

**Virginia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
General Board Meeting
Saturday June 23, 2007**

Registration and refreshments began at 9AM at the Cokesbury Methodist Church in Woodbridge, Virginia. Jane Shamblin , President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. There was no need for special seating as voting delegates had been given voting cards.

There being a quorum of at least 5 chapters and one officer present, all business voted on shall constitute effective action.

The membership stood and took the hand of her sister and recited the opening ritual.

Bonnie Feldhauser, chaplain, requested the help of the membership to keep her informed about those with news, good, or bad, and supplied contact information to the members. She has already sent 2 get well and 2 thinking of you cards. Bonnie then read a message called "Attitude" about a woman with 3 hairs. Attitude is Everything. She followed with prayer.

Bunnie Wertz gave the welcome and offered a list of shopping and restaurants in the area.

President Jane Shamblin made introductions of the Past Presidents and thanked them for all they do. She also recognized chapter presidents, district presidents, guests, pledges, first time attendees and Desas. The head table was introduced.

Edna Plancon, corresponding secretary, read a letter from Robin Bussey, SERC Finance Chairman, outlining the money making opportunities for the SERC which will be held at the SERC convention in Charlotte N.C. These include a Tea Cup Raffle for which each state is requested to supply 5 items, the Old Bag auction, a Comfort Basket, a jewelry auction and the "Gimmy the Dough" raffle.

Edna also reminded the membership that updated chapter rosters are due to her as soon as possible.

The Minute's approval committee for this meeting will be Lynne Rightmyer, Beta Sigma and Beverley Wright, Gamma Pi.

The approval committee for the minutes of the 2007 VSC Convention were Flora Burns, Sue Stone and Cindy Maxwell. The minutes were approved as submitted and this committee was dismissed by president Jane.

The Proposed Budget for 2007 – 2008 was presented by Judy Williams. Judy explained the changes that were made from the previous budget and the reason for the changes being the increase in prices. Flora Burns made a motion from the floor to eliminate the Foundation Chairman (IC) expense be eliminated; it was seconded by Diana Dawkins, Kappa Pi. Discussion against was made by Doris Hood, Beta Tau. Shelby Hodges, Beta Delta, noted that the budget was not balanced. Sue Danielson, Alpha Delta, noted that there only needs to be a balance to carry forward. Betty Allen, Alpha Chi noted that eliminating the Foundation chairman expense would help do this. At this time Convention Treasurer Beth Sherron, Alpha Delta, gave the total to be given to the state was \$1,307.81 bringing the Anticipated Income to \$6,312.34 and the Anticipated Disbursements \$6, 259.00, leaving a balance forward. The initial motion to eliminate the Foundation Chairman expense was put to a vote and defeated. A copy of the amended proposed budget is attached to these minutes for vote at the Fall meeting.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

First Vice President – Sheen Childress

Sheen let us all know it was OK to be nervous to get up and give a report. She blew into a brown paper bag and then was fine. She shared her insight of the knowledge she has received of the workings of ESA by serving on the board and advised the membership to not let a microphone get in the way of serving. Willing to serve forms were placed in chapter folders. The deadline in February 15th.

Treasurer – Wanda English (final financial report by Judy Williams)

It was reported the Balance on Hand in the checking account is \$1,594.53 and the Balance on Hand in the savings account is \$1,377.44. The books were sent for audit. (copy of report attached)

Jr. Past President – Cindy Maxwell

Forms for the Lucy Davis Outstanding Chapter President were placed in chapter folders. Cindy's campaign for Disaster Fund this year is "Change for Disaster". Save your loose change and contribute to Disaster Fund.

President – Jane Shamblin

Jane reported that she received a request from the IC Easter Seals Chairman asking that every one attending IC bring a white bath towel to benefit Camp Stand By Me. This camp provides residential summer camp for children and adults with disabilities.

Jane has placed in the chapter folders registration forms and hotel information of SERC as well as raffle tickets for SERC that was mentioned in correspondence.

General Board Reports:

Awards – Shelby Hodges

Shelby has placed award forms in the chapter folders. She reminded each chair lady to familiarize themselves with the rules regarding their particular award. She would also like to recognize individual achievements at the VSC meetings.

Easter Seals – Betty Allen

Betty noted that only 13 chapters participated in Easter Seals last year. She has set her goal at 100% participation. She placed in each chapter folder 50-50 raffle tickets with the winning ticket to be drawn at leadership.

Betty reminded us that there are easy projects such as Cartridge for Kids and that what is raised in Virginia, stays in Virginia.

Reporting forms and information on deadlines was also placed in the chapter folders.

Educational Director – Debbie Frazier

Debbie reminded us that education is important; we all remember our teachers and none of us are done learning. Chapter directors please fill out your forms and members please nominate your chapter educational directors for the Distinguished Athenian Award. Forms were placed in each chapter folder with the requirements for the gold link, educational award and the Distinguished Athenian award. She also requested that her email address not be used.

ESA Foundation – Flora Burns

Flora announced the winners of the various state scholarships and hopes to have more about the winners at the fall meeting. There are more to be found on the ESAF WEB.

Historian – Jane Parrish

Jane distributed copies of the scoring system for the Betty Allen History Award. Don't let Jane down; she will be looking forward to her collection of Virginia histories when she completes her year as state president. Also think about submitting a copy of your history to your local library archives.

State Project – Gaynell Krista

Gaynell is beginning her second year as State Project Chairman. Her goal again this year is \$10,000.00. Over 60% of last year's goal was met. Copies of the Dot Harcum State Project Award were placed in chapter folders. Please use these forms so that money and hours will be counted correctly.

Gaynell introduced a guest speaker, Kitchy Sawetz Glasener representing Special Love. She is a Camp Ambassador and told her story of having a child with cancer and how it affects all members of the family and how Special Love made an impact in the lives of her whole family. We also saw a DVD about Special Love and Camp Fantastic.

Debbie Frazier shared an idea for making money for this project by having local baseball teams donate part of their gate, concession, 50/50 monies to the VSC State Project.

Gaynell will pursue having a representative from ASK at the fall meeting.

Webmaster – Theresa Morris

Theresa placed in the chapter folders information on how to access your website, how to make suggestions on what to include, and how to submit information.

Theresa also took this time to give an update on TEAM ESA and those planning to attend the Memphis marathon.

Philanthropic Report – Amanda Wright (given by Edna Plancon)

Philanthropic Forms were placed in chapter folders and she hopes to also place it on the state web.

Publicity – Sara Carr

Sara reminded us of how important publicity is to ESA and our chapters because it helps us grow and lets the public know who we are and what we do. Sara gave some ideas for publicity such as public service announcements, posters put in grocery stores or bulletin boards or other public places. Keep copies of everything and be sure to put your chapter's name and ESA on everything
Information was placed in chapter folders.

Scrapbook – Doris Hood

Doris reminded us to bring pictures of our summer activities to leadership and to send pictures throughout the year not just at the end.

Social Director – Bunnie Wertz

Forms have been placed in chapter folders.

Lamplighter Editor – Sandy Reed

Sandy informed us that the Lamplighter will be free again this year and it will again be emailed. There will be 3 issues per the VSC bylaws, fall, winter and spring. Deadlines are September 15th, January 15th and March 15th. All VSC officers, general board, and chapters are encouraged to submit articles and pictures are welcome. The distribution for the lamplighters will be to the executive board, general board, PPA's, and either the chapter presidents or the chapter publicity director. A copy will also be placed on the Web.

A break was taken from our business meeting as the Desas threw out beach balls for everyone to bounce around.

REPORTS

Beth Sherron, Treasurer of the 2007 convention in Richmond, presented the Virginia State Council a check for \$1,307.81 for ½ of the convention proceeds. She announced that the 4 participating chapters had decided to split their ½ of the proceeds giving \$653.90 to the State Project and the remainder to the Disaster Fund.

Sue Foy announced that leadership would be held this year at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia on Saturday September 29, 2007. The conference will begin at 9AM. The theme will be “ BEE”-lieving and Achieving in ESA Through Leadership Development. Forms were placed in chapter folders.

Convention for 2008 will be May 16-18, at the Chesapeake Marriott.

Credentials Report- Gail Lanning

Attendance:

Chapters on roll	23
Chapters present	14

VSC officers present	7
Guests present	2
Desa's present	3
MAL's present	
Members present	<u>43</u>
TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE	<u>55</u>

Votes Present:

VSC Exec. Board	7
Number of chap. Del	17
Poxy votes	<u>-</u>
TOTAL VOTES	<u>24</u>

Barbara Smith made a presentation to Past President Cindy Maxwell of her beautiful scrapbook of her year as state president.

Jane recognized a new chapter – Zeta Nu which will be chartered after the IC Convention. Beverly Scott and 5 new members will make up the chapter. Congratulations to Zeta Nu.

Unfinished Business:

Cindy Maxell announced that a courtesy bid for convention in 2009 has been received by the Northern chapters. The 2010 VSC Convention will be in the northwestern part of the state.

New Business:

The Executive Board has approved that the voting for officers at IC, with the exclusion of Theresa Morris, will be left to the discretion of the member in attendance at IC. Virginia votes will be cast for Theresa Morris for the office of Recording Secretary. Sue Foy, Beta Kappa, made the motion and coming from executive board no second was necessary. Voting was done by show of cards of voting delegates and the motion carried.

The Executive Board has approved that any bylaw or standing rule changes to be voted on at IC shall be left to the discretion of the members in attendance at IC. Sue Foy, Beta Kappa, made the motion and coming from executive board no second was necessary. Voting was done by show of cards of voting delegates and the motion carried.

There will be 20 members planning to attend IC.

The Chinese auction will immediately follow this meeting.

Announcements:

Mildred Edwards will be added to the credential committee and Nancy Reece will join the nominating committee.

IC Convention – July 8-15, Seattle, Washington

Camp Fantastic (Special Love) – August 12-18

Leadership – September 29th Virginia Beach Holiday Inn

Fall Council Meeting – September 30th, Virginia Beach Holiday Inn

Yearbooks will be hard copy unless you specifically request a CD. If so please see Edna Plancon.

Please pick up your chapter folders.

Jane shared a thought for the day

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM with all joining hands and reciting the closing ritual.

Judy Williams
2007-2008 Recording Secretary