

**General Board Meeting
Virginia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
June 21, 2003**

A mixer activity was held before the start of the meeting as a way for members to get to know each other better. Sue had all present form two concentric circles facing each other. The goal was to in 30 seconds share names, chapter, city, along with favorite philanthropic, social and educational report. Each of us got a chance to chat with about 3 other ESA VSC members.

The June Meeting of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha was called to order at 10:10 AM on June 21, 2003, at the Thalia Lynn Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Voting delegates were issued pink cards to use as their vote indicators.

Opening Ritual: All members stood to recite the Opening Ritual.

Chaplain's Message: Jan Doody for Peggy Smith – Jan shared a fable about a cracked pot who felt she was letting her master, the water carrier, down. The cracked pot felt ashamed because since she had cracks in her, the water carrier was only able to carry half as much water as he could with the other pot. The water carrier pointed that he was well aware of the pot's cracks and used the water that she lost to water the beautiful flowers along the path. The moral of the fable is that the Lord always knows about our cracks and uses them to cause beauty along life's pathway.

Welcome--Cindy Maxwell: Cindy Maxwell, Beta Kappa, welcomed the VSC to the Virginia Beach area. She urged us to stay on for the rest of the weekend to enjoy the sun and even to help with the Dream Home Telethon.

2003 Convention Minute Approval Committee Report: Susan Caldwell reported that the minutes had been approved with the correction of one typographical error.

Recognitions:

Sue Foy asked the PPA's to stand and gave them an invitation to speak if they were willing.

None of the PPA's in attendance chose to speak.

There were no first timers to a VSC Council meeting in attendance.

There were no guests.

There were two DESA's in attendance: Jamie Darden and Kathy Bell.

Sue thanked everyone in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Credentials Report: Judi Darden reported the following:

Chapters on Roll	18
Chapters Present	14
Officers Present	8
Guests	0
DESAs Present	2
Total Present	48

Votes:

Officers	7
Chapter Delegates	23
Total	30

Quorum declared. Rules

Correspondence – Cindy Maxwell:

None

Financial Report – 2002 – 2003 Treasurer: Cindy Maxwell

Balance on Hand May 17, 2003 (checking)	\$2,514.86
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	\$ 786.97
Balance on Hand June 21, 2003 (checking)	\$1,727.89
Balance on Hand May 17, 2003 (savings)	\$1,358.98
Income	-0-
Balance on Hand June 21, 2003 (savings)	\$1,358.98

There were no questions. The financial report was filed for audit.

Proposed Budget 2003 – 2004 – Treasurer: Cindy Maxwell

Cindy presented the proposed budget for 2003 – 2004. She included explanations for the following line items:

- Increase in President's IC Convention expenses from \$850.00 to \$900.00 due to cost of airfare.
- Increase in printing yearbook from \$350.00 to \$400.00 due to printing cost increases
- One time expenditure of \$215.00 to replace/mend flag props
- Increase in 2004 Convention Gifts & Awards Expenses from \$100.00 to \$160.00 due to price increases
- Increase in allotment for printing of Convention Agendas from \$350.00 to \$400.00 due to printing cost increases
- Increase in President-Elect Leadership expenses from \$800.00 to \$850.00 due to increase in airfare

Cindy moved that the budget be accepted as proposed. Sue Foy called for discussion. As there was no discussion a vote was taken on the motion to approve the budget as accepted. The motion passed.

Auditor's report - Betty Allen –

All audited books are in good order. The audit committee moved that their report be accepted. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

50th Annual VSC Convention Report - Doris Hood

Doris reported that the 50th VSC convention went smoothly and thanked all those who were in attendance for coming. \$468.46 was turned over to the VSC Treasurer from the proceeds of convention. The convention ways and means committee sold 153 Anniversary pins. The remaining pins have been turned over to the VSC Executive Board for their use.

Reports of Elected Officers:**First Vice President Beth Sherron:**

Beth reports that she is excited about the sorority year and the opportunities she will have to go to IC, SERC, and Leadership in Fort Collins, CO. She represented the state council at Alpha Omega's 50th Anniversary. Beth has placed "willing to serve" forms in each chapter folder. She hopes that members will complete their forms early so that she does not have to resort to begging in February.

Second Vice President Lynne Rightmyer:

Lynne encouraged everyone to begin planning their rush program for the upcoming sorority year. She stated that she is considering each chapter's membership chair to be a part of the VSC membership committee and encourages each chapter to make membership a committee responsibility. She also reminded the membership to go to the IC website and order brochures to carry.

Recording Secretary Katrina Bell:

Katrina requested that anyone responsible for giving a report at a meeting to please bring two additional copies of the report: one for Sue Foy and one for herself. She also requested that executive, appointed and general board members please notify her if they have an e-mail change at anytime during the sorority year.

Corresponding Secretary - Cindy Maxwell

Cindy reminded chapters that she has placed yearbook criteria for the VSC yearbook contest in each chapter's folder. Yearbooks are due at the Fall Council Meeting on October 5th in Richmond. She also reminded chapter Presidents that chapter rosters are due to her by August 1. Special thanks were given to those who have already sent in their roster. Cindy requested that any e-mail address changes be sent to her as well.

Treasurer Jane Shamblin:

Jane reported that an account has been opened at the Peoples Community Bank in Fredericksburg, VA. The check from the VSC Convention committee in the amount of \$468.46 was used to open the account.

Parliamentarian Sheen Childress:

Sheen had no report but did take the opportunity to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve.

Jr. Past President Brenda Orebaugh:

Brenda reported that she has placed copies of the Lucy Davis Outstanding Chapter President's form and a copy of the disaster form in each chapter's folder. She is encouraging each chapter to participate in the Outstanding Chapter President competition. For the disaster fund, Brenda is asking each chapter to donate the proceeds of a project. Each chapter that donates \$100.00 to the Disaster Fund will have their chapter name placed in a drawing for a special prize. This drawing will occur at the spring meeting and will be funded out of Brenda's personal funds.

Reports of Appointed Officers:

Association of the Arts—Nicole Lewis:

No report

Awards—Alice Hudson:

Alice reported that she has placed award forms in each chapter's folder. She states she will do the best that she can. She related that after she retired from the health field and her grandchildren were grown and her husband had his thing -- she wondered "what can I do?" She feels blessed that Delta Rho found her.

Chaplain—Peggy Smith:

No report

Circle of Life—Ginger Yopp: --

No report

Information was placed in the chapter folders

Convention Chairman—Sharon Shaffer:

No report

Easter Seals—Carol Campbell:

Carol has spoken with the Easter Seals coordinators and received wish list information from them. She has chosen 4 categories of need for our members to fulfill. These needs will help the Easter Seals camp sites. Information concerning the timeline and the wish list items has been placed in each chapter's folder. Carol also reminded members that there is a "Cartridges for Kids" program and a SPRINT "Donate a Phone" program that we can participate in. She hopes that chapters will plan an Easter Seals event this year and that members are contributing to IC's ESA "Race for the Magic" in Salt Lake City.

Educational: Susan Caldwell:

Susan reported that she has placed educational information in the chapter forms. She then led us in a question and answer game concerning the Educational Programs. Ramona Fulwider played Vanna and threw candy to all those who answered correctly.

ESA Foundation—Marie LaDuke:

Marie stated that what would make her happy is to have all chapters and members pay their foundation dues. She reminded us that the Foundation gives us access to a variety of educational opportunities and gives our community members the ability to apply for scholarships. She is hoping to see a substantial increase in the VA state Foundation membership. The scholarship winners from VA were announced. Of special note; Patrick Gorham (nephew and grandson of ESA members) won the Flora Burns endowment. Marie asked that Chapter Presidents please see her to sign credentials for the Annual Meeting at IC in July.

Marie ended her report by presenting Nancy Reece, her husband Sherman, Gayle Meeks, and Dee Eaheart with their Life Active Membership Pin and cards.

Finance Committee—Roxie Toth

Roxie reported that she still has tickets left for this meeting's silent auction. The theme of the next silent auction will be posted in Sue's newsletter.

Historian: Lena Croft:

Lena Croft advised chapters to try to keep up on what is going on so during the year so that you do not panic when it is time to do the history of the year.

Lamplighter: Debbie Frazier:

Cindy Maxwell reported that Debbie sent forms for inclusion in the chapter folders. The price of the Lamplighter will be \$7.00. The deadline for subscriptions is August 10th. Debbie no longer has e-mail so please mail your reports to her so that she receives them by the due dates. She will mail you back a postcard to let you know that your report was received.

Leadership - Marie LaDuke

Marie reports that the Fall PPA Leadership conference will be held on October 4th in Richmond at the Sheraton Park South Hotel. The VSC Fall State Council meeting will be held on October 5th. The theme for the Leadership Conference is "Come Grow ESA in Virginia Through Leadership." She has placed information in chapter folders concerning registration forms, the 50th Anniversary dinner, hotel reservations, directions, and the tentative schedule for the weekend. Registration for the conference is \$22.00. The Saturday night dinner is \$30.00.

Philanthropic—Gail Lanning:

Gail reminded the chapters of the importance of reporting philanthropic monies, hours, and value of donated goods to her. She has placed the reporting forms along with philanthropic information in the chapter folders. The Philanthropic year runs from April 1, 2003 – March 31, 2004. Please remember that the deadline for submitting philanthropic reports is the 10th of each month.

State Project--Sharon Shaffer:

No report

Publicity—Betty Cason:

No report

Information placed in chapter folders

Scrapbook—Barbara Smith:

No report

SERC—Beverly Wright:

Cindy Maxwell read Beverly's report. Beverly, with the approval of the Executive Board, is offering a jade necklace and bracelet for raffle. Tickets are \$5.00. Only 100 tickets will be sold and the drawing will take place at the Fall Council meeting. However, no tickets will be sold at that time. Beverly also noted that she has a new home address.

Social—Ramona Fulwider:

Ramona has placed social information in the chapter folders. With the help of her Vanna, Susan Caldwell, Ramona did a little social quiz. She urges everyone to have fun and plan great socials this year.

Workshop—Judy Williams:

No report

50th anniversary - Betty Allen

Betty reported that the Leadership/Fall Council weekend will be the time and place of the 50th Anniversary celebration of ESA in Virginia. Events will include dinner, a memory booklet, charter members in attendance, and scrapbooks on display.

President's Report—Sue Foy:

See newsletter for detail about upcoming events. A challenge to the VSC is to reach as many members as possible with information. Sue reminded us that the Lamplighter and the President's newsletters are great conduits of information. Sue shared that she learned much at the Leadership Conference and will be using that information to guide the planning of our own Leadership Conference in the fall. Sue also asked members to contact previous VSC members and invite them to the dinner on the 4th of October. Sue reports that she will be going to IC along with Cindy Maxwell, Flora Burns, Betty Allen, Marie LaDuke, Beth Sherron, Lynne Rightmyer, and Catherine Gorham. The Virginia Caucus at IC will be held in Sue and Cindy's room. Sue also reminded chapter Presidents to sign their credential cards. Sue has a new "friend," her name is Flat Stacy. Sue let us know that Flat Stacy would love to travel the state and be a part of your events this year. Just give her enough time to get mailed. Sue will be compiling Flat Stacy's adventures into a photo album to be shared at the end of the year. Sue thanked us again for coming to the meeting and wished us a safe trip home.

Unfinished Business:

None

Special Presentation: Betty Allen

Betty presented Brenda Orebaugh with the state history and the Lamplighter along with a special gift.

New Business:

The executive board moved that the reading of IC candidate names be dispensed and that voting be left to the discretion of those in attendance at IC. The motion carried.

Announcements:

- July 13 – 20, IC Convention, Salt Lake, Utah. Register and sign in as a voting delegate. Caucus is Thursday, July 17, 9:30 PM, Sue Foy's room.
- Turn in chapter rosters to Cindy Maxwell.
- Pick up chapter folders. If a chapter near you is absent today, please pick up their chapter folder and make arrangements to deliver same. Thanks!
- October 4th is Leadership and 50th Anniversary Dinner. October 5th Fall Council Mtg. in Richmond.
- SERC is November 14 & 15 in Pigeon Forge, TN.
- President's newsletter will be sent out first of August.
- Chapter Presidents – please sign your IC Credentials Cards.
- Chinese Auction will follow this meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM with all joining hands for the Closing Ritual.

The Chinese Auction was held immediately following the Closing Ritual.

Katrina C. Bell, VSC Recording Secretary

Approved: Mildred Edwards

Date: July 7, 2003

Approved: Lena Craft

Date: July 22, 2003