

Hats off to ESA

Fall Council
Saturday, September 26th, 2015
Hosted by Alpha Sigma
Mitchell Public Library, Mitchell, SD

9:30 a.m. – Call to Order
Inspirational
Tribute to the ESA Flag
Opening Ritual
Welcome

Amber Heinert, President
DJ Smith, Chaplain
Ashley Augspurger, Vice-President/President Elect
All ESA Members
Corinne Larson, Alpha Sigma

Roll Call/Attendance Sheet

Rachel Furness, Recording Secretary

<u>Chapter Name and #</u>	<u>Total Paid Members</u>	<u>Total Present Members</u>
Alpha Alpha #5386	3	2
Alpha Chi #5455	12	5
Alpha Lambda #618	17	0
Apha Phi #1438	29	1
Alpha Sigma #1012	7	5
Beta Alpha #5350	11	4
Chi Omega #5480	6	3
Iota Pi #5537	3	0
Lambda Lambda #5436	5	1
Theta Omega #4699	32	9

Correspondence

Carrie Hock, Corresponding Secretary

1. Jan Jones sends her love and positive thoughts to everyone as she is not able to be here with us today. Jan said she will see many of us in Omaha for MARC.
2. Ashley Augspurger provided information on the 2016 Leadership Conference which will be held in Denver, CO. The conference will be February 4-6 at the Holiday Inn.

Reports

President Elect/Membership and Nominations

Ashley Augspurger, Beta Alpha

Ashley reported that she had nomination forms to hand out. Forms are also available on the website. Iota Pi reported two new recruits and one new member along with more plans for additional members. Beta Alpha reported five or six new recruits and one new member, who is also their first male member.

Treasurer's Report

Amanda Work, Beta Alpha

State dues need to be paid by December 1, 2015. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 729, Winner, SD 57580. The current balance is \$5,113.00

Parliamentarian

Melanie Niehus, Beta Alpha

No report

Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund**Paula Verzani, Theta Omega**

The Disaster Fund was designed to assist an ESA member when their home is damaged by a natural disaster or when an illness occurs. Paula suggests each chapter consider donating one meeting's worth of their brag jar towards the fund.

State Awards/DIANA Chair**Sandi & Kristen Hausmann, Beta Alpha**

Referred people to the ECHOES article and encouraged everyone to get more involved.

Youth Chair Awards**Kay Rasmussen, Alpha Lambda**

No Report

Easter Seals**Michelle Mueller, Theta Omega**

Asked that every chapter do one project for Easter Seals.

ESA for St. Jude**Kim Robinson, Chi Omega/Lois Nygaard, Theta Omega**

- Congrats to Barb Campbell: the 2014-15 amount raised for St Jude was \$43,252.78!
- The 2015-16 amount so far (June to August) is: \$3,375.
- The St Jude Walk is today/Sept 26, 2015.
- Goal for this year: Every chapter does one event to raise awareness and support St Jude.

As this year's Senior Chair, I had to think about what I wanted to accomplish this year. Instead of setting a specific dollar amount to work toward, I think it's more beneficial to raise awareness. While I'd personally love to have this year be the most that SD has ever raised for St. Jude's (as I'm sure every chair before me wanted to do also!), I understand that there are so many great causes out there and all of you can only do so much. All of you have your own personal motivation for helping others that effects your own choice of who you feel most drawn to help. So my goal is instead to raise awareness: if any of you don't have that one charity that pulls at your heartstrings or that one fundraiser that you can't imagine skipping because of the difference that you can make in someone's life- please contact me so we can talk about St. Jude's. If you have any interest in learning more about the hospital, their mission, or how they got started, I can't wait to share the news with you. I'd also love to know about any event that you do to help the children of St. Jude's, whether it is your biggest event of the year or a small little fundraiser on the side of that big event. Reach out to me for any help that you may want or need. Every little bit counts, and if just one more person in our great organization has that spark ignite for St. Jude's, that's another child that together we can help!

Love in ESA, Kim Robinson (kimmer1117@gmail.com, 605-351-4624)

2015 State Convention**Carrie Hock, Chi Omega**

There were 62 people Friday, 68 for the Saturday Luncheon and 72 at the Banquet. Income was \$5,343.52 and expenses were: \$4,845.73, leaving a profit of \$497.79. Donna Breed's submission was provided at Fall Council.

2016 State Convention**Carrie Hock, Chi Omega**

Chi Omega and Iota Pi will be hosting the 2016 State Convention which will be held on the 29th and 30th of April in Hot Springs, SD. More to come!

Educational Director**Melanie Niehus, Beta Alpha**

Each chapter encouraged to do an educational and submit a report.

ESA Foundation**Ruth Creasy, Alpha Sigma/Emmy Neustrom, Alpha Sigma**

Everyone was urged to join. There is a one-time \$25.00 charge to join and then \$15.00 each year after that. Every year two scholarships are awarded for \$750.00. Certificates were given out for reaching goals at both the individual and chapter levels.

Hope for Heroes**Patty Rarick, Theta Omega**

Each chapter was encouraged to do something for the military, such as care packages to active duty service members serving overseas, honoring Veterans, or any kind of support to military personnel. There are five family assistance personnel who are available to meet at the post office and help fill out information and send packages out. Patty requested an email on anything sent-off so that she can include it in her next report.

IC Hope for Heroes**Emmy Neustrom, Alpha Sigma**

A handout was given out to chapters about Camp Hope, a retreat for military Veterans to attend a camp in Missouri to participate in outdoor activities.

The cost is \$550.00 per Veteran to attend the camp, which represents all branches of the military from across the country. She encouraged this as a possible chapter project to raise funds for a Veteran from the military to attend this camp.

Note: Earleen Varns has given permission to send care packages to where her son Brian B. Varns is located in NC. His address is as follows:

Varns, Brian B., 250 Chestnut Dr., Raeford, NC 28376-6328 Earleen mentioned that he'd probably share his goodies with all.

Philanthropic**Tarah Eliason, Alpha Sigma**

Chapters were encouraged to keep track of points and money spent.

Quills President**Marsha Risseeuw, Alpha Phi**

The only activity for the Quills was to provide a gift for the auction at MARC. Please advise Marsha as to who is serving as the treasurer of this group.

State Project-Domestic Violence**Thelma Raines, Alpha Lambda (Luann Oulette)**

October is national domestic violence awareness month. Each chapter is encouraged to be more proactive. Alpha Alpha donates nights to gift wrapping. A proclamation against domestic violence was provided at Fall Council by Theta Omega for chapters to consider taking back to their City Council for signature by the mayor and publication in the city paper.

Webmasters**Ashley Augspurger, Beta Alpha – sodakesa@gmail.com**

Contact information for every chapter is on the website and there is new information posted on International Council. The private Facebook page is ESA of South Dakota, and the public Facebook page, used for recruitment, is Epsilon Sigma Alpha South Dakota State Council. Email or call Ashley with any questions or suggestions.

Unfinished Business

Beta Eta disbanded, so the following modifications were made to the rotational plan:

- Executive Board motioned to remove the off-year following convention.
- 2016 Educational Board moved to Chi Omega
- 2017 Easter Seals moved to Alpha Lambda

Motion by Patty Rarick, Theta Omega; Second by Sheri Rozebloom-Kloes, Alpha Alpha.

Tarah Eliason would like some wording to be changed in the minutes from 2015 State Convention. In the bi-law voting results, she would like the word "suspended" changed to "rescinded" and the spelling of her name to be corrected in her statement.

Kay Rasmussen, Alpha Alpha, made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Debbie Colvin, Theta Omega. Motion Carried.

New Business

The following International Council Officer nominations are open: 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian.

MARC flags are available for sale (3x5 single sided):

1-2 flags - \$107.98 each

3-5 flags - \$97.78 each

6-11 flags - \$80.98 each

12+ flags - \$64.98 each

- It was discussed that SD ESA already has a MARC Flag; therefore, no additional funds were approved for a MARC Flag. President responded accordingly to MARC Rep noting SD would not be purchasing a MARC Flag.

The following recognitions were given:

- Barb Campbell, Theta Omega, Sr. St. Jude Representative, ESA raised **\$43,253.00!!!!**
- Sheri Rozeboom-Kloes, Alpha Alpha, 2015-2016 ECHOES publisher
- Patty Rarick, Theta Omega, Hope for Heroes
- Barb Campbell (Theta Omega), Emmy Neustrom (Alpha Sigma), and Tarah Eliason (Alpha Sigma) were instrumental in providing coverage at the International Convention.

Chapter Updates:

Patty Rarick, Theta Omega, handed out treats for Barb Campbell's birthday; Ashley Augspurger, Beta Alpha, reported on the Show in Sell; Theta Omega will be hosting a Wedding Dress Show on October 17th, tickets for \$10.00; Kay Nordlie, Alpha Alpha, reported on their candy bag program, 125 served.

- Theta Omega members provided an educational program on the Awards and Recognition Program and graciously shared their awards tracking form. Thank you
- Amber Heinert shared a brief educational program on the role of caregivers who care for our Nation's Heroes and the VA Caregiver Support Program.

Closing Thoughts

DJ Smith, Chaplain, Chi Omega

Closing Ritual:

All ESA Members

All members in attendance participated in the St. Jude virtual walk organized by Kim Robinson, Senior St. Jude Chair. Lots of fun was had and most of all money was raised to continue ESA's support of ST. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Many members then enjoyed lunch together before heading home!

Fall Council Minutes reviewed and approved by minutes audit committee-11/17/2015