter Seals Chairman, Lola Jaegers, has set a goal this year for Oklahoma ESA to give \$5000.00 to Easter Seals. She advised that the IC Easter Seals Chairman has asked that each state bring \$5.00 Wal-Mart gift cards to be given to Easter Seals during the International Convention. There will be a 50/50 drawing today that will be used also.

Web Master, Aletha Bolt, informed the members that the report/contest forms will be updated. She was waiting until after this meeting, in case there were any contest changes that may affect the forms. Aletha reminded everyone of the Dream Home drawing on June 29, 2008. Tickets can be bought on line. There is a new page coming soon: the Sooner Seniorette Histories. Aletha has set up email addresses for every Executive and General Board office as well as each chapter. She would like to be informed of the person that will be responsible for checking this account. Now it is just a matter of getting that information to the chapters. She is requesting information, pictures, stories, etc to put on the website.

Circle of Life, Tina Davenport-McKamie, informed the members that the Dream Home drawing in Tulsa was June 1, 2008. All 7000 tickets were sold out. In addition, \$5000.00 worth of donations were received. The Dream Home in Yukon has sold 4000 of the 6500 tickets so far. Tina talked about a bus trip to Memphis that is being planned for October 23-25, 2008. The bus is expected to depart at 1:00pm on October 23, 2008. She reminded everyone that donations are still needed.

Sooner Seniorett President, Linda Voss, was unable to attend today. The Sooner Senioresses advised that they “are watching”.

Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle, reported the death of 2 of our Oklahoma sisters, Velma Avera, Beta Mu, Lawton and Eileen Watson, Epsilon Beta, Enid. Peggie advised members that she will be using her personal email address: peggieokesa@cox.net to receive information. She stated the Chaplain form can be found on the Oklahoma website.

Publicity, Joy Agan, asked for members to send her the newspaper articles printed about our chapter activities or bring them to the meetings for the Publicity book.

No Unfinished business.

New Business:

President/Convention charms are on sale for \$5.00 each.

Petticoat Journal subscriptions are \$15.00. If you wish to have one mailed to you, please see Charlene Law. The PJ Deadline is July 5th.

Please see Nancy Buck about Directories.

The State Council has a 50/50 money jar that will be given away at convention so let's fill the jar.

Bunnie advised that she will be giving out the “Eagle Award” at each meeting for someone who has been nominated by a member for outstanding deeds. She is asking that nominations be sent to her.

There will be a short meeting to discuss plans, immediately following June Council, for members planning to attend IC Convention.

First Vice President/President Elect, Deb Hughes, had a meeting with the District Coordinators and Vice Coordinators following June Council.

Announcements:

District V Coordinator, Margaret Kramer, was unable to attend today. Deb Hughes reported that leadership will be September 27, 2008 in Muskogee at the Kelly B. Todd Cerebral Palsy Center. Meeting will start at 10:00am. Lunch will be Italian and cost is \$7.00. All proceeds benefit the District V project.

District II Coordinator, Aletha Bolt, advised her leadership will be September 13, 2008 at the Rose Rock Bank in Kingfisher (formerly Gold Bank). Theta Tau will be hostesses. Registration will be at 09:30am and the meeting starts at 10:00am.

District III Coordinator, Judi York, advised her leadership will be September 6, 2008 at Highland Park Church in Tulsa. Registration is 09:30-10:00am. Cost for lunch is \$5.00.

District IV Coordinator, Lora Beth Bishop, was unable to attend the meeting today. Vice Coordinator, Lora Thompson, advised the leadership will be September 20, 2008 in Lawton at Greiner's School. The 2nd meeting will be at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur on October 4, 2008. The Installation will be April 4, 2009 in Shawnee.

Easter Seals Chairman, Lola Jaegers, reported a total of \$112.00 income from today's meeting.

Project Director, MaryAnn Jones, reported that \$131.40 was collected when the basket was circulated.

Door Prizes were provided by District V.

August Leadership will be August 9, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned and we recited the closing ritual.

Submitted by:

Joyce Gibson-Madden

Oklahoma State Council Recording Secretary

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