

**Virginia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Fall Council Meeting
Sunday, October 1, 2006**

The fall council meeting of the Virginia State Council, Epsilon Sigma Alpha International, was held on Sunday, October 1, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood, Roanoke, Virginia.

President, Cindy Maxwell, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and said there was no need for special seating. Voting delegates were issued voting cards when registering. She asked that all stand and join her in the Opening Ritual.

Chaplain, Sue Foy, brought the membership up-to-date on members she knew who were sick and needed our prayers: Ramona Fulwider-Beta Sigma, Pat Buck-Delta Kappa, Peggy Futtrell-Alpha Xi, Barbara Steinspring-Alpha Chi and Joyce Taylor-Alpha Chi. She also announced Marie LaDuke's son's marriage. She shared thoughts for the day and read stories from "*Living Somewhere Between Estrogen and Death*" by Barbara Johnson, closing with prayer.

Cindy welcomed the membership to Roanoke for the fall council meeting and thanked Shelby Hodges for a wonderful Leadership Conference on Saturday. She introduced members of the Past Presidents' Auxiliary in attendance, first timers and the head table. Gaynell Krista is taking minutes for Ginger Yopp.

There was no correspondence to be read at the meeting.

Nancy Reece reported the 2006 VSC Convention minutes were approved as printed. Susan Caldwell reported the summer council meeting minutes approved as corrected. Minute approval committee for this meeting is Sandy Reed-Beta Tau and Marie LaDuke-Beta Sigma.

Judy Williams, Treasurer, gave the financial report. (Copy attached) She advised first half chapter dues are due today. Receipts and/or reminders were placed in chapter folders today. Judy made a motion to increase the Leadership amount in the current budget from \$900.00 to \$950.00. Coming from the Executive Board no second was required and the amendment passed. (Reason – increase in plane fare for Jane Shamblin)

Officer Reports (Copy of complete reports in secretary's files)

First Vice President – Jane Shamblin

Reported that she attended the IC Convention in Palm Desert, California and is looking forward to Leadership in Fort Collins, CO. "Willing to Serve" forms for state elected and appointed offices for 2007-2008 placed in the chapter folders today.

Second Vice President – Sheen Childress

Congratulated Brenda Orebaugh, Beverley Wright and Gayle Meeks on formation of new chapter, Gamma Pi, Staunton. She announced a ELAN Chapter in Roanoke and seven new DESA'S in Beta Tau, Woodbridge. Information was provided on new membership and chapter specials. Additional information placed in chapter folders.

Jr. Past President – Lynne Rightmyer

Lynne reported none of us are guaranteed we will never have a disaster in our lives, but precautions can be taken to have means to cope with it. That is the purpose of the Disaster Fund. It is an insurance policy for each of us entirely financed through ESA member's contributions. Last year Virginia donated \$2,489.76 to the Disaster Fund and \$3,646.75 to the Katrina Fund for a total of \$6,136.51. Virginia placed first in donations to the Katrina Fund and Beta Sigma, Richmond, placed third in the Eugenia Sapp Award for donating \$1,143.01. Sue Danielson received an umbrella, to insure her protection, for her recent individual contribution. Sue was the first person to donate to the Disaster Fund this year.

President – Cindy Maxwell

Shared her ESA travels including IC Convention, Beta Delta, Roanoke and Camp Fantastic in Front Royal. She is proud of Virginia for the \$866,000 raised for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital this past year, making Virginia a \$4 million state. She acknowledged the VSC web site, thanking Lisa Hale for its development; as well as the Lamplighter edited by Theresa Seay-Morris. She is looking forward to representing Virginia at SERC and rallying around our SERC candidate, Marie LaDuke. She presented Lynne Rightmyer with the \$4 million St. Jude Achievement Plaque received at IC Convention.

General Board Reports (Copy of complete report in secretary's files)

2007 Convention Chair – Judy Williams

Reminded the membership of the 2007 VSC Convention to be held in Richmond on May 18-20, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Koger Center. The theme is "Virginia Women Make History – Then and Now". Room rates are \$89.00 per night, women's registration is \$110.00 and Men's registration is \$75.00. The March 24th spring meeting will be held at the Monument Heights Baptist Church due to a conflict at the Holiday Inn Koger Center. A list of hotels, rates and directions to the church is in the chapter folders, as well as state convention web site information.

Foundation Counselor – Flora Burns

One thing our ESA Foundation does for us is manage and award scholarships. Flora brought us up-to-date on the six scholarships available to Virginia residents only and shared lots of valuable information as to how scholarship money is accumulated. As an ESA member, we are also able to gain valuable information on the web. Scholarship applications and information was placed in folders today.

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Lamplighter Editor – Theresa Seay-Morris

Theresa reported the Lamplighter this year will be emailed to chapter presidents for distribution and copies forwarded to the Executive Board and PPA's. No subscriptions will be taken. Elected and appointed board members, as well as chapters and individual members are encouraged to forward information and it will be included in an appropriate issue. Two more issues will be prepared.

2006 Leadership Chair – Shelby Hodges

Thanked the membership for their support of the conference and advised there were 67 members in attendance.

Publicity – Sherry Flesher

In Sherry's absence, Barbara Smith, Corresponding Secretary, read her report which encouraged chapters to submit articles to local newspapers or radio station concerning ESA activities. Copies of the point system used to judge publicity entries placed in the chapter folders.

Social – Eveleen Harrison

Eveleen verbally reported she has received, from Nicole Lewis, the chapter reports submitted to date. Any chapters may check with her for verification. Cindy Maxwell reported Nicole Lewis resigned due to recent health problems and Eveleen has taken her place for remainder of the year.

State Project Director – Gaynell Krista

Reported she has received checks totaling \$162.00 and are deposited in an account with SunTrust Bank. A goal of \$10,000.00 has been set for the 2006-2007 year. Letters of appreciation for last year's donation of \$3,030.00 from David A. Smith, Executive Director of Special Love, and from Anne Cuomo, Executive Director, ASK.

Credentials Report – Diana Dawkins

Chapters on Roll – 23
Chapters Present - 16
Members Present – 52
DESA – 1
MAL – 2

Votes – Officers – 7
Votes – Delegates – 24
Total Votes - 31

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Easter Seals Award Presentation – Susan Caldwell

Cartridge for Kids certificates presented to Alpha Chi, Alpha Delta, Beta Sigma and Delta Sigma.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

President Cindy asked who would be attending the SERC conference on November 3-4, 2006 in Springdale, Arkansas. There will be 5, Cindy, Flora, Lynne, Nancy Reece and Marie.

Eveleen Harrison, Theta Mu, moved voting at the SERC conference be left to the discretion of the delegates in attendance, seconded by Sara Carr, Alpha Chi, and motion carried.

Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Maria LaDuke who is running for SERC Recording Secretary.

Beth Sherron displayed the St. Jude Quilt to be raffled at the March 24th Spring Council Meeting, with the approval of the Executive Board. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets have been placed in chapter folders today, along with information on St. Jude Quilt of Dreams program.

Announcements

Barbara Smith advised additional state yearbooks are available for \$5.00 each.

Sue Danielson, of the Finance Committee, reported all Chinese Auction tickets had been sold and thanked the membership for their participation. Auction will be held after the meeting.

President Cindy reminded the membership of “Thinking of You” members listed on the agenda, as well as those mentioned earlier by our Chaplain Sue Foy.

IC Representative for VSC State Convention will be:

Barbara DuBois (Corresponding Secretary)

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Theresa Seay-Morris advised that she will be running, again this year, in the St. Jude 5K Marathon in Memphis TN and asked for more team members to join her the first weekend in December.

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President Cindy read the following dates to be remembered:

SERC: November 3-4, 2006, Holiday Inn – Springdale, Arkansas

Spring Council Meeting: March 24th, 2007, Monument Heights Baptist Church –
Richmond

VSC Convention: May 18-20, 2007, Holiday Inn, Koger Conference Center – Richmond

Summer Council Meeting: June 9, 2007 – Northern Virginia

Cindy read her closing thought *“Throwin’ in the towel? Puttin’ it in a pail? Raise it to the sky, catch a breeze . . . and set sail!”*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M. with all joining hands and participating in the Closing Ritual.

Notes taken by Gaynell Krista

Transcribed by Ginger Yopp, Recording Secretary

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**Financial Report
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Balance on Hand June 30, 2006 \$ 2,439.80

Disbursements

Ck # 1061 – 8/19/06 Lynne Rightmyer \$ 625.28
2006 Convention Expenses

Balance forward to 2006-2007 \$ 1,814.52

Deposits

7/20/2006 VSC Convention \$ 1,130.24
Chinese Auction
Chapter Dues
8/19/2006 Chapter Dues 84.00
9/20/2006 Chapter Dues 483.00
9/28/2006 Chapter Dues 224.00

Total Deposits \$ 1,921.24

Disbursements

Ck # 1062 & Ck # 1064 – Cindy Maxwell
8/19/06 & 9/30/06 \$ 1,171.43
Convention Expenses
Postage & Flag Pole Rental

Ck # 1063 – 8/19/06 IC Dues \$ 40.00

Total Disbursements \$ 1,211.43

Balance on Hand 9/30/2006 \$ 2,524.33

Savings Account Information

Balance Forward as of 6/30/2006 \$ 1,374.70

Interest \$.68

Balance as of 9/30/06 \$ 1,375.38

Judy Williams, VSC Treasurer
2006-2007