

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council
June Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by President Deb Hughes, at Comfort Inn Hotel in Yukon.

Chaplain Mary Toole gave the devotional "Thank you for being you", and led in the pledge of allegiance. Mary reported Ramona Paine, of Theta Tau Chapter and Sooner Seniorette, will be installed as the President of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International the weekend of June 12-13, 2009. Mary will have a complete list of all cards sent in sympathy, get well and encouragement in the Petticoat Journal.

Billye Peterson and Ellen Clark will give you the instructions for today's project, "Remembering our Troops," to be worked on during the lunch break.

Deb Hughes introduced the following officers:

Past IC President/Past ESA Foundation Chairman, Sooner Seniorette, Cathy Holsted.

Past IC President, Sooner Seniorette, Rosalie Griffith.

IC Senior Membership Chairman, 2010 Convention Chair, & Sooner Seniorette, Judi York.

IC Audit Committee Member, State Webmaster, and Sooner Seniorette, Aletha Bolt.

ESA Foundation Director, and Sooner Seniorette, Vivian Gibson.

Past ESA Foundation Chairman, State Auditor, and Sooner Seniorette, Lola Jaegers
Dixie Pamer Founder Billie Fritch, and the Sooner Seniorette.

Deb Hughes recognized first time attendees to the State Council Meeting. Billye Peterson introduced her new pledge, Dot Chavinsky.

Attendance will be taken from the registration list.

The committee to read the minutes from today's meeting is Chairman, Lora Thompson, Cheryl LaMascus and Jennye Hickman.

The minutes of the May Board meeting minutes were correct as printed.

The committee to read the minutes of the 66th Annual Oklahoma State Convention was Chairman, Maxine Wheelan, Nellrita Barrick and Nancy Buck. Maxine Wheelan reported minutes correct as printed.

Deb Hughes asked those planning on attending the IC Convention to stay for a short meeting after the meeting today.

Corresponding Secretary, Tina Davenport-McKamie reported receiving regrets from the following: Bunnie Sullins, Raye Rikkola, Leslie Farabee, Janet Gray, Peggy Hughes,

Ramona Paine, Janette Murray, Nadine Moyer, Priscilla Drummond, Mona Martin and Mozella Smith. Tina reported Joyce Whitewing sent her regrets, she has been ill, and although she is feeling better, was not ready to make the trip.

Peggy Sprinkle has President's Pin for sale.

Susan Evans will take your order for Directories.

Jennye Hickman will take your order for PJ Subscriptions.

State 1st Vice President Jacque Edwards reported some of her responsibilities include Nominating Chairman, Advisor to the Coordinators and Vice Coordinators, recruiting Committee Chairmen for the 2010 State Council Board, her installation and working on the 2011 convention. If you are interested in running for a State office contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee, Aletha Bolt, Sue Knight, Lora Thompson, Peggie Pate and Jacque Edwards.

State 2nd Vice President Gwynn Nell Swanson's Educational theme is Oklahoma Historic Landmarks". Please send her your Chapter Educational Chairmans name.

Treasurer, Joyce Gibson presented the treasurer's report. She also presented the 2009-2010 budget proposed budget. Joyce moved that, upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, the proposed budget be approved. The motion carried.

(I believe that the budget figures should be included in the minutes)

Project Director, Robbin Brown, reported there was \$6,152.60 in the Project Account. \$50.00 was received after the April 1, 2009 to be carried over to 2010-2011. Funds available for 2009-2010 are \$6,102.60. For a total of \$24.50 per student.

With 93 students at Oklahoma School for the Blind for a total of \$2,278.50. Their request.

1. Pool Table at a cost of \$1,975.00
- 2, Kegs at a cost of \$20.88
3. 3- Greatest Hits CD's for dances at a cost of \$29.97
4. Hot Potato Game at a cost of \$14.95
5. Guitar Hero for Play Station II at a cost of \$169.00
6. High School Musical Pod at a cost of \$29.82
7. 2 Karaoke CDs at a cost of \$19.98
8. Cooties Game at a cost of 6.99

Robbin Brown, Project Director, moved we purchase all items requested at a total cost of \$2,266.69 leaving a balance of \$11.81 to carry over into 2010-2011. Upon the recommendation of the Executive and General Board no second was required. Motion carried.

With 156 students, Oklahoma School for the Deaf is to receive \$3,822.50. Robbin Brown, Project Director, moved we purchase the School building "The Cooked Village" for \$3,000 and LCD projectors for \$800.00, leaving a balance of \$22.50 to be carried

over to 2010-2011 year. Upon the recommendation of the Executive and General Board no second was required. Motion Carried.

The Oklahoma School for the Deaf tour and District IV meeting will be held October 24, 2009, in Sulphur and the Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour and District III and District VI Installation will be held February 27, 2010. Robbin asked everyone to consider sponsoring students at both schools. Robbin asked for help with Goodie Bags for students at both schools who have not been adopted, items may be brought to the August Leadership.

The 2009 Convention Report was given by Judi York on behalf of Priscilla Drummond . The 2009 Oklahoma State Convention made a substantial profit of \$8,424.42 with \$3,712.21 to be forward to the Oklahoma State Council and the balance divided between the hostess chapters. This profit was a result of several things; all three chapters had 2 Home and Garden Parties. Increased amount of ads. Meals discounted because of problems, the meal cost was the guaranteed number provided and not the actual number served. The audio visual and bar costs were discounted as well as bar fee. There were other areas too but no need to go into all of the discounts.

2010 Convention Chairman, Judi York, on behalf of the 2010 Oklahoma State Convention Committee, and the Executive and General Board moved that the Full Registration fee and Men's Registration fee remain the same, \$85.00 for Full Registration and \$40.00 for Men's Registration.

Judi added there will be a mixer on Friday evening for a cost of \$25.00 per person. There will not be a cost to board members, but the members will need to RSVP when they receive their invitation.

(I believe the places, dates & cost of 2010 Convention Hotel rates should be included.)

Mary Toole asked the blessing and the meeting recessed for lunch.

Petticoat Journal Editor, Jennye Hickman, presented a power point on the Petticoat Journal and how to increase Chapter Chatter. Jennye will give credit to each chapter submitting five (5) TIMELY reports and a drawing for a special prize will be awarded at the end of the year.

Disaster Fund report was given by Vivian Gibson for Bunnie Sullins, Chairman. No one will ever know if you will have to call on the Disaster Fund for help; we need to make sure the funds are there. Bunnies' goal is to raise \$4,000.00 for the year. On Bunnie's behalf Vivian passed out quarters to all present with the following challenge;
You may round the quarter up to a dollar and donate to disaster fund
You may round the quarter up to any amount.
You may donate the quarter back or

You may keep the quarter.

A total of \$191 was raised for Disaster Fund.

Association of the Arts, Linda Voss, explained Association of The Arts, (Literature, Poetry, Music) Fine Arts. (Drawings; Pastels; Charcoal; Sculpture) Visual Arts (Pottery;) Weaving; (Latch Hook) Needlework (Embroidery; Counted Cross Stitch; Quilting.)

Janet Gray, Awards Chairman, encouraged members to enter the "What ESA means to me.

Circle of Life Chairman, Nellrita Barrick reported on the Circle of Life Seminar that she attended in March. Nellrita reported that we have a newer larger plaque at St. Jude – "Epsilon Sigma Alpha." She asked for a show of hands of those interested in going to St. Jude this fall. Nellrita announced that there would be a Give Thanks Walk to be held November 21, 2009 at Woodland Hills Mall. Tina Davenport-McKamie will co-chair this event.

Contest Chairman, Maxine Wheelan, upon the recommendation of the State Council Executive and General Board moved to change under CONVENTIONS 2(B) and MEETINGS 8(B) from Recording Secretary to Corresponding Secretary.

REASON: The Corresponding Secretary keeps the registration from each meeting.

Coming from a committee no second was needed. Motion passed.

Maxine Wheelan, Contest Chairman, upon the recommendation of the State Council Executive and General Board moved to change under PUBLICITY 6 (A) from Outstanding Chapter to Petticoat Journal Editor.

REASON: The Editor would be the only to know if the articles from the chapter were received before the deadline. Coming from a committee no second was needed. Motion passed.

Maxine Wheelan, Contest Chairman, moved upon recommendation of the State Council Executive and General Board that the Guidelines and Deadlines for Easter Seals be changed to add "or Chairman's records." This should then read "Total money donated: From Service Reports or Chairman's Records."

Reason: The Easter Seals Chairman receives additional information from other sources for her contest. Coming from a committee no second is needed. Motion passed.

Easter Seals Chairman, Michelle McKnight. Michelle reminded us about the Recycling program which benefits Easter Seals. You may learn about Easter Seals and the items accepted for recycling by visiting their website www.easterseals.com.

ESA Foundation Counselor, June Miller, reported on the Scholarships awarded. Oklahoma had 16 scholarships totaling \$14,500; they were awarded to 14 students. Two students received two scholarship awards. All of the money went to Oklahoma Students and one Texas student. June reminded chapters not attending IC convention to sign their credentials.

Membership Chairman, Rita Hains, announced the appointment of a Membership Task Force consisting of Deb Hughes, Patsy Timmons, Jacque Edwards, Gwen Nell Swanson, Rosalie Griffith, Judi York and Rita Haines.

Rosalie Griffith, Sigma Chi, Inola, reported Epsilon Sigma Alpha has been invited to participate in a Student Fair Day on the Campus of Rogers State University in Claremore, Wednesday August 19 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. This is an opportunity for Oklahoma ESA to engage in recruiting members for a Collegiate Chapter on a college campus. I move that the Oklahoma State Council invest in this opportunity and provide the Membership committee with enough dollars that should not exceed \$300.00 for this great effort in forming a Collegiate Chapter on the campus of Rogers State University. Upon the recommendation of the State Council Executive and General Board no second is required. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Those attending IC Convention please stay for a brief meeting today.

Next Meeting: Saturday, August 8, 2009 Tulsa, Highland Park Christian Church with ESA on the Mall \$10.00 per table, let Deb or Tina know by August 1, if you wish to reserve a table for your chapter.

District II Coordinator – Billye Hansen, District II Leadership, Aug 29, Holy Trinity Luther Church, Edmond.

District III Coordinator – Cheryl LaMascus, District III Leadership, Sept. 19, Highland Park Christian Church, Tulsa

District IV Coordinator – Lora Thompson, District IV Leadership. Sept. 12, Shawnee Library, Shawnee.

District V Coordinator – Elaine Ockletree, District V Leadership. Aug 22, McAlester.

Aletha Bolt offered directions for the Oklahoma City Dream House for anyone interested.

Jacque Edwards thanked everyone for their cards and prayers during this difficult time

Drawings held.

Thank you for sharing your time and generosity for our troop's project today. Have a great trip home and don't forget to stop by the OKC Dream House.

The meeting was adjourned. All join hands and repeated the Closing Ritual.

Charlene Law
Recording Secretary