**Epsilon Sigma Alpha**

**Colorado State Council 2022**

**Spring Board Meeting**

**March 19, 2022**

**Welcome:** Beta Zeta Chapter members, hosts of the meeting, welcomed everyone to Canon City. Carol Dunn gave a brief history of Brookside, CO. Nancy Trebella shared information about the wineries in the area and Billie Jean Farnham mentioned that Canon City will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

**President Pam McGee** made remarks about the great turnout at the meeting and mentioned she is collecting gift cards for Thompson Education Foundation unhoused students, which is her philanthropic project. She is also accepting cash that will be used to purchase more gift cards. Kathy Ellingson, Co-convention Chair, reported that currently only three people were registered for Colorado State Convention, so she offered an incentive to register during the meeting which was a chance to win a lovely spring wall hanging. Pam led the pledge of Allegiance and the Opening Ritual.

**Chaplain Phyllis Minch** told us Cathy Westlake needs prayers and reported that address for Mary Alice Covelli’s son will be emailed for sending cards. She read a piece about volunteers and a poem about kindness and love.

**Corresponding Secretary Kathy Ellingson for Bonnie Gillmore**, reported there were 43 members in attendance, including 14 officers, 14 lamplighters and 15 chapter members. She read a note from Loydette Knight. Pam reported that Pat Bernhardt is just back from Idaho so couldn’t make it. Additionally, Bonnie Gillmore was on grandma duty, Cathy Westlake had to miss due to illness, and Susie Morris was also not able to make it.

**Recording Secretary Lisa Weeks** moved to accept the minutes from the 2021 Fall Board Meeting, as posted in the Colorado web site and approved by the Minutes Review Committee.

**Treasurer Shirley Conway** presented the Treasurers Report. Total income was $13,220.19 with disbursements totaling $3970.19 and included Vickie Chavers-Bruso Convention Fund from last year, Pam McGee’s Convention Fund and Leadership Conference for Chloe McClantoc and Karen Addison. Ending balance as of 3/18/22 was $9,249.40. Debbie Spear moved to approve the treasurers report, Rita Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chloe McClantoc made a motion that the Colorado State Council pay the elected officers convention fee for 2022 Colorado State Convention, Rita Martin seconded the motion. Discussion: Deanna Sloat, Sigma Rho, asked what the total amount would be. Chloe stated the total would not exceed $980 which includes the IC Rep if she attends in person. Motion carried.

**Parliamentarian Karen Addison, for Susie Morris** read the proposed By-Laws to be voted on at State Convention. She also read the proposed change to Standing Rule 15 regarding State Council assisting with financial donations, to clarify the monetary assistance given to those serving on the International Council Executive or Appointed Board or a candidate for an International Council Executive Board Office. Karen Addison moved that we accept the change to Standing Rule 15. Debbie Davis, Sigma Rho, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion regarding By-Laws: Alice Robinson asked for clarification as to what “International Council” means. Vickie Chavers-Bruso stated that it may need to be kept the same for purposes of the Dream Home.

**Vice President Karen Addison** reviewed the Membership Report for 2-28-21- 2/28/22. We had 51 demits, 15 pledges but went from 354 members to 313 total members in 30 chapters. She said we need to encourage younger people to form new chapters, invite friends to meetings and socials and then ask them to join and get involved in State Council. Discussion: Candie Patino talked about offering an MAL chapter via Zoom to keep mature members engaged. Viviana said ideas sometimes clash between generations and reminded all that getting out into the community helps in meeting potential members. Eric Havelick and Lori Anderson have been setting up a booth at the Farmers Market with a drawing to attract interest and have partnered with local Elks Lodge on a St. Jude fundraiser. Leslie Stevens, Kappa Iota #5442, reminded all that recruitment doesn’t necessarily need to be for your own chapter. Phyllis Minch shared how a new member was recruited at a philanthropic project.

**Junior Past President/Disaster Fund: Vickie Chaves-Bruso** reminded everyone that she has Disaster Fund Basket to be given away at convention, full of goodies needed in a disaster. Current donations total $2000. Comment on membership: Pam and Vickie will contact headquarters because records need clarification because her list does not show 30 chapters and there are 5 with 1 member. Leslie said there are chapters that have not turned in their charters. Pam said we need list of active chapters and members. Phyllis said that she has been reporting to headquarters members who have passed because they normally don’t know when this happens.

**Senior Past President/Awards: Loydette Knight** reminded everyone that reports much be postmarked by 4/1/22. Forms can be found on the Colorado website.

**Leadership Report:** President Elect Chloe McClantoc and Karen Addison attended the annual Leadership Conference in February**.** Chloe shared that the welcome party theme was “Wear Your Favorite Pair of Shoes” where Charlotte lead a shoe personality quiz, followed by a mystery dinner. Denise Holdaway’s IC President theme for next year is “Stepping together in ESA, Uniting Footprints Along the Way.” Friday’s workshop was on burnout and how to recognize it. They previewed the IC Challenge, *Under the* *Big Top*. The St. Jude presentation tugged at Karen’s heart.

**Golden Lamp Report:** **Dixie Daley** thanked everyone for sending in Golden Lamp reports. Thanked Candie for being part of the team by helping with editing and encouraged sending photos. April 1st is the deadline for the next issue.

**Foundation Report: Carol Dunn** reminded members to update officers with CO state office so ballots are sent to the correct person. Turnaround fund helps strengthen the 501(c)3 status and makes it easier to track donations for taxes. She mentioned counselor resources including ESA business card templates, flyers and videos to use if you want to go to schools to promote scholarships and grants. Foundation dues are $15 per year. The ESA Foundation annual membership meeting will be held on July 27th at IC. Fund Fest will be Friday at IC, including silent auction and a wine pull.

**Lamplighter Report**: **Bobbie Hawkinson** thanked everyone for the love and calls over the last few years. The Lamplighters met Friday night, 3/18/22, and included seven members via Zoom. Mary Alice Covelli passed away and a Colorado service is planned with more information to come. Proposed by-laws were presented which will be reviewed via Zoom at their next meeting. Election of officers was held, and Patty Ehrlick will be President for the next two years, Rita Martin, Vice President, Kathy Garrison, Recording Secretary and Mary Humphry, Treasurer. Kathy Ellingson will be taking over scholarships from Billie, who has been doing it for at least 12 years. Joan will be doing Chloe’s installation at State Convention. Scholarships are being reviewed to change rules so they can be used out of state or at trade schools. Rocky Mountain Roundup will be at Easter Seals camp 8/9-8/11, 2024. They will be doing the opening flag ceremony and honor guard for Chloe’s installation at state convention. They are hosting the 2023 Colorado State Convention, *Precious Jewels That Glow and Shine*.

**Educational Report: Riki Johnston** reminded everyone that she emailed forms for chapter reports and offered to collect them during the meeting. Report forms are also on the Colorado website. All reports must be postmarked by 4/1. Learning how to access information about our charity projects and how to fill out the forms. Candie Patino led an educational presentation where she helped members find the Colorado website, ESACOLORADO.ORG on their phones and directed everyone on where to find the reporting forms which were then presented by the philanthropic team.

**Easter Seals:** **Jennifer Carlson-Mazza** spoke with Ross with easter seals about upcoming events, including the 9th annual Perfect Pairing at Rocky Mountain Village 4/23 at 4pm and Easter Seals Colorado Golf Classic 5/6 at the Ridge at Castle Pines North. She shared Ross’s appreciation for the Fall Board invitation and said he is willing to come back any time. Easter Seals wish list includes towels and sheets and prom dresses, which can be brought to convention. She is doing a drawing for a quilt at convention. Reports are due 4/1. Be sure to include hours, miles, and donations of money or goods. She went over report form and how to complete. Finally, Ross is seeking volunteers for a new fundraiser which is a high-noon tea for caregivers and mailing list. Looking for volunteers to create menu, provide food. Will take place at the location on Alameda on a weekend this summer.

**ESA For St. Jude: Chris Dostal** passed out St. Jude reporting forms for donations. Checks must be made payable to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The 50 for 50 Challenge must be new money collected between January 2022 through the end of the year. Designate 50/50 on form with separate checks for individual and chapter donations. Alice reminded Donations must be sent through headquarters. Forms can be found on EpsilonSigmaAlpha.org website. She went over the Completed Event Form. Finally, there is a new form for Colorado broken down by Radiothon, Dream Home, and list individual chapter projects. Send to Chris, postmarked 4/1. Totals go on philanthropic report.

For information on the 50 for 50 Challenge, go to [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org). Funds raised for this project do not go through the turnaround fund but must be sent directly to headquarters with the form. There’s a Walk/Run Challenge on Facebook starting in April. Send money in increments of $50. Chapters with the most money raised will be recognized at state convention. Carol Dunn said to watch the St. Jude video for an educational and shared a father’s recount of his experience at St. Jude while his 9-month-old daughter was there for treatments. Alice is celebrating 50th wedding anniversary this year and will be asking friends and family to donate to the 50/50 Challenge instead of gifts. Chris reminded all about her basket drawing and a quilt that will be given away at convention.

**Hope for Heroes: Debbie Spear** reported that donations were not being accepted by local veteran’s clubs due to COVID. She issued a challenge for members to write thank you cards to a veteran and bring in unsealed envelops to convention to be sent out. Debbie will have cards available to write at convention, also. She has two drawings for baskets as fundraisers, which have already raised $400. Hope for Heroes Report form is new on Colorado website. Report hours, mileage and donations including Troopons, which are considered donated goods. Two forms need to be completed: one to Debbie and one to philanthropic chair.

**Philanthropic Forms: Patty Ehrlick** went through the form which consist of two pages. List projects, hours, etc. on second page and transfer totals to the front. Mail to Patty Ehrlich by 4/1 and call or email with questions. Patty will respond as confirmation that she received the report.

 Break for Lunch 12:00 – 1:00

**Book Club: Nancy Trabella** reported on some of the books selected for this year including *Peony in Love* by Lisa See, *Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles and *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. She noted that ESA started as a book club. She also announced that the pin cushions made by Carol Dunn inside the table arrangements, would go to the person with a sticker on the back of the chair at each table.

**Dream Home:**

**Margaret Ames** reported that Colorado Springs tickets go on sale on April 21st. They will be selling 11K tickets this year. House is a 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 3 car garage with a $595K value. Address: 9798 Lone Oak Drive Colorado Springs. Giveaway date is 6/29 with open houses from 6/4 -6/2, 9-5 on Sat and 12-5 on Sun. Colorado ESA members can’t purchase tickets. 100% of the house is donated.

**Vickie Chavers-Bruso** reported the Denver Dream Home giveaway will have 20,000 tickets with open houses starting 9/17. Volunteers are needed for open houses and office. Location is in Reunion near last year’s house. Alice added that the call center will have to go back and verify cards that don’t go through.

**Web Master: Candie Patino** is looking for new things for the site. She has added a project page which lists St. Jude, Hope for Heroes and Easter Seals, with descriptions of each project and a link to go to each organization for more information. She asked for updated photos for Hope for Heroes and needs updated information on the dream home winners. She will post information on the upcoming drawings.

She is looking for help on building a new website that works with Windows 11. Calendar page can link flyers with calendar events so be sure to send information to be posted and check the calendar for upcoming events. Website has helped save money on postage for Golden Lamp and provides current information for potential members.

**Scrapbook: Kathy Ellingson** requested pictures of chapters and items for Pam’s digital scrapbook.

**Convention Report: Kathy Ellingson** reminded all about the Fabulous Fifties Colorado State Convention to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Fort Collins, May, 20,21 & 22. Reservations for the block of rooms must be made by May 1st. Billie Jean won the door plaque for signing up for convention during the Spring Board meeting.

**International Convention Report: Chloe McClantoc** reported IC will take placeJuly 27-31, in Indianapolis. Registration is $275 before May 1 then goes up to $325. There will be a winery tour and Massachusetts Ave Scavenger Hunt. Rooms are $144 plus tax, must make reservation by 7/6 for this rate.

**RMRC: Vickie Chavers-Bruso, for Kathy Garrison,** reported RMRC will take placeAugust 12-14 at the Lazy Lizard International Hostel, Moab Utah. Registration is on the website and due by July 29th. Cost is $120 per person and, Includes 5 meals. If anyone is interested in running for an office, let Kathy know before July.

**Conventiont Bids:** Karen Addison reported on convention bids, 2023 bid made by the Lamplighters and asked for bids for 2024 and 2025.

**President Elect Chloe McClantoc** presented the candidates for 2022-2023 which are: Parliamentarian- Riki Johnston, Treasurer- Rita Martin, President Elect- Karen Addison, Recording Secretary- Susan Bloss, Corresponding Secretary – Leslie Stevens, Vice president – Open, President – Chloe McClantoc. Margaret Ames asked if Susan Bloss could take both elected positions of Recording Secretary and Vice President, but after discussion, the answer was no because she hasn’t been elected yet and the requirement is that they have previously held two offices. They are still in need of an Easter Seals Chairman who acts as liaison between Ross/Easter Seals and ESA membership.

**Unfinished Business**: Pam reminded everyone to submit reports to Golden Lamp, including a Dream Home report.

**Announcements**:

**Joyce Fuller** talked about new prescription laws allowing prescription insurance to coordinate with single care prescription plans you can mix and match for the best price and benefit. She also commented about “mystery bills” and to be aware to ask about this because insurance does not pay it.

**Debbie Spear** reported Alpha Nu, Delta Chi, and Gamma Omega Chapters will be jointly holding their Bags for Bucks fundraiser in Akron on 4/2 at 11:30am. Bags will be auctioned, and salad luncheon served with proceeds going to St. Jude’s.

**Alice Robinson** invited everyone to her 50-year anniversary party in Colorado Springs, June 12 from 1-4 at Rudy’s Little Hideaway. There is an open house that day at the Dream Home.

**Deanna Sloat**, Sigma Rho, invited all to their painting fundraiser on Tues 4/2. $40 includes taco bar dinner. Contact Deana for location information.

Drawings: Bobbi Hawkinson received Hope for Heroes basket. St Jude’s Basket went to Kim Anderson -Grig. After winning, Kim Anderson- Grig #5608 Gamma Nu, volunteered for Easter Seals. Alice thanked the hostesses. Phyllis gave closing thoughts and the Closing Ritual was recited by the group.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Weeks, Recording Secretary 2021-2022

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