

ESA Oklahoma State Council Leadership Meeting

September 10, 2022

Highland Park Christian Church – Tulsa

The OK State Council Leadership Meeting was called to order by President, Linda Jones, at approximately 10:05 a.m.

President, Linda asked for a moment of silence for ESA member Priscilla Drummond and her husband Joe. The had passed away in a car accident.

President, Linda led the council in the Opening Ritual. The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sooner Seniorette, Gwynn Nell Swanson.

Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle gave her thought for the day. She spoke about making the most out of each day, because life is too short.

President, Linda stated the theme for the day was “Live, Love, Laugh and Learn.” She expressed her hope that everyone would Live life to its fullest; Love every second, Laugh as you go through it and Learn all you can.

The first speaker was Sue Masset. She was a master fitness trainer and registered nurse. She led the Council in balance and stretching exercises.

Sooner Seniorette, Judi York refreshed the Council on the basics of Parliamentary Procedure. She was filling in for Sooner Seniorette, Rosalie Griffith. Web Master Aletha Bolt said she would put the document on the state website for anyone to download.

Jennifer Sparkman shared a workshop from IC Convention. It was called Laughter Yoga. Jennifer explained scientific studies have proven that the body cannot differentiate between fake and real laughter. It is recommended to practice laughing for about 30 minutes a session.

Linda broke for lunch at 11:30 a.m. The meeting resumed at 12:30 p.m.

The next speaker was Kathleen Pence, a local attorney whose focus is on civil litigation. She spoke extensively on estate planning during a person’s life, for the management and disposal of that person’s estate during their life, in the event the person becomes incapacitated and after death.

Corresponding Secretary, Eileen Wiley read regrets.

The committee to read the minutes of the June meeting was Chair, Jacque Cantrel, Darlene Cushenberry and Liz King. The minutes were approved as printed and submitted. They will be placed on file. The committee to read the minutes of today's meeting will be Chair, Gwynn Nell Swanson, Dawn Haley and Barbara Childers.

President, Linda reminded members roll call would be taken from the sign in sheets. Linda introduced the Sooner Senioresses that were present.

Registration Co-Chairs, for the 2023 Oklahoma State Convention were Sooner Senioress, Judi York and Cheryl Young. They invited everyone to attend. The theme will be "ESA – The Stars Come Out." It will be held at the Marriott Tulsa, Southern Hills hotel on April 28-29, 2023. The nightly room rate will be \$121.00, which includes breakfast for two. Registration forms were in today's meeting folders.

Jr Past President, Sooner Senioress, Sandy Lackey gave a summary of the IC Convention activities. Oklahoma received several awards.

St Jude Chair, Sooner Senioress, Billye Putnam showed a short video from St Jude, thanking ESA for their donations and volunteering their time over the years. She held a mini auction to raise money for the "\$50.00 for Fifty Years" fundraiser, where St Jude asked each ESA chapter to donate \$50.00 to St Jude's Children's Hospital.

Sooner Senioress, Judi York spoke about the St Jude Walk/Run.

Educational Chair, Sooner Senioress, Jacque Cantrel high-lighted two more locations, based on her Educational Theme of "Route 66 Diners & Drive-Ins, East to West Coast." The first one she featured was Clanton's Café, located in Vinita, Oklahoma. The second one was Pop's, located in Arcadia, Oklahoma. She gave everyone a handout to read more about these places and gave out prizes to random members.

Two members were recognized as running for offices on the 2023-2024 IC Board. Aletha Bolt moved to nominate Margaret Kramer for the office of her choice on the 2022-2023 IC Board. Motion was seconded. A vote was taken; motion passed. Billye Putnam moved to nominate Jacque Cantrell as IC Parliamentarian. Motion was seconded. A vote was taken; motion passed.

First Vice President, Nominating Committee Chair, Patty Heer asked members to step up and run for an office or to become a Chair. She said there were still spots available. Patty

announced her theme for the 2023-2024 year as, "Oh, the Places we will GO," from the Dr. Seuss book.

Jr Past President, Disaster Fund Chair, Sooner Seniorett, Sandy Lackey stated all donations are to be mailed to her and she will forward on to IC Budget Committee Chair, Leann Wray. All claims will need to be filled out by the person needing the assistance.

President Linda stated the Treasurer's Report was in the meeting folders and was accepted as printed.

Western District Coordinator, Sooner Seniorett, Linda Leveridge had to leave, but left her report, inviting members to their next meeting. It will be held September 17, 2022, at the Goodrich United Methodist Church, in Norman. Registration will begin at 9:30; the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The cost of lunch will be \$10. RSVP by September 14, 2022.

ESA Foundation Counselor, Sooner Seniorett, Vivian Gibson reported on scholarships. The application date opened on September 1, 2022. All high school and college students are invited to apply. Vivian announced all Foundation members would receive an email to vote on proposed by-law and standing rules changes. She asked all members to vote to support the Foundation. She also stated the cost to join the Foundation would go up to \$40.00. The annual dues would also go up to \$40.

State Project Director, Liz King reported that she was excited to be starting a new year as Project Director. She announced October 29, 2022, would be ESA's first gathering, to visit the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulfur. She hoped Oklahoma would be well represented. The balance of the State Project Fund, as of September 2022 was \$49.35.

Association of the Arts Chair, Dawn Haley reported that there were revisions to the report. She had added two more categories; one for ESA 50th Anniversary with St Jude and ESA's 80th year in existence. She encouraged members to enter the contest.

Membership Chair, Sylvia Ochs reported that as of August 31, 2022, Headquarters shows the total members were 503. She recognized chapters with new pledges and reminded members that October is recruitment month.

Web Master, Sooner Seniorett, Aletha Bolt gave the information on the memorial service for Priscilla and Joe Drummond. For today's meeting, she asked members to share photos on the state's Facebook page. Aletha stated that some of the ESA email accounts had been hacked and that everyone that had an account should change their password.

PJ Editor, Eastern District Treasurer, Charlene Law reminded everyone the next PJ deadline would be September 15th. She asked that Chapter Chatter articles be limited to half a page and photos limited to three. Charlene reminded members the deadline for District dues was January 1, 2023, with a cost of \$20. She asked that donations to Eastern District be mailed to her.

Publicity Chair, Jaci Gantz, stated that she was looking forward to receiving newspaper articles of chapter events, around the state.

Door prizes were awarded.

President Linda reminded contest chairs to read over the rules and to become familiar with what they were to do.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m., followed by the Closing Ritual.

Submitted by:

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