

Ohio State Council

Planning Meeting

June 20, 2009

The meeting took place at the home of President, Joan Peddicord. The meeting started at 7 a.m. and everyone stood for the Opening Ritual. Joan called the meeting to order and asked everyone to just get up and go to the restroom when needed. Roll call was taken. Joan thanked everyone for giving up their Saturday to come and asked that they keep “believing” in ESA. There is a lot to do and if we “believe” we can make it all happen. Joan mentioned that the Protocol Book needs to be updated. She asked everyone to look over the duties of each officer, appointed and elected. Several people spoke up with suggestions for changes. If for some reason you won’t be able to attend a meeting this year, Joan would appreciate hearing from you so that we’ll know what is happening and why you’re not there. Also, please make sure someone from your chapter or someone close to you will be coming and bringing whatever report is necessary to give to the membership. If you can’t give your report to anyone, please get it to Joan so that she can impart whatever information is needed to the membership. She mentioned that she’s not going to make a lot of changes this year, but she does intend to have a head table because she feels it makes it much easier to give reports, etc. She also believes in each one of us and wants us to believe in ourselves and that we’ll do the job/jobs we’ve volunteered for to the very best of our ability.

Joan is going to go down the list of officers and if anyone has anything to present, please do so. At future meetings each officer should have a written report with three copies at each meeting.

Vice-President – Judi King

Brought up the topic of Kathi Silvey taking on the huge responsibility of attending the I.C. Leadership Seminar in 2010 in Judi King’s place. Judi can’t take off that many days with her job and this will be a great learning experience for Kathi. Judi felt that the money would be better spent in grooming Kathi for the future job of Council President. It is a much better use of Ohio’s money. There was a discussion and everyone agreed to send Kathi instead of Judi. The other thing that Judi wanted to mention is that Ohio is doing well in that we have a new chapter and that things are going well. She doesn’t like the fact that we are having members who have already served as officers repeating that service. We need to cultivate and encourage members who have not held an office to believe in themselves and step up to serve the Ohio State Council. We need to get more of our chapter members involved at the state

level. One suggestion was that state officers attend chapter meetings to get the word out that we'll welcome their attendance at state meetings. Let them know what we're doing and get them involved. Joan asked that each member of the Board attend a chapter meeting (other than their own chapter) and talk about the Council and all that it has to offer. Also, Joan asked that each officer give her their ESA member number to use in her records and for future records.

Treasurer – Mary Lykins

Joan has several records she gave Mary and requested that the audit be done after this meeting. That was agreeable.

Parliamentarian – Amy Hudoba

Amy says we're going to keep it nice and easy this year with any changes.

Disaster Fund – Shirley Krcmar

Shirley will keep OSC updated about the fund through the Buckeye Jonquil and reports at our meetings. She will encourage members to use their talents and abilities to serve on the OSC board while serving on the Nominating Committee. She will support the goals and plans of our president, Joan Peddicord, and "Believe" in a successful year for the Ohio State Council.

Awards Chairman – Kathy Solt

The Travel Award and Outstanding Chapter Award were both eliminated from reporting at the past State Convention. The consensus was that putting the fun into the awards being given out was a nice change and that we should try and keep the fun part in the presentations but at the same time while giving out the award let everyone know what action took place in order to receive each particular award. Each chapter is encouraged to send in all the pertinent information when deciding the awards. All of the information collected is given to the International Council in order to let them know what philanthropic activity is taking place in each state. This information is vital to our tax exempt status. It was suggested that some awards be given out during the meeting to give those chairmen something specific to do. It would also cut down on the time spent at the awards luncheon. Also, please utilize the Buckeye Jonquil and each chapter should send in their article and let the other members of State know what exciting things are going on!

Chaplain – Arlene Holzman

Please let Arlene know of any illnesses, deaths, births, etc. in your chapter so that she can get word out and send cards. Also, Arlene will forward the International Council Chaplain's

report to the chapter presidents and also let her know what is going on in Ohio. Let's keep in touch with one another.

Circle of Life – Maryanne McDowell

An all chapter participation project is being designed and we'll be informed at our September meeting about the details. We're all looking forward to participating!

Easter Seals – Kay Wentzel

Kay has spoken with a local Easter Seals person and it was suggested that we collect items for the children for Camp Hope throughout the coming year. We can bring what we've collected to both the September and March meetings. Delta Gamma is fortunate that their chapter is very active with Easter Seals. Most of the other chapters do not have any direct communication with Easter Seals. We'll try and be as active as we can. Also it was mentioned that International Council will have projects both for Camp Hope and also supporting our military families.

Educational Director – Pat Walker

Pat's goal this year is to inspire her sisters throughout Ohio to learn more about each other or the city in which they live or were born. There are many of us that are transplants to Ohio. Some examples are:

- a. Tell about yourself and how you landed in Ohio and your chapter.
- b. If you weren't in your current profession, what would you be doing instead?
- c. What motivates you to work tirelessly for a particular charity?
- d. If you were elected mayor of your city, what positive change would you make and why?

Pat plans to be creative and have fun!

ESA Foundation – Brenda Meyers

In Brenda's absence, Mary Lykins reported that she received a card from Ohio's Outstanding Youth and how happy she was to receive the award and she let us know that she has a printout of all the scholarships presented from the Foundation if anyone would like to see them. Ohio's outstanding youth is attending Miami University in Oxford and Mary feels like she would be a good candidate to contact to help her form a collegiate chapter at Miami. There was also talk about trying to form a chapter at Toledo University. Much discussion followed.

Fun Chairman – Carol Haas

Carol wasn't able to attend due to her work schedule, but she is planning on putting some "fun" into our State meetings!

MARC Representative – Ann Jaccaud

Neither Ann nor Carol Haas will be going to International Council Convention this July so we'll need someone else to attend the MARC meeting and give a report on it at the September state meeting. Joan said that she'll be able to work out the details when she gets to the I.C. Convention.

Membership Chairman – Sharon Roll

Sharon spoke about how much need there is in ESA to put tremendous emphasis on membership. We need to work, work, work to increase our membership numbers. She is so excited about all the possibilities that exist for us to increase our membership. Sharon has brought in 88 new members into ESA throughout her years as a member. We need to incorporate Sharon's ideas so that we can duplicate her tremendous success in recruiting members to ESA. Sharon has put together a picture booklet of Sigma Chi including her pledge ceremonies and rush ceremonies. She will hand it around so that you can take a look. She is the best cheerleader ESA could possibly have and she's offered to help each and every one of us be the best ESA cheerleader we can possibly be!

Philanthropic Chairman – Carol Hazelett

Carol's goals are to have presentations from different chapters on their fundraising projects and to make sure the philanthropic form is up-to-date regarding mileage and goods costs. She hope we have another outstanding year in raising donations for all of our different charities. Also, a reminder to keep track of all your philanthropic hours and monies.

Registrar – Debbie Saviagnano

Debbie plans on keeping accurate records and will have everything available necessary for the May Convention election. She questioned what the flowered box was that was with the stuff given to her regarding her office. She was informed that it is the ballot box and we're hoping that it will be put to good use at our next election! That would mean that we have more than one person running for each office!

Ways & Means Chairman – Madeleine Kurzynski

Possibly have a raffle or do a workshop. **I couldn't understand what was being said because the voices were too softly spoken and too far away from the microphone.**

Webmaster – Judi Grefer

Judi would love to get some input and have some contribution to it in order to help make it more interesting. Please take a look at any forms that pertain to each office, make any changes necessary and forward them to Judi for inclusion. Also, please send pictures if you have any of chapter philanthropic activities. She would prefer digital pictures, but she does have the capability of scanning pictures. Joan had a copy of the ReMarcs and it shows all of the websites for the different states. She encourages everyone to look at the websites for ideas and information.

Past Presidents Association President – Madeleine Kurzynski

Madeleine said she has no idea what she's supposed to do so Joan told her that at next year's state convention she's supposed to collect all dues and turn the monies over to the PPA treasurer, Ann Jaccaud . Madeleine said she can do that.

Joan brought copies of the Yearbook and asked that everyone review the Yearbook. The Yearbook was reviewed and from those present, changes were made. Joan asked that everyone review it again when they get home. In going over the important dates it was decided that the State Convention will be held April 30 – May 2, 2010. It will be held at the Golden Eagle Retreat Center located in Palestine, Ohio. The expected cost will be \$115.00 and that will include two nights lodging and six meals. It is dormitory style with bunk beds. It is a very casual atmosphere. Check-in will be Friday, anytime after 3 p.m. Check-out is 3 p.m. on Sunday. The co-chairman are: **I think they said Kathy Solt and Maddie Kurzynski, but I'm not sure** Lots of details were discussed and will be given out to the membership at a later date.

The minutes from the past Ohio State Council Convention were reviewed and corrections were made. Kathi Silvey took the minutes in Jill Montgomery's absence. Thank you Kathi.

1st Saturday of March will be the OSC meeting. Delta Chi doesn't know yet where it will be held. They will let everyone know no later than April, 2010.

Shirley received a blank page that will be inserted into the International Council President Judy Huntley's scrapbook. Does anyone have any suggestions? Shirley wants something put in that represents Ohio. Please give any items to Shirley.

The MARC meeting was discussed first. It will be held the week-end of October 9, 10 and 11, 2009 up in Dayton, Ohio at the Holiday Inn, Fairborn at 1675. The theme is "The Wright Place to Be." Carol Hazelet went some of the particulars of the hotel since Gamma Beta will be the hostess chapter. She went over where some of the activities will take place in the hotel. They have a room available for the Friday activities if the head count is 100 people or less. More than 100 and everyone will be going to the ballroom. When Brenda Meyers is installed

on Saturday evening at the banquet, there will also be a reception. Brenda has indicated that she would like to keep the entire installation/reception as upbeat and informal as possible. Both Carol Hazelet and Judy Huntley will be doing the installation ceremony. Entertainment will be us! Lots of Jimmy Buffet music! Saturday evening's theme will be "ESA, Another Day in Paradise!" The room that we'll use for the reception will be across the hall and we will be able to bring in our own beverages. They're looking into using a margarita machine. Other possible food choices could be taco chips, salsa and some lime candies. **Judi King, Delta Chi Chapter, moved that the Ohio State Council treasury donate \$100.00 to help with the cost of the reception. Shirley Krcmar, Delta Gamma Chapter, seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Please dress in tropical shirts/blouses, vests, capris, etc. Judi Grefer suggested that bikini's would also be acceptable! Judi King talked about what the plans were for Friday's Leadership day. There will be a speaker in the morning starting at 10:00 a.m. for two hours. The speaker will be Elaine Lundburg and she is a comedienne/therapist. After she speaks, she'll join us for lunch which will be from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. From 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. we'll have a different kind of workshop. The theme is "It's All About You." Judi's goal is to have ten stations. Three stations will be hands-on philanthropic projects. Mary Lykins has already volunteered to be in charge of this aspect. If anyone is interested, please contact Mary. Some of the ideas were to include the Sew Much Comfort group. Kay Wentzel is going to contact Easter Seals and see if they have any ideas we could use. This can't be just informational but must also be hands-on. Three stations will be craft things. Arlene Holzman is heading this portion. Arlene has also been saving/collecting St. Jude fabric, etc. to be used at the tables. Another station will be about "stamping." Another three stations will be about "pampering." One will have paraffin for your hands and Joan Farabee is in charge of this one. Please think about what the other two can be. Mary Lykins has some ideas involving a massage therapist. She has already spoken to this lady. Another station will be a book exchange. Sandy Fuller is in charge of this one. Everyone is asked to bring a book and exchange your book for a different book. Lots of interesting conversations involving this one. It was also suggested by Carol Hazelet that the book table be set up in the Marketplace so people can exchange their book without wasting any time in going to one of the other stations they may be interested in attending. Also, if any books are left over after the Conference, Carol will take them to the local library. Judi Grefer also suggested looking into doing one topic using computers. Possibly have ten people at a table; several people spoke up to say they have laptop computers that could be used. Judi will look into the possibility. We're trying something different because people are always saying they want to do something hands-on instead of sitting all day! It was suggested that we divide the tables up in 3-1/2 hour sequences and people can sign up for what they're interested in when they register. That way we'll be able to keep better order. In keeping order, we'll have "helpers" stationed around the room in order to keep the movement between the stations flowing. Also, the last speaker will be BJ Clark and she'll be speaking at the end of the day. On

Saturday we're be going to the Huffman Prairie where Wilbur Wright flew his first plane. It's only about 10 minutes from the hotel, at no cost and has many interesting things to see and the weather should be marvelous. This will take place with two groups going after lunch. Judi King will create a flyer advertising the trip to the Huffman Prairie and also a flyer announcing the Friday workshops that will be given out at the MARC meeting being held in July at the International Council Convention. She'll get them to Carol Hazelet by tomorrow evening and Carol will get them to Joan Grefer so Joan can take them with her to the I.C. Convention. Following are each chapter's responsibility at the Conference:

Alpha Delta: Saturday night banquet "ESA – Another Day in Paradise"

Alpha Psi:

Beta Eta:

Beta Psi: Saturday luncheon "Come Fly With Us"

Delta Chi: Saturday night banquet

Delta Gamma:

Gamma Delta:

Gamma Kappa: Friday Night Mixer "The Wright Place to Be"

MAL's: Saturday luncheon

The different chapters will be responsible for table decorations, centerpieces and any thing you want around the room. The hotel only has black and white napkins and tablecloths. Each chapter will be responsible for seating arrangements, welcoming everyone to the event and greeting them at the door.

Also, Carol is working out where each person will be assigned a secret sister if they want one and they will be sharing a table at the luncheon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President, Joan Grefer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Fuller

Recording Secretary