

Virginia State Council
General Board Meeting
September 28, 2008
Holiday Inn Express, Glen Allen, VA

Call To Order: President Sheen Childress called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

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Credentials Report: Presented by Beth Sherron.

Attendance:
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| Guests Present: | 0 |
| DESAs Present: | 0 |
| MALs Present: | 1 |
| Total Present @ Meeting: | 63 |
| # Votes Present: | |
| VSC Executive Board/Officer Votes: | 6 |
| # Chapter Delegate Votes: | 20 |
| Proxy Votes: | 0 |
| Total Votes: | 26 |

A quorum was declared.

Rules of Meeting: The Rules of Meeting are part of the Standing Rules of the VSC and as such do not need to be read.

Minutes approval of the June 2008 meeting: Presented by P-Nut Schools. The minutes of the June 21, 2008 VSC meeting were approved as corrected after publishing.

Correspondences: Suzanne Budd read the correspondences of regrets from Lisa Files, Jean Bowman Mullikin, Neda Duncan, Elaine Prillaman, Michele Janke, Sharon Shaffer and Bonnie Feldhauser.

Auditor's Report: Eveleen Harrison reported that the 2007 – 2008 books of the State Project Director, the VSC Treasurer and the VSC Convention Treasurer have been audited and were found to be in good order.

Reports of Elected Officers:

1st Vice President: Wanda English reported that she attended her first IC Convention and is ready to attend Leadership in Denver. She is still waiting on Candidate for Office and Willing to Serve forms to be returned. She has put more forms in the chapter folders. The full report is on file.

2nd Vice President: Judi Williams thanked Beth for a great leadership weekend and wanted to know if everyone has had their photo taken either in June or this weekend. Judi recapped what we talked about at the June meeting and the introduction of Outreach Events at IC this year. An outline of the June meeting brainstorming session and the Outreach Events are in the chapter folders. The full report is on file.

Recording Secretary: Nicole Lewis reported what she and Theta Mu have been up to this past summer. The full report is on file.

Corresponding Secretary: Suzanne Budd gave Katrina Saunders' report. She asked that the chapter yearbooks be given to Jane Shamblin. The VSC yearbooks are in the chapter folders. If you aren't able to view it, it will cost the state \$10.00 to print and mail it.

Treasurer: Carol Campbell reported that the checking account has been transferred to SunTrust Bank with a beginning balance of \$1,57.31 on 6/21/08. Deposits totaling \$1,670.77 were posted by 9/17/08. Disbursements totaling \$1,094.74 were made leaving an on hand balance of \$2,123.34 on September 28, 2008. Receipts for the dues

have been placed in the chapter folders. The savings account had a balance forward of \$879.99 with interest income of \$0.29 leaving a balance of \$880.19 (per the posted report) which was corrected to \$880.28. Later the typo on the balance forward was corrected to \$879.90 with the interest that makes the ending balance of \$880.19 as originally stated. The full report is on file.

It has been approved by the Executive Board that we amend the 2008 – 2009 budget to include a fee of \$80.00 for the VSC website. Coming from the Executive board so no 2nd is required. Sheen asked if there was any discussion. No discussions were brought up. It was put a vote. The motion was carried.

Parliamentarian: Amanda Wright had no report.

Jr. Past President: Jane Shamblin asks that we remember to send a contribution to the Disaster Fund. We've had some really bad weather and lots of lost due to hurricanes. The full report is on file.

Reports of Appointed Officers:

Chaplain: Suzanne Budd gave the report for Neda Duncan. Neda is sorry she was not able to join us this weekend but family commitments keep her away. She reported on the sisters we have lost. Continue to send cares and concerns to Neda Duncan, 210 So. Charles St. Front Royal, VA 22630. Phone her at 540-636-9244 or via e-mail at duncanne@lynxconnect.com. The full report is on file.

Circle of Life: Beth Sherron presented us with a slide show of receipt of the awards VSC has received for donations to St. Jude. VSC has become a 5 Million dollar state. The total for the IC time period was \$638,992.65. She thanked us to participating in the Grateful Grandparents campaign. She talked about the Give Thanks Walk that is debuting on November 22, 2008. The website is www.givethankswalk.org. The full report is on file.

2009 Convention: Suzanne Budd presented the report for the upcoming convention. This will be the 80th Anniversary of ESA. The Spring meeting is March 21st at the same hotel as the Convention. The Convention is scheduled for May 15th through 17th. The Four Points by Sheraton in Manassas is the same hotel we had the 2003 Convention at. The full report is on file. We need everyone to make plans to stay for lunch. The hotel has allowed us to use the room for Spring meeting but we needed to commit to everyone staying for lunch.

Easter Seals: Gail Lanning hopes everyone received the information packages that she mailed on August 1. She has inserted additional information in the folders about Easter Seals activities and an extra Chapter report for the chapter to use in doing a mid-year and end of the year Easter Seals Project donations and hours. She is hoping for 100% chapter participation this year. Please remember to send your information to both the State Easter Seals and Philanthropic Chairs to receive credit in both categories. The full report is on file.

ESA Foundation: Barbara Smith asks that if you or your chapter are not members of the Foundation to please join as it is beneficial to all. Welcome and thank you to Jan Doody who became a lifetime member of the Foundation. Scholarship applications are not out yet. Presented some Foundation awards for achievements: Sue Stone – Bronze, VSC – Diamond, Theresa Seay-Morris – Bronze, Beta Kappa – Ruby. The full report is on file.

Leadership: Beth Sherron reported that 62 ladies attended yesterday's conference. She thanked Flora and her crazy friends. She appreciates everyone supporting the PPA bazaar. It was very successful.

Philanthropic: Submitted by Elaine Prillaman but read by Suzanne Budd. Elaine apologized for not being able to attend this weekend. She has received reports on time from several chapters and will try to send a total of monies and hours reported to her through the year so we can check our figures to make sure we are in sync with her figures. The full report is on file.

Publicity: Sandy Reed reported that she is hoping to encourage more chapters to submit entries for the Sandy Reed Publicity Award. She gave some suggestions of what to do to make this happen. The full report is on file.

SERC: Marie LaDuke reported that she hopes many of us are planning to attend the SERC Conference in Florence AL November 7-8, 2008. She told us about the Draw Down fundraiser they are having. She also talked about the Tea Cup Auction that is being held at the Conference. She reminded us about the raffle for the gemstone bracelet. Marie has tickets for the different SERC fundraisers available. The full report is on file.

Social: Judi Darden reported that she has received reports from 9 chapters to date. They have been varied and imaginative. Report forms are in the chapter folders. She has a new e-mail address of judi.darden@gmail.com. The full report is on file.

State Project: Sheen reported that unfortunately Peggy Thompson was ill this morning and her chapter sisters had to take her home.

Judi Williams- provided additional about the Outreach Programs or any of your Rush programs. Please don't hesitate to call her, or e-mail her or invite her to the project and she'll help brainstorm the project with you. If she doesn't know the answer, she'll call headquarters.

President's Report/Special Presentations: Sheen Childress presented us with a power point presentation of IC Convention. She announced and distributed the awards that VSC or VSC members won at IC and that kept her bouncing back up on stage. The print out of the awards are on file. At the IC Memorial it was announced that a star has been named in honor of our sisters that have passed this last year.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Candidates for SERC Office: The Executive Board moves that the voting be left to the delegates in attendance with the exception of voting for VSC member Marie LaDuke for Recording Secretary. Coming from the Executive Board, no 2nd is required. Sheen asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Sheen put it to a vote. The motion carried and the voting will be left to the delegates in attendance at the SERC Convention. It was requested that the candidate names be read. Sheen read them. A copy of the list of candidates is on file.

SERC By-Law Change: The proposed change to the By-Law Article XIV Section 8 was read aloud along with the reason for the change. The Executive Board moves that the voting be left to the delegates in attendance. Coming from the Executive Board, no 2nd is required. Sheen asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

Sheen put it to a vote. The motion carried and the voting will be left to the delegates in attendance at the SERC Convention. A copy of the requested by-law changes is on file.

SERC Location 2010: The SERC has asked if we as a State are interested in hosting the 2010 SERC Conference. There have been 4 states asked. One state said yes they would be glad to do it. Another state said no thank you. They are waiting for Virginia and the other state to respond. We discussed this at the Executive board meeting and the PPA meeting. So Sheen has a general idea of how people are thinking but wanted to open it up to everyone and find out what your thoughts are. Would you like to do this in 2010 and if so, would you like to be the chairperson? What we talked about at the other 2 meetings is that we would love to do it. We would just need some more time. They didn't give us a lot of turn-around time to get the information to them. Sheen will e-mail the person in charge to let them know we would be interested in hosting a future conference with a heads up with more lead time.

Standing Rule Changes for Contests and Awards: Minor changes have been requested for the Social Award and the Association of the Arts Award. The changes have been presented to and approved by Lisa Files and Catherine Gorham to their respectively sponsored awards. Social award report changes: If the report is mailed late it will not count towards the competition. Add description of supporting documentation such as pictures and outing publications under method of execution. Association of the Arts changes: Add a Chapter Crafted project category. Change the Best in Show to be voted on by the membership. The crafts for Best in Show will have numbers assigned to them instead of the name of the contributor. The Executive Board moves that we honor the decision of the award sponsors and make the changes. It was called for discussion and there was none. It was put to a vote and the motion carried.

There was no further business to come before the board.

Announcements/Dates to Remember:

- November 7-8: SERC Conference Florence, Alabama
- March 21: VSC Spring Meeting, Manassas, VA
- May 15-17: VSC Convention, Manassas, VA
- Please remember to pick up your chapter folders at the close of the meeting. If you know a chapter is not here and you live close by, please take their folder as well.
- The Chinese Auction will be held immediately following this meeting.
- The ESA Road Show is still open, please come and purchase items to help support the VSC.

Sheen asked for any other announcements:

- Carol Campbell announced that she is accepting dues payments today.
- Judi Darden announced that there was a third change to the social award report. There is a place on the form for you overall social theme but not for the individual theme for the particular social being reported. The 3rd change to the report was to provide a location to state the theme for the individual social. Sheen only received the 2 changes that were voted on earlier. Need to get with Lisa Files before voting on the 3rd item.

- Flora Burns has cards for a couple of people as your Care Connection person. Francine Barber has had a bout with breast cancer and she is doing well. Past IC President Mary Frost's only grandson was killed on campus in California. He was 22 years old. If you would like to sign them, please do so and Flora will see that the cards get sent to them.
- There was a request to recycle your cans.
- Bunnie asks that you please save the Chinese Auction envelopes and get them back to her so they can be re-used.
- Susan Caldwell asks that if you have made a decision about which committee you want to work for the Give Thanks Walk, let her know; otherwise e-mail her your information.
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Respectfully submitted,
Nicole M. Lewis
VSC Recording Secretary

Submitted for approval 10/23/2008

Bev Scott approved 10/28/08

Resent to Jane Shamblin 11/8/08

Jane Shamblin approved 11/9/08

Minutes corrected with approval committee recommendations 11/10/08

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Financial Report
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Balance on Hand 6/21/08 **\$1,547.31**

Income

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| Deposits | | |
| 06/23/08 | Chinese Auction | \$222.00 |
| 07/25/08 | Dues-1chapter | 105.00 |
| 08/08/08 | VSC 2008 Convention Profit | 902.77 |
| 08/20/08 | Dues-4 chapters | 217.00 |
| 09/17/08 | Dues-3 chapters | 224.00 |

Total Income **\$1,670.77**

Disbursements

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| 6/28/08 | Ck 1099-Teresa Morris-IC Candidate | \$100.00 |
| 6/28/08 | Ck 1100-Doris Hood-Scrapbook 07-08 | 86.67 |
| 7/21/08 | Ck 1101-IC Dues 08-09 | 40.00 |
| 7/21/08 | Ck 1102-ESA Foundation 08-09 | 15.00 |
| 7/23/08 | Ck 1103-Sheen Childress, Pres. IC Expenses | 853.07 |

Total Disbursements **\$1,094.74**

Balance on Hand 9/28/08 **\$2,123.34**

Savings Account Information

Balance Forwarded as of 6/30/08 **\$879.99**

Interest 6/30/08 .29

Balance as of 9/09/08 **\$880.18**

