**Epsilon Sigma Alpha**

**Colorado State Council**

**Fall Leadership Meeting**

**Ute Indian Museum, Montrose, Colorado**

**September 23, 2017**

**President, Kathy Garrison**

All gathered together and held hands as the song Three Women by Carrie Newcomer was played. Kathy then read a Native American prayer, followed by introductions of special guests, Sandy Alexander, IC President, and Mary Humphrey, IC Corresponding Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Ritual

**Chaplain, Margaret Ames**

* Opening Prayer and Thought for the Day

**President, Kathy Garrison**

* 2017 — 2018 Officer Introductions

**Disaster Fund, Kathy Ellingson**

* Stressed the need for support of Disaster Fund - specifically for our sisters in Texas and Florida, due to the recent hurricanes
* Sandy Alexander, IC President, updated the group with the most current information on requests, and because of the urgency, encouraged members to donate sooner this year in anticipation of additional requests from Florida sisters
* Fundraiser this year is a quilt "Sisters" made by Kathy's mother. $15 per entry on raffle board. Raffle will be at the State Convention in Vail

**Parliamentarian, Vicki Chavers-Bruso - report given by Mary Humphrey, IC Corresponding Secretary**

* Reminder of Dec 15 deadline to submit By-Law change requests
* Reminder to turn off cell phones during meeting

**Corresponding Secretary, JoAnn Singley**

* Regrets were read from Pat Bernhart, Bobbi Hawkinson, Rebekah Koehler, Nancy Cameron , BJ Marshall and Donna Lee Van Stone

**Recording Secretary, Deb Spear**

* Total members in attendance: 36

15 Lamplighters (includes 2 IC Officers)

21 members

4 Councils represented

Motion made by Deb Spear to approve the minutes from the Colorado State Convention as posted on the ESA website. Coming from a committee, this does not require a second. Motion carried.

**Treasurer, Anita Miller**

* Proposed Budget for 2017-2018 was distributed

Under Standing Rule 15 B, the $150 will be split between the two IC officers currently serving

* Estimated current balance: $9,000.00
* Each of the five RMRC States will be receiving $2,000 from 2016 IC Convention profit

Moved by Anita Miller, Seconded by Pam McGee, Gamma Chi #3668 to accept the proposed budget for 2017-2018. Motion carried.

**Vice President, Loydette Knight**

* As an incentive to increase membership, Loydette is pledging $1,000 of her own personal funds to be used for promoting ESA in local newspapers ($30 per ad)
* Suggestions to use on promotional fliers were distributed to members
* 2018 Convention will be in Vail, 2019 will be in Colorado Springs, and 2020 will be in Ft. Morgan.

**Discussion held concerning promotion of ESA:**

* Cathy Westlake, Zeta Omicron #4016 - Will we be doing ESA Day at the State Capital on Oct 15th? She stated that their chapter goes to the local Mayor's office, and that other chapters might want to take advantage of this opportunity to promote ESA.
* Candie Patino, Beta Xi #4398 - Do we still go to the State Capital in May in Recognition of ESA Day? If so, can we post information in the Golden Lamp and on the website to inform members?
* Leslie Stevens, Kappa Iota #5442 —The Governor's Proclamation of ESA Day in May has been taken care of, and the entire 2nd week of October has been proclaimed ESA Week. She encouraged chapters to take advantage of this time and make our name known. A suggestion was made that we hold events at other venues besides the State Capital, to reach a wider audience
* Bonnie Gillmore, Gamma Chi #3668 — Standing Rule 3 states that ESA Day is

October 15th of each year, with the event to be held on the closest Saturday

* Alice Robinson, Zeta Tau #2064 — Saturday is not a good day to go to the State Capital, as no one is there. We need to choose a different day
* Joyce Fuller, Theta Eta #2830 - Also stated that Saturday is a waste of time
* Nancy Trebella, Beta Zeta #3149 — Regarding a May event, the State Legislature only meets Jan - April
* Mary Humphrey, Beta Alpha #5416 — Concerning ESA recognition, Mary stated that at all Dream Home functions, volunteers wear red shirts or aprons with the name ESA on them. We have become known as "Angels in Red". We also have some excellent supporters of ESA, including FOX 31 TV and Tom Daniels, owner of Landmark Lincoln

**President Elect, Leslie Stevens**

* Leslie encouraged members to run for offices on the State Board, and gave compelling reasons. The following Lamplighters also offered encouragement:

Alice Robinson, Zeta Tau #2064 - Appointed offices do not have the requirement of having been Chapter/Council President

Jody Karr, Zeta Rho #1774 - The jobs do get easier as you go higher

Candie Patino, Beta Xi #4398 - Lamplighters are always available to help

**ESA FOR ST JUDE, Rebekah Koehler — report given by Vicki Martinez**

* Reminder of April 1st deadline
* Fundraiser is basket full of relaxation/spa items. Tickets are for sale, to be raffled at Spring Board Meeting

**Senior Past President, Vicki Martinez**

* Reminder of April 1st deadline for awards

**Mixer, Kathy Garrison**

**IC President, Sandy Alexander**

* Sandy gave update on Cathy Lyons. She is still battling cancer and has retired from working at ESA Headquarters. Members were encouraged to add their name to sign up sheet to send her cards. Her home address was shared with members.

**Guest Speaker**—CJ Brafford, Director of the Ute Indian Museum

**Chaplain, Margaret Ames** - Invocation

**Buffet Lunch**

**IC CONVENTION REPORT**

* Mary Humphrey, Kathy Garrison, JoAnn Singley, Loydette Knight, Gertie Chapin, Leslie Stevens & Billie Jean Farnham
* Colorado Awards received at IC Convention were read by Kathy Garrison. Certificates presented to Delta Chi and Gamma Chi in recognition of Outstanding Membership/Recruitment

**Easter Seals, Susie Morris**

* Fundraiser - Drawing will be held today for 4 bottles of wine, also a picnic basket donated by Joyce Fuller will be raffled at the State Convention.

**ESA for St Jude**

Dream Homes, Mary Humphrey, Denver; Alice Robinson, Colorado Springs

* Denver Dream Home
1. Drawing Date has been pushed back to Dec 7th due to unforeseen construction delays.
2. Sign-up sheet distributed for open house volunteers, Sell-a-thon & office workers. There is a place for everyone to serve. Oct 21st thru Dec 3rd
3. No Open House on Thanksgiving week
* Colorado Springs Dream Home
1. 2016 Dream Home raised $872,643, 8500 tickets sold. Colorado Springs 4 year total for Dream Homes - $3,234,643
2. Covington Homes, Spring 2018 — March 28th tickets go on sale, drawing June 15th
* More Games Managers are needed, contact Mary or Alice
* I Heart Radiothon - Dec 7th & 8th
* Chili’s Night Out - Dec 18th

Kathy Garrison - Acknowledgment of Cindy Powers, Lamplighter, for the beautiful handmade podium cover

**Educational, Judy Kendzora**

* Encouraged chapters to submit reports
* Has packet with forms for each chapter to pick up

**Golden Lamp, Hellen Hagel** — report given by Kathy Garrison

* Contact Hellen with request for method of Golden Lamp delivery (mail or e-mail)

**Philanthropic, Karen Addison**

* Reminder of April 1st deadline
* More info to come on Wildland Firefighter Project

**Foundation, Pam McGee**

* Report handed out with Foundation Info, along with skit presentation highlighting what Foundation is and does
* Challenged each member to go to one High School and remind them of ESA scholarship availability
* Encouraged all members to become Foundation members if they are not

**Hope for Heroes, Phyllis Minch**

* Donations of old cell phones and glasses are needed

**RMRC, Nancy Cameron** — report given by Sandy Alexander, IC President

* RMRR will be in Wyoming this year

**Scrapbook, Joan Schlaefer**

* Items are needed to make the scrapbook. April 1st is deadline, but sooner would be greatly appreciated

**Lamplighter President — Webmaster, Candie Patino**

 **Lamplighter:**

* Recognition of Joyce Fuller, Gertie Chapin & Cindy Powers as 2017 CO Convention Chairs
* $2,500 to be donated to the disaster fund from the Lamplighters
* Reminder that Lamplighters are always available for help

**Webmaster:**

* Recognition given to Bonnie Gilmore for her many years on the web committee
* Survey handed out to gain information on how website can be improved
* Asked members if they use the website; all said yes.

**Unfinished business**

* Pam McGee — Foundation Applications are available from Pam or on the web

It was moved by Gertie Chapin, Beta Epsilon #357, seconded by Alice Robinson, Zeta Tau #2064, to move $1,000 from RMRC to Disaster Fund. Motion Carried.

Easter Seals Giveaway winner: Shirley Clayton, Zeta Omicron

**Announcements — Upcoming Events**

* Alpha Omicron has 2 new members
* Zeta Rho has 1 new member
* Sigma Rho has 2 new members
* As of today — Colorado Disaster Fund pledges/collections: $4,860.00
* Beta Zeta — Soup, Salad & Shopping, Oct. 7th Canon City
* Gamma Omega — Ditzy Chix performance, Oct 29th, Akron  Northern Colorado Council — Bunco Party — Oct 7th

Chaplain, Margaret Ames - Closing Thoughts

Meeting Adjourned and Closing Ritual recited

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Spear

Colorado State Council

Recording Secretary