

Virginia State Council
General Board Meeting
June 21, 2008
United Methodist Church, Front Royal, VA

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

Opening Ritual: We all stood and said the Opening Ritual

Chaplain's Message: Neda Duncan read us a brief story about 2 men that were brought to the hospital – each suffering from a heart attack. One of the men cursed faith; while the other man refused to be brought down. The first man became weak and frail. The second man gained strength and soon left the hospital. Happiness is contagious. Positive attitude is medicine. God gave us life to enjoy.

Welcome: Peggy Thompson gave us the welcome message. She told us they have ordered an extra special day for us here in Front Royal. She let us know that our Delta Sigma and Delta Rho Sisters are here to help us with any needs we might have. They hope we can stay a few hours or the night. This has been an exciting year for them. They had 2 new high schools open, two new shopping centers on the north end of town. They now host a Target, Lowes, Wal-Mart, Cracker Barrel and Applebee's. Down Main Street they have several great antiques stores and some small restaurants; one is The Soul Mountain Caffe, it's quite good and if you can't stay today, please make plans to come back and stay a few days with us and maybe take in our Skyline Drive. Peggy had to sneak out at 11:30 because her granddaughter is in tap, dancing the jitterbug in her dance recital. She thanked us for coming.

Minute Approval Committee: The minute approval committee for this meeting is Flora Burns and P-Nut Schools.

Recognitions/Introductions: Sheen took the time to introduce the members of head table that were present. Corresponding Secretary Katrina Saunders, 2nd Vice President Judi Williams, 1st Vice President Wanda English, Parliamentarian Amanda Wright, Recording Secretary Nicole Lewis, Treasurer Carol Campbell, Jr. Past President Jane Shamblin

Sheen then asked the Past Presidents in attendance to stand, identify themselves and tell us about their most memorable trip.

Flora Burns – Going to Wilmington, NC on her honeymoon

Sue Foy – 4th of July trip to West Virginia for a reunion

Barbara Midkiff – Not since 17

Sharon Schaeffer – IC Convention in Memphis, TN

Marie LaDuke – Seattle, WA to visit a niece in medical school and then on to Hawaii.

Lynne Rightmyer – White Lake Carolina

Nancy Reese – Austria it snowed everyday

Brenda Orebaugh – Cruise

Gayle Meeks – IC in Memphis, TN

Betty Allen – Riverboat cruise in Germany
Beverly Wright – Alaska last year
Theresa Morris – every vacation but most recently Bermuda
P-Nut Schools – first IC convention, first airplane ride to Hawaii
Jane Shamblin - Seattle, WA for IC

Next she asked the general board members in attendance to also stand, identify their position and tell about a memorable event or something about themselves.

Bonnie Feldhauser – Credentials – 1963 saw the Beatles
Flora Burns – Care Connections – making it here today
Judi Darden – Social Chair – 40 year old 1st time mother
Eveleen Harrison – Scrapbook – 3 year old granddaughter
Kathy Liska – Credentials
Bunnie Worth – Finance Committee – Conway Twitty
Neda Duncan – Chaplain – 7th year chapter president
Susan Caldwell – Historian – shortest person in the chapter
Marie LaDuke – SERC director – married 38 years yesterday
Peggy Thompson – State Project – likes to have fun
Theresa Morris – Web Coordinator – still running
Laura – Finance Committee – starting own photography business
Michelle Jenke – Lamplighter – married in Vegas at Little White Wedding Chapel
Susan Budd – Convention Co-Chair – related to the VSC President

There were 5 members present that were attending their first State meeting.

Credentials Report: Presented by Bonnie Feldhauser.

Attendance:

Chapters on Roll:	23
Chapters Present @ Meeting:	14
VSC Officers Present:	7
Members Present:	53
Guests Present:	0
DESAs Present:	0
MALs Present:	3
Total Present @ Meeting:	63

Votes Present:

VSC Executive Board/Officer Votes:	7
# Chapter Delegate Votes:	18
Proxy Votes:	0
Total Votes:	25

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.

Several of the reports were presented out of agenda order. The minutes are written following the sequence the reports were actually presented in.

Minutes of Convention: Jane Shamblin reported that the May 2008 Convention minutes were approved as corrected.

Auditor's Report: Jane Shamblin reported that the Audit Committee report is to be presented at the Fall Meeting.

Correspondences: Katrina Saunders read the correspondences that Sheen received for members who were unable to attend the summer meeting; regrets and reports were sent in by Beth Sherron, Elaine Prillaman, Sandy Reed and Gail Lanning. Regrets were also sent by Shelby Hodges and Ginger Yopp. Katrina also read a correspondence about the IC Easter Seal idea for the 1st General Assembly. They invite all members attending to bring \$5.00 Wal-Mart gift cards for Easter Seals. You may bring as many as you want but they must be in \$5.00 increments.

Financial Report/2008-2009 Proposed Budget: Next Wanda presented the VSC with the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget.

Anticipated Income:

Forward from 2007 – 08	\$1,547.31
Dues 1 st half (198@\$7)	\$1,386.00
Dues 2 nd half (205@\$7)	\$1,435.00
Chinese Auctions	\$ 700.00
Sale of Yearbooks	\$ 0.00
½ of 2008 Convention Profits	\$ 500.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$5,568.31</i>

Anticipated Disbursements:

President's Expenses

IC Convention	\$1,000.00
SERC	\$ 500.00
Travel In State	\$ 200.00
Stationary, Postage, Supplies	\$ 100.00
Base/Flagpole Rental (IC)	\$ 0.00
Yearbook	\$ 50.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,900.00</i>

Dues

IC	\$ 40.00
SERC	\$ 15.00
ESA Foundation	\$ 15.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 70.00</i>

VSC General Expenses

Foundation Chairman (IC)	\$ 50.00
IC Candidate	\$ 100.00
SERC Candidate	\$ 100.00
Conventions Minutes 2007	\$ 50.00

Stationary, Postage, Supplies, Copying	\$ 175.00
Chaplain Expenses	\$ 75.00
Scrapbook	\$ 75.00
History	\$ 25.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 25.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 675.00</i>

2009 Convention Expenses

Reg. for Pres. & ½ 7 officers	\$ 517.50
Gifts and Awards	\$ 100.00
Workshops	\$ 120.00
Association of the Arts	\$ 25.00
Hospitality for IC/SERC Reps	\$ 50.00
Convention Agendas	\$ 400.00
Suite for President	\$ 250.00
Meals for Judges, Guests, Speakers	\$ 60.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 1,522.50</i>

President-Elect Expenses

Full Crown Pin	\$ 201.50
Installation	\$ 50.00
Leadership	\$1,070.00
Membership Seminar	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 25.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,396.50</i>

Total Disbursements \$5,564.00

Balance Forwarded to 2009-2010 \$ 4.31

We need to do some fund raising ladies.

There was no discussion and the budget was put to a vote. The budget was accepted as presented.

2008 Convention Report: Sue Foy reports that she will differ the presentation of the Convention Report to the Convention Treasurer who will be following up as soon as the checks have all cleared. She asks that we remember there were a number of items we did not have to pay for.

Membership Brainstorming Session: 2nd Vice President Judi Williams presented the membership with a brainstorming session on building membership. At the March meeting we talked about new ideas and at Convention we were given some information. It is crucial to ESA to have growth in membership. Judi was not at Leadership and is not 100% sure of how this is supposed to go but there are two members present who did attend Leadership; Sheen Childress and Theresa Morris. It was about cooking and having a set recipe (like for a cake) or improvising as you go along (such as for a salad) where you can change the recipe each time you make one. On the tables are green cards. If you are at a table that does not have a card on it, move to one that does. Choose one person at each table to be the spokesperson. Look at the card to see what it has on it. Think about what do new chapters need. Think about what new members need. How would you go about starting new chapters for those people? You will have about 20 minutes to work on

this. Theresa and Sheen will roam around the room to help and to answer questions. They are our "Top Chef's" and will make it happen. Stir up new ideas and cheer you on. (They each have a chef's hat, wooden spoons and pompoms.) Judi will write down all the ideas that are presented and send them to the chapter presidents. There are new chapter kits available on line at the ESA International website. (We broke out to different groups to work on the brainstorming.) Sheen says it is important that we talk about this.

Reports of Elected Officers:

1st Vice President: Wanda English reported that there are two copies of the Candidate for Office forms in each of the chapter folders. She is looking for a few good sisters to serve.

2nd Vice President: Judi Williams reported that she is looking forward to an exciting year; innovation and new ideas. She is disobeying the rule she grew up with that forbids her to invite herself to events. She is asking to be invited to all our celebrations, meetings, educational, anything to meet the chapter members.

Recording Secretary: Nicole Lewis had no report other than to thank Sheen and the membership for the chance to serve.

Corresponding Secretary: Katrina Saunders had no report to present.

2007-2008 Treasurer: 2007-2008 Treasurer Wanda English presented the final Financial Report for the 2007-2008 Sorority Year.

Opening balance of \$2,457.37. Total deposits of \$500.00 from a transfer from the Savings account used to cover the Blanket Bond Insurance fee. Total disbursements were \$1,410.06; leaving a balance of \$1,547.31 on hand as of May 17, 2008 in the checking account.

The savings account had an opening balance of \$1,379.90, with a disbursement of \$500.00 paid to the checking account for the Bond Insurance; leaving a balance on hand of \$879.90 as of May 20, 2008.

2008-2009 Treasurer: Carol Campbell thanked Sheen for having confidence in her as the new treasurer. The checking and savings account is currently being transferred to Sheen and Carol at SunTrust Bank. Wanda English has given the treasurer report/proposed budget. Carol has placed self-addressed envelopes in each chapter's folder to be mailed to her with the chapter's dues by Oct 1, 2008. She reminded the membership that the dues are \$7.00 per member due by Oct 1, 2008 with the 2nd half-dues, also at \$7.00 per member, are due by April 1, 2009. She will be accepting dues today if anyone has them to give to her.

Parliamentarian: Amanda Wright reported that she is looking forward to serving as our State Parliamentarian. She has her two new best friends on order Robert's Rules of Order and his best friend Robert's Rules of Order for Dummies.

Jr. Past President: Jane Shamblin reports that the Lucy Davis Outstanding Chapter President Leadership Award has been placed in the chapter folders. She has also placed containers by the chapter folders for each of the chapters to be used for collecting change for the disaster fund.

President: Sheen Childress opened by welcoming us to Front Royal and expressing her hope that we will take some time after the meeting to explore the area. Sheen told us a little story about marriage counseling to show how important communication is. She filled us in on what she has been doing so far: getting ready for

the International Convention and attending Martha Linari's ESA memorial service. She has "Show me the Money" raffle tickets available for sale. Congratulated BETA KAPPA on celebrating 40 years together. She let us know that Beth Sherron has been busy planning for Leadership in the fall. We will be having an ESA Road Show at Leadership.

Reports of Appointed Officers:

State Project: Peggy Thompson let us know that as this is a 2-year appointment we will be seeing a lot of her. She hasn't spoken to anyone from ASK yet, but plans on doing so in the next two weeks. Camp Fantastic will be Aug 17 – 23. The carnival is Monday, Aug 18 at the 4-H Camp at 5:30 PM. The theme is "Scooby Doo". If you will be attending, please bring two to three dozen cookies with no nuts or peanut butter. Let Peggy know if you will be attending by calling 540-635-3752.

Care Coordinator: Flora Burns reports that she has contacted Indiana and Iowa Councils and none of our ESA sisters have been directly affected by the flooding. Please let Flora know if you know of someone who needs a boost call, etc. IT does not have to be an ESA member. We're assisting/doing autism patterning. We did soldier care packages and received a certified "Thank You" for the packages sent.

ESA Foundation: Flora also presented this report; letting us know the Foundation proxy votes was signed.

Chaplain: Neda Duncan reports she sent two sympathy cards; one to Jimmy Linari for the death of our ALPHA TAU sister Martha and one to Tomas and Sue Stone for the passing of Sue's father-in-law.

Finance: Bunnie Wertz said she has no report but has collected \$186.00 in envelope sales so far and there are more Chinese Auction envelopes available for sale yet.

Scrapbook: Eveleen Harrison thanked Sheen for the honor of assembling her scrapbook this year. She uses the word assembling because the scrapbook is a gift to Sheen from all of us. She asks that we send pictures and documentation to her. It can be sent via hard copy or via e-mail.

SERC: Marie LaDuke reports that she has obtained a gemstone bracelet to be raffled off in the spring to benefit the Southeastern Regional Council. The tickets will be provided at the Fall VSC meeting and the drawing at the Spring VSC meeting.

Social: Judi Darden hopes we are all gearing up for some fun socials this summer. She let us know that Bunnie shared some of the unique and fun socials from last year with her. Some were a real hoot. She has placed the social form in the chapter folders so you can record your social information as your socials occur. Please remember to send all of your summer socials to her postmarked by September 10th. Send pictures, invitations, decorations and anything else to help describe your themes and how they were carried out.

Workshops: Brenda Underwood has no report at this time.

Circle of Life: Submitted by Beth Sherron but read by Katrina Saunders. Beth apologizes for not being with us today but she had an unexpected trip to the ALSAC Board Meeting in Memphis where she received an award for the members of Virginia for the ESA state with the most percentage increase in dollars in one year. We had about a 300% increase. She has planned for a representative from the Northern VA ALSAC office to come speak to us at Leadership. We will be doing the Grateful Grandparent

letter writing campaign so she will need us all to do a little work before coming to Leadership. We all need at least ten addresses of people to send letters to. She suggests non-ESA members so we can let others know about the hospital. These are form letters that we can personalize. Please plan to participate.

Leadership: Submitted by Beth Sherron but read by Katrina Saunders. Beth invites us to join everyone at the Holiday Inn Express in Richmond on Saturday, September 27, 2008. Registration is from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM with the conference starting at 9:00 AM. Registration is \$30.00. Forms and information have been placed in the chapter folders along with information about the Grateful Grandparents campaign. Make your reservations directly with the hotel. Room rate is \$89.00 per night, which includes a complimentary Deluxe Breakfast Bar that starts at 6:00 AM.

Philanthropic: Submitted by Elaine Prillaman but read by Katrina Saunders. Elaine apologized for not being able to attend this weekend but it is the weekend of their golf tournament for St Jude Children's Research Hospital. The philanthropic report form is in the chapter folders and must be postmarked by the 10th of the month following the event. Make more copies for your chapters and happy reporting. She also informed us that the IRS rate for mileage cost has increased to \$0.485.

Publicity: Submitted by Sandy Reed but read by Katrina Saunders. Sandy thanked Sheen for the appointment of Publicity Director. She is hoping to encourage more chapters to submit entries for the Sandy Reed Publicity Award. She has made a list of summer publicity tips for the chapter folders.

Easter Seals: Submitted by Gail Lanning but read by Katrina Saunders. Gail was unable to attend the Summer Board meeting due to prior familial commitments and job requirements. She thanks Sheen for the appointment to this position. She will be mailing Easter Seals Packages soon to all the chapters, with information about potential Chapter & State Fund raising projects, other donated items needed and special Easter Seals sponsored projects. The reporting forms and information will also be included in the packages.

Unfinished Business: Bonnie made a couple of corrections to the Credentials report. The # of VSC Officers present is 8 not 7 making the total # present at the meeting 64 instead of 63.

Special Presentations:

Presentation of History: Jane Parrish presented the 2007-2008 Sorority Year history to Jane Shamblin. She said she was sorry to see how many chapters do not submit a history. She says her chapter does one and presents a copy to their local library every year. She strongly urges all the chapters to participate.

Presentation of Scrapbook: Edna Plancon presented Jane Shamblin with a beautiful scrapbook commemorating her 2007-2008 year as VSC President.

New Business:

Candidates for IC Office: The Executive Board moves that the voting be left to the delegates in attendance with the exception of voting for VSC member Theresa Morris 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 IC Convention.

IC By-Law Changes: 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 IC Convention.

Announcements/Dates to Remember:

- July 6 – 13: IC Convention, Chattanooga, TN. Registration information is available on the ESA website
- September 27 – 28: Leadership & VSC Fall Meeting, Richmond, VA
- November 7 – 8: SERC Conference Florence, AL. Direct questions to Betty Keeton of Delta Gamma Chapter of Florence, AL & conference chair, at 256-764-2806 or e-mail her at betty8142@aol.com (No registration forms available at this time.)
- 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
- The PPA Meeting will be held immediately following this meeting
- The Chinese Auction will be held immediately following this meeting

Adjournment/Closing Ritual: The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 AM then we all stood and joined hands to say the closing ritual.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole M. Lewis
VSC Recording Secretary

Approved: Flora Burns September 4, 2008

Approved: P-Nut Schools September 5, 2008

Financial Report
Virginia State Council ESA International
June 21, 2008

Balance on Hand 5/17/08 **\$2,457.37**

Deposits

05/19/08 Transfer from Savings 500.00
to pay Blanket Bond Insurance

Total Deposits \$ 500.00

Check 1094 Neda Duncan (workshop brochures)	\$ 118.44
Check 1095 Jane Shamblin (Presidents expenses)	158.03
Check 1096 Bonnie Feldhauser (Chaplains expenses)	32.10
Check 1097 Flora Burns (Convention expenses)	601.49
Check 1098 TBR for Blanket Bond Insurance	500.00

Total Disbursements \$1,410.06

Balance on Hand 05/17/08 **\$1,547.31**

Savings Account Information

Balance Forwarded as of 03-31/08	\$1,379.90
Transferred to Checking account for Bond Insurance	500.00
Balance as of 05-20-08	\$ 879.90

