

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International  
Oklahoma State Council Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2010

The Oklahoma State Council meeting of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International was called to order by State President Deb Hughes on April 10, 2010 at 10:53 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Shawnee, OK. Due to severe weather conditions the March 20, 2010 meeting was postponed and rescheduled to April 10, 2010 by Deb Hughes. Appreciation was expressed to those modifying their schedules to attend the rescheduled meetings.

Chaplain Mary Toole read her thought for the day. Mary Toole then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

District 3 Coordinator Cheryl Young and Billye Peterson introduced The Hugs Project and with the help of the members stuffed the neck pillows and wrote thank you notes to the deployed troops.

Membership Chair, Rita Hains made a presentation on membership with an activity for the members to note suggestions to increase the Oklahoma membership. Rita reported as of April 30, 2009, Oklahoma had 57 chapters, 830 members and 127 MAL. As of March 31, 2010, we have 54 chapters, 807 members and 120 MAL.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Past IC President, Past ESA Foundation Chair, 2012 IC Convention Chair, Sooner Seniorettette and keeper of our Wishing Jar: Cathy Holsted

IC Chaplain, Sooner Seniorettette, 2010 Convention Chair, IC Parliamentarian nominee: Judi York

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

ESA Foundation Director, Sooner Seniorettette: Vivian Gibson

Past ESA Foundation Chair, Sooner Seniorettette, State Auditor: Lola Jaegers

Past ESA Foundation Director, Sooner Seniorettette, and newly installed District V Coordinator, Jeanne Meyer.

Dixie Palmer Founders and Sooner Seniorettettes: Billie Fritch and Joyce Whitewing Slate.

Sooner Seniorettettes, our Past State Presidents, please stand so we may acknowledge you.

### **RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS**

Deb Hughes recognized the first time attendees to the State Council Meeting. Delta Epsilon chapter had a new pledge, Sally Dryer, in attendance.

Today's attendance was 50 members.

The committee to read the minutes of the November 7, 2009 State Council Meeting was Ramona Paine, Chair, Linda Southerland and Linda Voss. Linda Southerland reported the minutes correct as printed.

The committee to read the minutes for this meeting is Patsy Timmons, Chair Linda Southerland and Peggie Sprinkle. We broke for lunch at 12:10. Mary Toole offered a blessing.

The meeting resumed at 1:05 PM

Corresponding Secretary, Tina Davenport-McKamie was absent and Deb Hughes read list of members sending regrets for the meeting. Correspondence will be attached to official minutes.

### **OFFICER & COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/ Nominating Chair, Jacque Edwards, introduced the Nominating Committee members: Lora Thompson, Peggy Pate, Sue Knight and Aletha Bolt. Jacque introduced the 2010-2011 Executive Board: District II Coordinator, Nellrita Barrick; District III Coordinator, Rosemary Benning; District IV Coordinator, Nancy Baucom; District V Coordinator, Jeanne Meyer, Sr. Past President, Bunnie Sullins; Jr. Past President, Deb Hughes; Petticoat Journal Editor, Mary Adams; State Project Director, Charlene Law; Parliamentarian, Peggie Sprinkle; Treasurer, Tina Davenport-McKamie; Recording Secretary, Linda Southerland; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Joyce Gibson; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Gwynn Nell Swanson; Corresponding Secretary, Shelly Labus and President, Jacque Edwards

Jacque reported on February International Council Leadership Seminar. The attendees were provided great information. She learned so many things from this leadership and thanked the State Council for sending her.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/ Educational Director, Gwynn Nell Swanson, thanked all the chapters that presented an educational on her theme. Gwynn Nell also reported on the IC Leadership Seminar and shared some of the high points of the meetings.

Treasurer, Joyce Gibson, reported

General Fund: Balance Forward	\$7,226.69
Income (+)	\$2,406.89
Expenses (-)	\$2,714.75
Balance	\$6,918.83
DOER'S Fund Balance	\$ 322.25
Speaker's Fund Balance (CD int)	\$1,214.19
IC Campaign Fund Balance	\$ 219.36
Certificate of Deposit Balance	\$4,010.94

Joyce Gibson reported a few board members have exceeded their budgeted amount by a few dollars this year.

Upon a recommendation of the Executive and General Board Joyce Gibson moved that reimbursement not to exceed \$25.00 be set aside from the contingency fund to pay excessive amounts over budget for members of Executive and General Board Motion carried.

Every other year a new charm is purchased and engraved for the President's gavel. Cost to purchase a new charm with engraving for the gavel exceeds the budgeted amount of \$10.00. Cost of new charm is \$15.75 plus tax plus engraving is \$10.00.

Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board Joyce moved to increase the cost to purchase and engrave the charm, not to exceed \$30.00. Motion carried.

Petticoat Journal Editor June Miller, representing the Angel Team, reported the last issue of the PJ will be posted on the website this coming week. The printed copy will go out this week also. We had 70 subscriptions mailed this year at a cost of \$15.00. Upon recommendation from the Executive and General Board, June Miller moved the price of the Petticoat Journal, for first class mail, remain the same at \$15.00. Motion carried

State Project Director, Robbin Brown, had a few names of students from OSD and OSB not yet adopted with a request they be sponsored for the remaining part of the school year. Suggestions would be send a summer pack or Wal-Mart or Sonic gift cards. Robbin says you will have to come to convention to learn how much was donated to our State Project.

Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair Bunnie Sullins reported out of 54 chapters 34 chapters donated to the Disaster Fund and to find out if she met her goal, come to convention!

Deb Hughes read regrets received for the Council Meeting held April 10, 2010. Deb read a thank you note received from Elaine Ockletree for all the cards and prayers she received.

In the absence of Circle of Life Chairman, Nellrita Barrick, Linda Southerland gave her report. She reminded chapters participating in the "Parade of Placards" Saturday night at the convention to contact her with name of your representative. The St. Jude Babes will be available at the Silent Auction Friday night at convention. Certificates were handed out to all chapters participating at the St. Jude Radiothon both in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

Deb reported on the new fundraisers for St. Jude: Up Your Game for St Jude: An ESA Bunco Event and leave your Personal Footprint on the campus of St. Jude by purchasing a brick at a cost of \$1,500.00. Information for both events may be found on the ESA website.

Deb Hughes handed gavel to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jacque Edward

Deb Hughes reported that Tina Davenport-McKamie asked that everyone please submit any outstanding donations for the Give Thanks Walk immediately.

Deb Hughes reported to date 96 directories have been sold for \$8.00 each with 4 directories remaining. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Deb Hughes moved the price of the State Directory remain at the cost of the \$8.00 each. Motion carried.

2010 State Convention Chairman, Judi York, reminded everyone of the dates of convention - April 30- May 2, 2010. Members were shown a PowerPoint with information about Convention.

Auditor Lola Jaegers reported she pre-audited the books of the State Treasurer, State Project Director, State Convention Chairman, Petticoat Journal Editor (Angels) and the Acting Directory Chairman. These books were all in order. She also offered to audit any books for chapters or Districts.

Contest Chairman Maxine Wheelan thanked all chapters for their participation.

2012 IC Convention Chair, Cathy Holsted reported on the 2012 IC Convention to be held in Norman, OK at the Embassy Suites. She presented the red dirt t-shirts and aprons which will be the convention wear for Oklahoma members.

A motion was made by Cathy Holsted to loan the 2012 IC Convention fund one-half of the money jar to open an account for the IC 2012 Convention. When funds are available they will be returned to State Council. Motion seconded by Judi York; motion carried.

ESA Foundation Counselor, June Miller reminded members we will have a Silent Auction Friday night at state convention to benefit ESA Foundation, Easter Seals and Circle of Life.

Sooner Seniorette President, Patsy Timmons reported a meeting was held Friday evening, April 9, 2010 and thanked Deb for her gift.

Philanthropic Chair, Mary Ann Jones reported on information for IC Project. IC President Jamie Atchison requests each state to participate in a national food drive between now and concluding at the IC Convention in July. Details provided to members with form to report any donations.

Easter Seals Chair, Peggie Sprinkle, stated that a report will be given at State Convention of monies and hours raised for Easter Seals. ESA International and National Easter Seals are partnering to provide funds for the CAMP HOPE program to provide camping opportunities for children of military families.

Chaplain Mary Toole reported on the Celebration of Life Service at Convention. Mary still needs a candle lighter for some ESA sisters; she also needs pictures of Ann Michaels, Delta Epsilon, Del City; Jean Rhodes, MAL of Guthrie; and Doris Peavler of Delta Lambda, Muskogee. She needs pledge dates on Bettie Mathews, Ann Michaels or Jo Talbert. Please get this information to her as soon as possible.

Linda Voss and Robbin Brown are honored to present the flag ceremony at State Convention. Once again, chapter president or representative will carry their banners, please forward name of representative from your chapter. Please wear red, white or blue.

Outstanding Youth Chair, Margaret Kramer submitted following report: "First I would like to thank the chapters that submitted contestants." Her judges shared the same thoughts "It was the hardest decision they had to make". Margaret encouraged every chapter to make an effort to submit an entry and recognize these outstanding students.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jacque Edwards requested a short meeting with those planning to attend the IC Convention.
- Sigma Chi chapter, Inola, Garage Sale on Friday April 16, and Saturday April 17.
- Maxine Wheelan presented a bag from the Midwest City Relay for Life event to Deb with Believe theme.
- Drawings were held

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. The members joined in the closing ritual.

Respectfully submitted  
Charlene Law  
Recording Secretary  
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