**Epsilon Sigma Alpha**

**Colorado State Council**

**Fall Board Meeting**

**September 18, 2021**

**Members in Attendance**: Pam McGee, Chloe McClantoc, Karen Addison, Shirley Conway, Vickie Chavers-Bruso, Loydette Knight, Lisa Weeks, Bonnie Gillmore, Susie Morris, Phyllis Minch, Debbie Spear, Jennifer Carlson-Mazza, Riki Johnston, Chris Dostal, Kerry Date, Kathy Ellingson, Candie Patino, Nancy Cameron, Gertie Chapin, Patty Ehrlick, Cindy Powers, Alice Robinson, Joan Snyder, Leslie Stevens, Susan Bloss, Nancy Carray, Mary Chase, Mary Heldt

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**President Pam McGee** opened the meeting. The Opening Ritual and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited by the group. Pam welcomed everyone and introduced the members of the board. She also asked first time attendees to introduce themselves, including Jennifer Carlson-Massa, Alpha Omicron and Mary Heldt, Zeta Tau.

**Chaplain Phyllis Minch** gave the thought for the day and called her granddaughter Cheyenne so we could sing Happy Birthday to her. Phyllis has been state Chaplain for three years but reminded all to call and email her information on someone who has passed and give funeral home information for her to include in her emails to the members. She presented flip flops to Riki Johnston and Debbie Spear in recognition of breaking wrists while wearing flip flops.

**Parliamentarian Susie Morris** reminded everyone to mute their phones and conversations to be respectful to those speaking during the meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary Bonnie Gillmore** reported regrets from Mary Humphrey and Rita Martin were working at the Dream Home, Shirley Telinde and Billie Jean Farnham had previous commitments. Pat Bernhardt was caring for son-in-law, Kathy Westlake has COVID, Bobbi Hawkinson had an ailing family member. Bonnie also reported that Pat Bernhart’s sister-in-law passed away a few days ago. She reminded everyone to take yearbooks back to their chapters and to those in your area. She asked that members email any necessary corrections to her. Shirley Conway read a letter from Donna Lee Van Stone regarding BJ Marshall’s health. BJ’s address is now 5590 E Peakview Ave, #4103 Centennial, CO 80121 and her phone number for messages is 303-794-8698. Judy Barker is in a memory care facility in Greeley.

**Recording Secretary Lisa Weeks** moved to accept the minutes from the 2021 State Convention Zoom Meeting as posted on the Colorado web site and approved by the Minutes Review Committee and reminded board members to turn in their reports once given.

**Treasurer Shirley Conway** presented the proposed budget. Pam asked if Kathy Garrison turned in bill for awards. Deb Spear stated it has been paid and will be reflected when books are updated. Shirley reminded everyone about upcoming dues of $20 per chapter plus $7 per active jewel pin member, due December 1st.

Cindy Powers, Beta Epsilon #357 made a motion to accept the proposed budget with corrections based on actual expenditures. Vickie Chavers-Bruso, Epsilon Epsilon #1896 seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Correction per Pam during Old Business discussion: State dues are $25 per chapter plus $12 per active member.

**Educational Fund: Nancy Cameron** reported there is currently $800 to spend on educational programs. The fund is a result of the accumulated interest received from a CD, which was funded by money given back to the state after years of fundraising for an ESA home, which never came to fruition.

**Lamplighter Report: Joan Snyder** reported their Lamplighter meeting on Friday night was attended by 10 members and 5 on zoom. During their meeting Billie Jean reported on 3 scholarships with hopes of awarding them in July 2022. They discussed hosting 2023 convention, co-chaired by Joan Snyder and Billie Jean Farnham, details to come. They also discussed the possibility of Rocky Mountain Roundup hosting the 2025 IC Convention, soft bid submitted at IC. Passed out new pages Lamplighters and Vickie received her Lamplighter book. Susie Morris and Mary Humphrey will be reimbursed $150 for being on IC board. Discussion: Susie said they have been paid $75 each. Finally, Vickie was our state rep at IC but has not been reimbursed for her trip to Kentucky per standing rules.

**ESA Foundation: Pam McGee** reported the applications for 2022-23 academic year are open, link is on State website. Due 11pm MST 2/1 2022. Pass along to chapters and contact counselors in your area to let them know about the scholarships.

**Education/Workshop: Riki Johnston** passed around the report form and information on the requirements for Educational Binders. Forms available on the IC website and will be linked on the CO website very soon. She will be sending out her contact information via email. Colorado will send the top 3 binder to IC for judging. Riki has extra three ring binders if anyone needs one.

**Philanthropic**: **Pam McGee** did not receive a report but reminded everyone that reporting forms are on state website.

**ESA for St. Jude**: **Chris Dostal** reported the St. Jude Walk/Run (virtual) is Sept 25, 2021, details on the IC website to sign up. Charlotte has a Denver ESA team that members are welcome to join. National fundraising goal is $75K. Alice Robinson asked for donations for the Denver walk with $1972 as her personal goal, which is the year that Danny Thomas came to ESA to ask for support.

Chris reminded everyone to continue St. Jude fundraising efforts and to use the St. Jude donation form, have checks made to Children’s Research Hospital and send donations through ESA headquarters. She will hold a drawing for a spa basket today.

Debbie Spear reported on a St. Jude quilt project in Akron back in March when donated St. Jude material was made into 25 3-yard quilts to send to St. Jude. Plans for another event will be coming.

**Dream Homes Report:** **Alice Robinson** reported the 2021 Colorado Springs Dream Home sold 10,000 tickets and sold out on 6/1. The drawing was on 6/9 at KKTV, with Susan Bloss as ESA representative. The winner is selling the house and all prizes have been given away for first time in history. 2022 Dream Home groundbreaking will be 0/8 at 10am. Ticket sales begin on 4/23/22 with the drawing scheduled for 6/29/22. Colorado took 3rd place at IC for most money raised for one event for St. Jude.

**Vickie Chavers-Bruso** reported on the Denver Dream Home. Tickets went on sale on 8/26 and sold out on 9/11 with a total of 16,000 tickets sold. She asked members to sign up for open houses. Mary Humphry, Yvonne and Rita are volunteering today. She asked that Fall Board to not conflict with open houses in future to allow more members to volunteer. Denver took 1st place this year at IC. Alice added that ESA raised $214 million and over $3 million came from Colorado. Nancy Cameron asked for volunteers for the remaining days of the Denver Dream Home. It is 7 bedrooms with 3 floors, valued at $820,000. The drawing will take place on10/21. The address is 17346 E 103rd Ave. Contact Nancy, Mary or Vickie to get on the volunteer schedule.

**Easter Seals: Jennifer Carlson-Mazza** stated that Ross Howell from Easter Seals will be speaking later in the meeting. She brought a lap quilt for a drawing at State Convention. She hopes to tour the camp in Empire this year. The wish list for donations was distributed. Candie reminded everyone to send her photos of projects and fundraisers for the website.

**Hope for Heroes: Debbie Spear** contacted a veteran’s housing community as a possible project, but they are not accepting donations due to COVID. She hopes they will be open to something in the spring. The Akron VA is re-opening, so plans are in the works to do a veteran’s breakfast. Today she has a spa basket drawing containing Fort Morgan based products. Phyllis said she has a friend leaving for Africa and will need goodie box soon. Chris shared something she just found, Soldiers Angels Adopt a Family. Information can be found at Soldiersangels.org. Phyllis shared her experience at the Angel Fire, NM Veterans Vietnam Memorial. You can purchase a brick for any veteran, living, deceased, any era for $75. Phyllis placed a brick for Leila Morrison, Kerry placed one for her husband and one was placed for Phyllis by the Run to the Wall organization. 800 bricks were placed at the ceremony.

**Speaker: Ross Howell** from Easter Seals has been a volunteer since 1990 when he worked on the Easter Seals Telethon. He updated us on fundraising efforts and the camp. The top items on wish list are bedding and towels

**Future Conventions:**

2022 State Convention was announced by co-chairs Kathy Ellingson and Kerry Date and their Gamma Chi assistants. Location will be the Hilton Garden Inn in Fort Collins, May 20-22, 2022. The theme is Fabulous Fifties.

2023 State Convention will be hosted by the Lamplighters. Location TBD but Canon City is a possibility.

2022 IC will be in Indianapolis, July 27-31, 2022. Pam thanked everyone for allowing her to attend. She said there were about 300 people in attendance. Vickie attended this year also, as they tied in both years due to the gap of COVID.

Rocky Mountain Regional Council: Vickie Chavers-Bruso thanked everyone for sending her to IC. A RMRC courtesy bid for IC Convention hosted in Colorado in 2025 was submitted at IC Convention in Kentucky and it is the only soft bid to date. Chapters need to discuss if they are willing to participate and report back to Kathy Garrison by 10/31/2021.

If necessary, there will be a vote taken before we submit a firm bid ahead of IC convention next year. Vickie will send out an email to all members and letters to each president asking for input. Nancy Cameron added that in-service officers should call to make sure chapters have received the information. Pam will discuss this with members during her Zoom Recap meeting on Sept 29 at 6:30pm.

2022 Rocky Mountain Regional Roundup will be held August 12-14 at Lazy Lizard International Hostel in Moab Utah. Flyer is in the back of the yearbook and on the Colorado web.

**Sr. Past President- Awards: Loydette Knight** reminded all that April 1, 2022, is the deadline for submitting awards. She will be sending a letter to every chapter to encourage participation and to send in their awards, even if they think that they are not enough.

**Break for Lunch:** Chaplain Phyllis led us in a blessing.

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**Educational Program**: Riki introduced Thompson Education Foundation Executive Director Kim Akeley-Charron who spoke on the needs of unhoused students and the McKinney- Vento Students Resiliency Fund for Unhoused Youth, which is Pam’s philanthropic project for the year

**Jr. Past President -Disaster Fund: Vickie Chavers-Bruso** announced 1st Place for Disaster Fund was awarded to Loydette at IC. She received records and has shredded tax returns and copies of checks to become compliant for HIPPA and other confidentiality laws. International Council will soon be in compliance, as well. New Disaster fund application does not require a signature from chapter and goes directly to disaster fund chair for consideration for the purpose of confidentiality. Chapter donations for Disaster Fund are welcome. New record retention guidelines are posted on CO website and include Tax ID number, minutes, bylaws and standing rules. Financial records should be retained for 7 years. Deposits can be kept by bookkeeping, rather than by keeping copies of the checks. Photos/deposits made by a smart phone should be deleted once processed, hold on to check for 30 days (or whatever your bank requires) and then cross-shred. New guidelines took effect 6/1/21.

**President-Elect Chloe McClantoc** stated that Colorado State Council nominations are needed. Nomination forms were on the tables and are due 2/15/2022.

**Vice President/Membership Karen Addison** reported membership numbers are down. Being a new chapter, hers is actively recruiting. She reminded us to not be afraid to bring it up in conversation because there’s always something that catches a person’s interest. She will be sending out emails to remind everyone to get involved in recruiting.

Nancy Cameron shared about Lori Anderson- Havelick’s recruiting efforts in Montrose at Farmers Market handing out information about ESA for the last 5 weeks, with drawing to benefit St. Jude.

**Communications Team**

**Golden Lamp**: Pam reminded everyone to go online to get the schedule and guidelines for submitting information. She encouraged all chapters to submit articles for October as a Fall Board recap. President elect, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Jr Past President, Hope for Heroes, Philanthropic, Sr Past, ESA for St. Jude, Easter Seals, Lamplighter report and Foundation with just a few sentences to remind members of upcoming events, service projects etc. Piggyback with in-service chapters to find out what they are doing and put in a blip about what’s happening in their chapter. Articles are due first of the month. Golden Lamp schedule is in the yearbook per Chloe (Rev 8/21). Will be working more on Facebook. Chloe will be heading this up and members that wish to help are welcome. IC had lots of information about getting more posted on FB.

**Web Team**: **Candie Patino** uploaded officer information on web and said it is password protected. Email Candie for the password but don’t include the word “password” in the subject line as this can be used by hackers. ESAColorado.org is Colorado website where forms can be downloaded. EpsilonSigmaAlpha.org is IC website for IC forms but most are linked from CO website. You might have to refresh for latest updates. Record retention guidelines are on Officer Guidelines page. Officer duties are listed here also. Candie is CO Zoom scheduler. Zoom recordings are uploaded to the website. The Zoom license has been renewed for another year with a 20% discount. The Web Team welcomes suggestions for improving the website.

**Scrapbook:** Kathy Ellingson reported she will be assisting Kerry Date with the digital scrapbook for Pam. Send photos to Kerry and Kathy via email.

**Old Business**: Chris brought up a question about the State chapter dues per Shirley’s report. Pam clarified that chapter dues are $25 plus $12 per member.

**New Business:** Alice reported that on the ALSAC and Dream Home call, it was announced that since St. Jude did not have a volunteer of the year last year, there would be two this year. Mary Humphrey and Alice Robinson were chosen as St. Jude Volunteers of the Year. Each recipient received a gift which Alice opened at the meeting and included a recorded message of congratulations, party poppers, balloons and a beautiful crystal award. Alice asked if this could be played at 2022 State convention during the awards presentation.

**Announcements:**

**Fall Board Recap** scheduled for 9/29 6:30pm via Zoom

**Coffee Chats** “Spin Colorado Thread” 11/13 at 9:30am and 01/15 at 9:30am via Zoom. These will be similar to the IC chats last year.

**Spring Board:** 03/18 -19 in Canon City. Looking at venues other than Abbey. Will know more by Nov/Dec.

10/02 Beta Zeta Soup, Salad & Shopping, starts at 11am.

12/11 Nutcracker Holiday Tea at Ken Caryl Manor House, hosted by Epsilon Epsilon. Cost is $49 per person.

10/2 NCC Bunco at Zion Lutheran Church with COVID precautions. Information on the web.

10/9 Ditzie Chicks Hometown Heroes dinner show at 6pm in Akron. Cost is $30. Information on the web or contact Debbie Spears for tickets.

Pam reminded us to be in touch with in-service chapters. She thanked Nancy Carray for getting the church, Nancy Cameron and Leslie Stevens for organizing the food and beverages and Heather Buckler for making the centerpieces. Riki Johnston won the St. Jude basket, Kathy Ellingson won the Hope for Heroes basket, Cindy Powers won the ESA rolling tote. Lastly, Pam did drawings for the centerpieces.

Pam thanked everyone for coming and making it a great in-person meeting. Instead of pins, Pam’s gift to everyone was a small turquoise tote bag and notebook inscribed with her theme, “We Are The Threads That Bind ESA”. She has extras if anyone wants one.

Chaplain Phyllis Minch gave the closing thought for the day and the closing ritual was recited.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Weeks

Recording Secretary 2021-2022