

Ohio State Council of Epsilon Sigma International
Planning Meeting Minutes
Judi King's Home
Saturday June 19, 2010

The morning started with a welcome from Judi King to help ourselves to the breakfast items provided. Due to the inclement weather, the meeting was conducted in Judi's basement family room filled with sports memorabilia.

Judi called the meeting to order at 9:58 AM and thanked everyone for coming.

Roll Call:

Attendees: Judi King, Kathi Silvey, Sandy Lackey, Kathleen Seewer, Sandy Fuller, Mary Lykins, Rita Eigel, Shirley Krcmar, Joan Peddicord, Joan Farabee, Madeleine Kurzynski, Arlene Holzman, Sharon Roll, Kim Roman, Monica Eck, Judi Grefer, Pat Walker, and Amy Hudoba.

Absent: Carol Haas, Carol Hazelett, Brenda Meyers, and Kay Wentzel.

Joan Farabee read an opening thought, How we Touch Each Other, from the book *Chicken Soup for the Soul*.

President:

- We need everyone's member number. If you have not already provided, please provide.
- Please copy Judi King, judik90605@aol.com, and Kathi Silvey, kathimsilvey@live.com, on **ALL** correspondence.
- Please read email frequently and respond timely. If you do not check email on a regular basis, please let Judi know as this will be the main source for correspondence.
- If you are unable to attend any of the state meetings, please notify Judi and please have someone give your report. Please notify Judi ASAP.
- Please read officer's duties and the Bylaws realizing that these are guidelines and some requirements. Each officer and member has special talents so don't just do things *the same old way*.
- If at all possible, attend other chapters' events. If not possible for a physical presence, send a note of encouragement. *Let's make every chapter in Ohio feel important. Encourage Alpha Psi to come to OSC meetings and events.*
- We are a **team**. Teamwork to me means support and encouragement, NOT criticism. Sometimes our facial expressions give us away. Please give grace to each other.

- **Correspondence:** I wrote to all MALs encouraging them to attend. I received a note from Terry Boyd thanking me.

OFFICER Ideas:

- **First Vice-President: Kathi Silvey-** Chapters should notify other chapters of their events. Build Relationships. Maybe Chapters should pair up for meetings. Have a State Family Picnic to get to know each other as well as family members. Do a fundraiser and involve grandchildren and younger kids.
- **Second Vice-President: Sandy Lackey-**Bring back Association of the Arts and add a Baking category. Offer Estate Planning seminar. Mary has 25 empty boxes left from the Homeless project at MARC. Do this project again for state.
- **Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Fuller-** Get information out early so more members will come.
- **Treasurer: Mary Lykins-** Add \$4.27 to the Proposed budget sheet and Treasurer's Report [reference old business: Audit]. Find and book one central location to have all our meetings, every year, which might give us a price break.
- **Parliamentarian: Rita Eigel-**More family participation.
- **Editor: Shirley Krcmar-** Judi Grefer sent me various newsletters to use for ideas. I want to encourage more articles from each chapter. Everyone likes to see Pictures in the BJ so I encourage sisters to SEND the pictures so they can be inserted. **First BJ Deadline: August 2, 2010.**
- **Jr. Past President: Joan Peddicord-** Awards: We may bring them back.
- **Fun/Social: Pat Walker-** May use minute to win it for ideas.
- **Chaplain: Joan Farabee** – Let me know of important events such as births, weddings, deaths, poor health, etc. Would like to *Adopt a St. Jude Child a month*-everyone would send out cards. Joan and Judi will coordinate to obtain names.
- **Ways & Means: Monica Eck** – Will bring to each meeting “What everyone Needs” such as a Gas Card or Kroger Card and auction off to highest bidder. A Kroger card was auctioned and won by Amy Hudoba. “Auction Judi King” to come to a chapter and **cook**. Mail check(s) to Monica Eck and notate in memo line that you are bidding for Judi. The winning chapter will be announced at Convention. This is a Silent Auction, only Monica will know who won and the winning amount.
- **Circle of Life: Shirley Krcmar (Senior) and Madeleine Kurzynski (Junior)** – State Fund Raising project, ***Build for Future***- 1 brick at a time. Competition is by Teams, not Chapters. We will use Legos as our building blocks, plus Lego people-2 Doctors, 2 Nurses, plus an ambulance. Cost is 10 Legos for \$1.00. More info at September Meeting.

- Educational Director: Arlene Holzman - Save the date, March 4, 2011 for a “Girls Night Out”.
- MARC Representatives: Carol Hazelett & Madeleine Kurzynski - Save the dates October 8, 9, and 10. Held in Indianapolis, IN.
- Membership: Sharon Roll - Every Chapter should plan a RUSH! Joan Peddicord is hosting a Public Rush in a public place. Talk up ESA to everyone you meet.
- Philanthropic: Carol Hazelett - Prepare a report or do a chapter project for each meeting.
- Webmaster: Judi Grefer – Each chairman should review the website for information, go to <http://esaohio.org/> If you have information that you would like to have posted, please send to Judi: judigrefer@fuse.net with subject: Please POST. Instead of the hostess chapter for state meetings preparing the flyer, have the 2nd VP do these. Promote Philanthropic at each meeting. There is a special ESA/St. Jude event for Sunday, September 12, 2010. *St. Jude Day at the Reds.* We need help selling these tickets.

OLD Business:

AUDIT: Prior to the Planning meeting an Audit Review was conducted by Judi King, Shirley Krcmar, and Kathleen Seewer of the Treasurer’s books. Two (2) checks were still outstanding: number 243 for \$115.00 to ESA St. Jude Fund Raising Team and number 243 for \$195.00 to St. Jude for a total of \$310.00. Comparing the ending balance on the bank statement with the ending balance in the checkbook, a discrepancy was found in the amount of \$4.27. After further research, we found that check number 167, written 3/16/08, to Kathi Silvey for \$4.27 had never cleared the account and was not noted in last year’s audit as outstanding. Since this check is two years old, it was decided to add back to the balance. The audit committee signed off on the books and thanked Mary for her service.

NEW Business:

Yearbook Review:

We reviewed the 2010-2011 STATE COUNCIL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICER lists for corrections. The following changes were noted:

- Kathi Silvey: Address should read 7763 East Covered Bridge Drive. Her email is kathimsilvey@live.com
- Mary Lykins: Change in work phone: should be 937-255-9266
- Joan Farabee: Add work email and use that as primary: faraJo@nwlsd.org
- Pat Walker: Add Member # (117120); Add Cell number: 937-750-9295; and Add Work number: 937-255-7762
- Judi Grefer: Add email address: judigrefer@fuse.net

- Kim Roman: Add Cell number: 513-403-4055 and email address: kim.roman@zoomtown.com

Calendar Review:

- IC Convention: **July 12-18, 2010** at Minneapolis, MN
- Fall OSC Leadership/Meeting: **September 11, 2010**, Villas of Southfork, Florence, KY; hostesses: Beta Psi
- MARC Leadership and Conference: **October 8-10, 2010**, Indianapolis, IN
- Winter OSC Meeting: **March 5, 2011**, Good Shepherd Church, Cincinnati, OH; hostess: MALs
- OSC Convention: **May 20-22, 2011**, Drawbridge Hotel, KY; hostess: Beta Psi and Alpha Delta

September Leadership:

Think about Possible Workshops for September:

NOTE:

Kathleen Seewer, Pat Walker and Mary Lykins had to leave at noon. Sandy Fuller, **THANK YOU**, continued the minutes.

Continuation of minutes after Kathleen Seewer left the meeting:

We were talking about opportunities we have as Ohio State Council members to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. On September 12, 2010 there will be a St. Jude Day at the Cincinnati Reds baseball game. In addition to ticket sales, St. Jude will be partnering with the Reds for fun activities throughout the game. Game information:

1:10 PM

Reds vs. Pittsburgh Pirates

Venue: Great American Ballpark, Cincinnati, OH

Tickets are available for purchase through any St. Jude committee member, or online at www.reds.com/stjude

Tickets are available in two categories:

- View level - \$10
- Mezzanine level - \$15

If you want to get tickets to sell, please contact Sarah Frank at 614.488.3681 or sarah.frank@stjude.org.

Sarah will send you the tickets to sell and if you have some that haven't sold, you can send them back.

In November, 2010 there will be a mall walk in Dayton the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

In the year 2011 we're hoping there will be an event either in Dayton or Cincinnati.

Regarding the OSC Convention in May, 2011, Joan Peddicord and Kay Wentzel visited the Drawbridge Inn. It is a two-story suite, with meeting room. A great place to socialize. The cost is \$85/single, double or quad. We must reserve 10 sleeping rooms each night to have access to the meeting room. Breakfast will also be comped.

Brenda Meyers sent along some hand-outs to take to I.C. Convention. They are the ESA Foundation proposed by-law changes.

Take all the flash drives that have been collected to I.C. in support of Easter Seals. Take gift cards for the Family Readiness Group in support of the U.S. military men and women. Also, the Virtual food drive which will be bringing the hours and monies spent by each chapter and/or member for needy families and food banks. If you cannot attend Convention, please go to the ESA web site and add your information.

Judi Grefer is running for 2nd Vice President of ESA International Council. We wish her well in her run for that office and appreciate all the expertise she brings to the Ohio State Council. It's very exciting!

The plans for the upcoming September meeting are to have at least two interesting and hands-on workshops. We plan on one of the workshops being on estate planning. Please get to the meeting by 8:30 and the plan is to start at 9:00 AM. The meeting itself will be limited to two hours.

Mary Lykins suggested that we do boxes for the homeless again this year. If you have any workshop suggestions, please give them to Sandy Lackey. It was suggested that we do a major blitz of publicity to each member on what the September meeting will involve in order to create some excitement. We need to give our members a good reason to come to the meeting.

A reminder was made to always put ESA on the subject line of any emails you send. This lets the intended recipient know that an ESA message is coming through.

March 4th is the week-end of Sigma Chi's Bunko night. Hopefully, we can have our members attend Bunko night and then go on to the Ohio State Council meeting that evening or the next morning.

Judi King mentioned that in order to stay abreast of what's happening in the world we need to change with the times. This means learning how to email, text, twitter and use facebook. We need to stay connected and in order to bring younger people into our organization we need to keep up on all the new technology. Keep an open mind!

We then went through some of the good ideas that were discussed this morning. They are as follows:

1. Chapters could pair up and have joint meetings. This would be a good idea since some of the chapters are limited in number. Do we want to draw names and pair up chapters? We will ask each chapter if they would like to participate. There will be a meeting with the Chapter Presidents and MAL's at the September meeting.
2. It was suggested that we have a family-style picnic. We could use the September 12th Cincinnati Red's outing for this social. Further details will be provided. It was also suggested that some chapters might want to use this event as a Rush program.
3. Have a fund raiser that would include children. We can use the Cincinnati Red's event on September 12th to accomplish this.
4. Association of the Arts. We stopped doing this at Convention because of lack of participation. If we decide to continue this it will need to be revamped. We could have a virtual Association of the Arts contest. It was suggested that we have a bake-off and we could have pictures and everyone could vote for their favorite dish. This ESA bake-off could be held at the mixer on Friday night. Any member could participate. We would need copies of each recipe. Further instructions will follow.

5. It was suggested that maybe we could have a central location that could be used for all our Ohio State Council meetings. We won't be able to do that this year since all the meeting locations have been decided, but we will table this suggestion for next year.
6. Awards. We need to decide by September if we're going to continue with Awards. We'll think more about recognition than actual awards. Maybe we can work off of the philanthropic forms that we turn in before Convention.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.