

**Virginia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
General Board Meeting
Saturday March 15, 2008**

Registration began at 9 AM at the Thalia Lynn Baptist Church in Virginia Beach. Jane Shamblin, President, called the meeting to order at 10 AM. There was no need for special seating as voting delegates were given voting cards.

In accordance with the VSC bylaws, Article 111, Section 4, representatives of five (5) Virginia chapters in good standing with the VSC and IC and one (1) officer shall constitute a quorum. There being at least 5 chapters and one officer present, we have a quorum and all business voted upon shall constitute effective action.

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

The Chaplain's message was given by Sue Foy. It was a reading from the book "Living Somewhere Between Estrogen and Death" by Barbara Johnson. It reminded us that our attitude and actions determined how we get through our lives. A prayer was offered.

Mildred Edwards welcomed us to the church and explained that this week had been their churches week to offer shelter to the homeless and that we should keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

President Jane then made introductions of the past presidents and recognized the chapter presidents, district presidents, guests, pledges, first time attendees and DESAs. She introduced the executive board.

Edna Plancon, Corresponding Secretary received and read regrets from Sara Carr, Jane Parrish, Neda Duncan, Lisa Files and Cindy Maxwell. She also outlined the Walk the Line event that will take place at IC. It is this year's fund raising event for St. Jude and sounds like a lot of fun.

The minute approval report for the September meeting was given by Beth Sherron and the minutes were approved as published. This committee was dismissed.

The minute approval committee for this meeting is Marie LaDuke, Beta Sigma and Sandy Reed, Beta Tau.

The Treasurer's report was given by Wanda English. She reported a beginning balance of \$2,419.11 with six deposits made totaling \$1,242.00 and four checks written totaling \$1,658.24 leaving a balance of \$2,002.87. The savings account balance is \$1,379.46.

Wanda also stated that she had worked at two St. Jude Radiothans this year. She reminded everyone that she had received second half dues from six chapters and she would take any dues today. Dues are due by April 1st. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

At this time President Jane called upon Gaynell Krista to introduce a special guest, Jay Robinson, from Special Love. Jay is a board member, a volunteer program chair, and a former participant in the Young Adults with Cancer Program. Jay spoke of his first hand experience in dealing with cancer. He was diagnosed in 1992 with a rare brain tumor and that is when he became active with Special Love. He showed a short movie about Special Love and the impact that it has on those who participate, as patients and as volunteers.

Reports of the Officers

First Vice President – Sheen Childress

Sheen reported that she had enough victims – volunteers to serve on the appointed and executive boards.

She had a wonderful time at Leadership and came home with wonderful ideas and useful tools for her year as president. B.J. Clark was very motivating and inspirational. She energized and excited all the ladies in attendance.

Sheen is looking forward to a great year as state president.

Second Vice President – Ginger Yopp

Ginger encouraged everyone to acquaint prospective member with our wonderful world of ESA and to invite friends, neighbors and co-worker to chapter sponsored events. She also reminded us to visit the ESA website and check out the membership specials.

She gave a warm welcome to all the new and reinstated members in Alpha Omega, Delta Sigma, Theta Mu, Zeta Nu and Beta Tau.

Ginger reminded everyone that Rush Reports are due to her postmarked by May 1st. The forms were placed in the chapter folders at the fall meeting and can also be downloaded at the ESA-Virginia website.

Ginger then announced that she will not be a candidate for office in the next election. She has decided to return to college and pursue other employment opportunities but most importantly she and her husband have decided to adopt a child. This would most likely happen in the summer of 2009 and Ginger felt it unfair to herself and the state to take on the responsibility of state president that year. She asked for everyone's support and hopes to return to fulfill her dream of becoming state president in the future.

Corresponding Secretary – Edna Plancon

Edna thanked Alpha Xi for inviting her to the prayer breakfast.

Parliamentarian – Lisa Hale

Lisa report one by-law change has been submitted and a copy of the change has been placed in the chapter folders for voting on at the May convention.

Jr. Past President – Cindy Maxwell

Cindy's report was read by Edna Plancon. Cindy is in Florida for some much needed and deserved R and R. She thanked everyone for all the care, concern and cards she has received.

Lucy Davis Outstanding Chapter President forms were again placed in the chapter folders – please honor your chapter president and submit the form to Cindy no later than May 1st.

She also reminded us it is never too late to contribute to the disaster fund.

So far Virginia has contributed \$1,398.91.

A courtesy bid has been received from the north western part of the state to host the 2010 state convention.

Cindy will attend the state convention and looks forward to seeing everyone.

President – Jane Shamblin

President Jane reported on a busy year so far and looking forward to all the Founder's Day celebrations she will be attending. She reminded us to go to the IC website and see the article about what's going on in Virginia.

She also enjoyed attending SERC where Virginia won several awards. They are as follows:

First Place – Joan Mason St. Jude Award – 100% participation

First Place – Gennie Haralson Mileage Award (Alpha Xi)
First Place – Thelma Waggoner ESA Foundation Award - \$491.98/member
First Place – Jean Freeman “Happiness Is” Philanthropic Award – 170.4
Hours/member
Second Place – Barbara Riley Circle of Life Award - \$3,243.79/member
Second Place – Joyce A. Robyn Rushng Award – 11.4% gain in membership
Tie for Second Place – SERC Educational Reporting – 64% reporting
Chairmen of committees who will be judging awards, please have winners to
Jane by May 8th.

General Board Reports

Association of the Arts – Barbara Smith

Applications have been placed in chapter folders. Barbara encouraged everyone to participate no matter what state your project is in. Literature submissions are due to Barbara by May 1st for judging. All other projects can be brought to convention.

Convention 2008

The convention report was given by Flora Burns. She reminded us to register as the convention committee has lined up some interesting cruising entertainment and food. There will be an opportunity for the men to take a tour of the naval base. Make your reservation directly with the hotel. A copy of the registration form has been place in your chapter folders. There was a special message from the convention chairmen reminding us how important it is to register and stay at the convention hotels and the only way to make the convention pay for itself is for people to attend and stay at the convention hotel.

Awards – Shelby Hodges

Shelby reported that forms for Woman of the Year, service recipients, 5th degree Pallas Athene recipients and Life Active Awards were placed in the chapter folders in June. If you need a form it can be downloaded from the ESA-Virginia website and need to be to her by May 1st. If you contact her as late at May 1st and she will fill the form out for you. Shelby wants all VA sisters recognized this year.

Shelby also asked those committee chairmen judging state awards write a very short resume about each place winner advising of the activities performed and that all winners need to be sent to Jane, not Shelby.

Circle of Life – Beth Sherron

Beth has placed the Flora Burns Circle of Life Award in each chapter folder. She is looking forward to going to Memphis for her last visit as Virginia's Circle of Life Coordinator and she is looking forward to bringing back some new ideas for her workshop at convention.

Beth reported the state has raised over \$475,000 since June 1 and that there is still time to go over \$500,000.

Team ESA raised almost \$11,000 thanks to Shelby, Ginger, Lisa, Theresa and Jennifer.

There was also information about Walk the Line event at IC in Chattanooga, TN placed in the chapter folders.

Publicity – Sara Carr

Sara's report was read by Edna Plancon, Corresponding Secretary. Sara reminded us to keep up with chapter events and to let the public know. Public service announcements on the radio are free, posters are easy on the computer so put them up at businesses, work and church, give certificates of appreciation to those who help you during the year and don't forget to use your chapter's name and ESA on everything (keep a copy for your records). A Sandy Reed Publicity Form, revised, has been placed in each chapter folder.

Educational – Debbie Frazier

Debbie has heard from 15 chapters, 9 have reached the Gold Link level with 6 programs and 2 have reached the VSC Barbara Midkiff Educational Award level with 8 reports. Forms have been sent to the chapter presidents to honor the chapter director by nominating them for the Distinguished Athenian Award. Debbie also plans to submit her top 5 educational reports to IC for the IC educational award.

Lamplighter – Sandy Reed

Sandy reported that the winter issue of the Lamplighter was 20 pages and almost as long as the previous published Lamplighters. The pictures added interest to the chapter articles. The winter issue was mailed to the Executive Board, General Board, the Past Presidents and anyone who submitted an article. It was also mailed to the IC President, SERC President, IC Headquarter, and IC and SERC reps to our 2008 VSC convention. Also, Theresa has put all issues on the VSC website. Spring issue deadline is March 30th. Please

include your chapter number and chartered city to your chapter articles.

Philanthropic – Amanda Wright

Amanda reminded us that all reports are due by the 10th of the following month to be eligible for the award and that the last reports are due by April 10th.

Social – Bunnie Wertz

Bunnie thanked Jane for asking her to attend the Alpha Xi prayer breakfast. It was very inspirational but a long way to go for breakfast.

She has received report from 13 chapters with one chapter having 5 socials in one month. The theme of the socials seems to be food as ESA sisters do love to eat. Please remember the April Socials must be postmarked on or before May 1st.

SERC Director – Pat Holtsclaw

Pat thanked all who participated in the two projects in support of SERC. The first project, filling rolls of quarters, resulted in exactly \$100.00 being raised. The second project, raffle tickets for the circle pendent, raised \$85.00 in advanced sales and the final total will be announced at convention in May. The winner of the circle pendent was Kathy Gibbons, Beta Tau. Congratulations!

State Project – Gaynell Krista

Gaynell apologized for the mix up earlier in the year with her email and address. That has been corrected on the revised State Project Report Form. She also reported that money was still coming in and that the new total to date is \$5,178.40.

Gaynell outlined the following upcoming events for both ASK and Special Love: March 26th – Barnum and Bailey Circus Night at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. This is free to kids with cancer and their families.

March 28-30th – BRASS weekend at the 4-H Center in Front Royal for siblings 7-14

April 26th – ASK Family Fun Walk and 5K at the Short Pump Town Center Entry fee is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for kids over 6. You can register at ASK's website, www.askweb.org.

So far one bid for State Project for the next two years has been received. Jane Parrish, Alpha Omega, submitted a bid for Special love on behalf of Alpha Omega and Delta Rho. If there are any additional bids, please submit to Gaynell by March 31, 2008.

Scrapbook – Doris Hood

Doris again requested pictures for Jane’s scrapbook.

Historian – Jane Parrish

Jane’s report was read by Edna Plancon, corresponding secretary.

Jane reminded us that there is only 6 weeks left to finish the chapter histories. A copy of the guidelines will be in the chapter folders. Three copies need to be submitted for judging and deadline for entries is May 1st. If your chapter does not submit a copy for judging, please summarize your activities for the year to be included in Jane’s copy.

Credentials – Gail Lanning

Attendance

Chapters on roll	23
Chapters Attending	13

VSC Officers Present	7
Members Present	50
Guests Present	2
DESA’s Present	0
MAL’s Present	1
TOTAL	60

#Votes Present

VSC Exec Board	7
Chapter Delegate Votes	17
Proxy Votes	0

Total Votes	24
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Nominating Committee – Suzanne Budd

Suzanne introduced the nominees for the 2008-2009 VSC Executive Board

President – Sheen Childress

1st Vice President – Wanda English

2nd Vice President – Judy Williams

Corresponding Secretary – Katrina Saunders

Parliamentarian – Amanda Wright

Recording Secretary – Nicole Lewis

Treasurer – Carol Campbell

Junior Past President – Jane Shamblin

Finance Committee – Bunnie Wertz

Bunnie reported that \$180.00 had been collected so far for the Chinese Auction.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Announcements:

The Chinese Auction will be held immediately following the meeting.

Please pick up your chapter folders and if there is a chapter absent, could someone please pick up their folder and get it to them.

VSC Convention will be held May 16, 17, and 18, Holiday Inn Executive Center, Virginia Beach.

June Council Meeting will be held on June 21st in Front Royal at the United Methodist Church.

Congratulations to Theresa Seay-Morris who is running for IC Recording Secretary

The PPA Meeting will be held across the hall immediately following this meeting

Flora Burns announced two new Foundation scholarships – the Marjorie Rushford scholarship and the BMW of Hope scholarship for students with epilepsy

Judi Darden reminded us of the ASK walk on April 26th and to contact Mike Cox if we want to walk or work.

Mildred Edwards gave us the address of the St. Jude Dream Home so we could drive by on our way home

President Jane gave us her closing thought and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM. Everyone stood and joined hands to recite the closing ritual.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Williams

Recording Secretary 2007-2008

Financial Report
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Balance on Hand 9/27/07 **\$2,419.11**

Deposits

10/01/07	Chinese Auction	257.00
10/01/07	Sell of Yearbook	5.00
10/01/07	Chapter Dues (7 chapters)	441.00
11/06/07	Chapter Dues (1 chapters)	63.00
02/23/08	Chapter Dues (4 chapters)	322.00
03/12/08	Chapter Dues (2 chapters)	<u>154.00</u>
Total Deposits		\$1,242.00

Disbursements

Check 1089	Beth Sherron	\$ 207.15
	9/30/07 yearbook	
Check 1090	Sheen Childress	1045.80
	Leadership	
Check 1091	SERC for Dues	15.00
	10/17/07	
Check 1092	Jane Shamblin	<u>390.29</u>
	11/12/07 President Expenses	
Total Disbursements		\$1,658.24

Balance on Hand 3/15/08 **\$2,002.87**

Savings Account Information

Balance Forwarded as of 6/23/07		\$1,378.12
Interest		<u>1.34</u>
Balance as of 9/30/07		\$1,379.46