

**Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council Meeting
November Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2009**

The Oklahoma State Council meeting of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International was called to order by State President Deb Hughes on November 7, 2009 at 10:37 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Shawnee, OK.

Chaplain Mary Toole led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A poem titled "Ol' Glory" was read by Deb Hughes.

Lora Thompson, District 4 Coordinator and Robbin Brown, State Project Director, gave the directions for the craft project, which will be used for gift cards for the unsponsored students at Oklahoma School for the Deaf and the Oklahoma School for the Blind.

HOPE FOR HEROES PROGRAM OF APPRECIATION

Hope for Heroes, an ESA National Event set for the week of November 7-14, 2009 a project introduced by IC President, Jamie Atchison. Today our special guests will "tell their story" and how we can continue to support the military personnel and their families.

Nancy Elliott, an ESA member from Alpha Pi Chapter, Lawton and Chief Media Relations Officer at Ft. Sill. Nancy introduced her guest, Specialist Christopher Harper.

Specialist Christopher Harper, who was deployed to Afghanistan and was injured. He is currently assigned to Ft. Sill, and is married and has a daughter.

Specialist Harper told us about the importance of support for the troops and their families during their deployment.

We viewed a power point presentation that was created by Rosalie Griffith and presented at the 2008 IC Convention during the opening ceremony.

Deb Hughes introduced Wendy Nix, a military wife, employed through the OK National Guard and the Army Reserves. Through Wendy we learned the benefits and assistance offered to military families and the importance of donations.

Members brought their Wal-Mart gift cards and teddy bears to share with military families.

Oklahoma ESA members reported on chapter activities planned for the Hope for Heroes events during November 7-14, 2009.

2nd Vice President, Gwynn Nell Swanson, presented a Mini-Educational on Marshall County. Gwynn Nell reminded members of the April 1, 2010 deadline for the Gold Link and Gold Seal entries.

INTRODUCTIONS

ESA Membership Corporation President, Past President, Sooner Seniorette, Rosalie Griffith.

Past IC President, Past ESA Foundation Chair, 2012 IC Convention Chair and Sooner Seniorette.

IC Chaplain, Sooner Seniorette, 2010 Convention Chair, Judi York

ESA Foundation Director, Sooner Seniorette, Vivian Gibson

Past ESA Foundation Chair, Sooner Seniorette, State Auditor, Lola Jaegers

Dixie Palmer Founders and Sooner Senioresses, Billie Fritch and Joyce Whitewing-Slate.

Sooner Senioresses our Past State Presidents.

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS

Deb Hughes recognized the first time attendees to the November State Council meeting. She asked they complete a card at the registration table. Those attending their first state council meeting will be entered in a special drawing to be held in March.

Today's attendance was 55.

The committee to read the minutes of the August Leadership was: Vivian Gibson, Chairman, Marcie Ellington and Mary Ann Jones. Vivian reported the minutes correct as printed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY TINA DAVENPORT-MCKAMIE

Regrets were received from Jennye Hickman, who is now at home and on hospice care. Also regrets from Priscilla Drummond.

Correspondence received attached to the official minutes.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

1st Vice President, Jacque Edwards, requested nomination for State Offices. The deadline is March 1st, committee members are: Lora Thompson, Peggy Pate, Sue Knight and Aletha Bolt.

Treasurer, Joyce Gibson, reported the balance in the checking account - \$7,226.69; Speaker's Fund - \$1,122.82; IC Campaign - \$219.36 and CD's - \$4,059.97

State Project Director, Robbin Brown, reported she is collecting money for students at OSD and OSB not yet adopted to receive Wal-Mart gift cards. Gifts should be mailed by December 14th to be received by December 18th.

Association of the Arts Chairman, Linda Voss, is encouraging all chapters to participate.

Chaplain Mary Toole gave the thought for the day, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Mary reported the death of Jo Talbert of Eta Mu, Owasso.

A complete list of cards sent will be in the next issue of the PJ.

Circle of Life Chairman, Nellrita Barrick, reported the Grateful Grandparents packets were distributed to all chapters. The trip to St. Jude's was a success.

Tina Davenport-McKamie, Chairman for the Give Thanks Walk for St. Jude reported the walk will be Saturday, November 21st. The goal is 200 walkers with an ESA Walk Party on Friday night. Let Tina know if you have any items for the "Goodie Bag."

2010 State Convention Chairman, Judi York, reminded everyone of the dates April 30, May 1-2, 2010 at Tulsa Radisson Hotel, located on Highway 169 and 41st Street in Tulsa. Registration is now open.

DIANA Chairman, Sue Patterson, encouraged all chapters to participate. The entries must be postmarked by March 1st.

ESA Foundation Counselor, June Miller, reported scholarship information has been mailed to the 497 schools. Students and counselors can go to ESAInternational.com/ESAF for scholarship applications. Send completed applications to June Miller.

You can now pay dues online, \$15.00 to renew and \$25.00 to join or mail to ESAF by March 1, 2010.

New lifetime members are: Mary Toole, Zeta Gamma and Epsilon Kappa, Hominy.

Membership Chairman, Rita Hains, reported Oklahoma has 810 members and 56 chapters. Delta Mu Chapter, Antlers chapter has new members and Hali Hughes, Beta Gamma, is a new pledge and is sponsored by Deb Hughes.

The membership committee is working on starting two new chapters: Rogers State University, Claremore, and in Wagoner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cathy Holsted, 2012 IC Convention Chairman, reported the hotel contract for the Embassy Suites in Norman has been signed.

Gamma Pi – Holiday Craft Fair is November 28th.

Drawing for the raffle items was held.

Robbin Brown thanked everyone for the donations to OSD and OSB children's gift cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The members joined in the closing ritual.

Charlene Law
Recording Secretary