

Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting **April 14, 2010; 1:15 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by President, Laurie Chandler, shortly after 1:15 p.m. Those present included: Laurie Chandler, Stacey Warner, Andrea Schmidt, Jennifer Wilson, Margaret Phillips, Daryl Buchholz, Kathy Tharman, Karen Blakeslee, Nancy Nelson, Marie Blythe, Gordon Dowell, Diane Mack, and Carla Morriscal-Frederking.

Minutes from the February Council meeting were approved as posted to www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho

Chapter Officer Reports:

President – Laurie Chandler

- National ESP reports that they have resolved the email issues that they were having and hopefully all of the members are receiving items from National. Let Laurie know if you are not receiving a newsletter.
- There was an April 1 deadline for those who wanted to serve on National Committees. Currently we have 4 members serving on national committees (Jim Lindquist, Public Issues; Doug Jardine, Scholarships, Grants and Recognition; Trudy Rice, Resource Development and Management; and Marie Blythe, Professional Development). Stacey also applied for Membership Recruitment and Retention.
- On May 15, national is asking all the chapters to participate in the voting of national award recipients. Laurie will be seeking input from the Alpha Rho Chapter regarding national award recipients.
- The Chapter of Merit and Achievement in Chapter Membership applications are due on May 1.

Vice President – Diane Mack

- Committee chairs need to review their committees.
- People who have not paid dues, have been removed from the committees.
- Diane was awarded a \$600 scholarship to help with PILD expenses. Diane will accompany a group from Kansas for this experience later this month.

Secretary – Andrea Schmidt – No Report.

Treasurer – Stacey Warner

- One of our procedures is to budget a set amount to send the President and Vice President to national conference.
- We owe \$121.75 to the NE area office for JCEP.
- Total assets are \$19,112.92. Our expenditures exceed our receipts at the moment. We are anticipating additional income from the United Conference, Life Dues and Annual Conference tickets.

Historian – Jennifer Wilson

- Please forward noteworthy items to Jennifer. Items will be placed in the archives located at Hale Library.

Editor – Karen Blakeslee

- All should have received the spring newsletter.
- The next edition will come out in July, a month earlier than normal. Please send items to Karen as you have them. Any input is welcome!
- Annual Conference program items can also be sent to Karen.

Past President – Margaret Phillips

- The Endowment Board of Trustees had an article in the newsletter. They will meet following today's call.
- Scholarship applications are due June 1 (Connie Hoch and Jim Lindquist).
- Endowment requests are due August 15.
- The group will talk about generating interest in scholarships and grants and how to grow the principal.

Council Director Reports:

NW Counselor – Dave Dunn – No Report.

NE Counselor – Dale Fjell - Absent

SW Counselor – Andrea Burns – She contacted members who did not rejoin, and did not receive any responses. She has also encouraged new staff in her area to join.

SE Counselor – Linda Mirt - Absent

State – Dan Rogers - Absent

Retirees – Dave Schafer - Absent

Extension Administration – Daryl Buchholz – A note will be sent to the Alpha Rho President, Vice President and Past President inviting them to participate in a meeting with Extension Administration on May 20. The National Excellence in Extension and National Diversity in Extension nominations are due May 1, and Kansas professionals are encouraged to apply. Let Daryl know if they need to follow up with potential applicants.

Standing Committee Reports:

Annual Banquet – Kathy Tharman – At this point we are going to plan on the desert bar again.

Awards – Linda Beech - One nomination for regional/national awards was sent forward from Kansas – an Early Career Nomination for Andrea Burns. Linda also wrote an article about the new award categories for the recent ESP newsletter.

Budget & Audit – Pat Murphy – Stacey and Pat will be meeting in May before the budget committee meeting.

Constitution & Bylaws – Doug Jardine – No Report.

Global Relations – Deryl Waldren – Absent.

Membership Recruitment & Retention – Carla Morriral-Frederking – She requested information from Jim Lindquist on ESP to update the brochure. Carla will start formatting this information into a brochure. Diane Mack will visit with new agents on behalf of ESP at the new agent meeting. Stacey said that she can connect Carla to an editor for the brochure.

Memorial – Nancy Nelson – No report.

Nomination – Margaret Phillips – Article was in the newsletter, and they will be actively recruiting possibilities soon. President Elect, Secretary, Retiree Director, Endowment Director,

Professionalism – Robin Eubank – Absent.

Retiree – Crystal Coffman – Crystal will be sending a letter to retirees to gather input on a get together/tour. Most likely this will be held later this year.

Tenure Recognition – Jim Adams – Absent.

Special Committee Reports:

80th Year Celebration – Jennifer Wilson

A committee (Ann Domsch, Steve Fisher and Jennifer Wilson) went to campus to review the archives for information. The committee is waiting to hear what the annual conference schedule will be like, and then they will incorporate the celebration into that event.

National Committee Reports:

Public Issues – Jim Lindquist - Absent

Scholarships, Grants & Recognition – Doug Jardine – This committee will meet next Monday.

They recently selected the Angus scholarship winners and the friend of Extension awards. Kansas did not have any nominees; so hopefully, we can have nominations next year.

Professional Development – Marie Blythe – The committee is working to finalize decisions on proposal submissions for the national conference. They do not yet know when registration will be available or the cost. Laurie thought maybe May 15 would be when it registration might be available.

Resource Development & Management – Trudy Rice – Absent.

Old Business:

Extension Director Portrait – The portrait of Fred Cholick is currently at Ben Franklin for framing. The portrait cost was \$60 and we have not received a bill for the framing cost.

Plaque – A plaque indicating that this project is sponsored by ESP will be placed by the portraits. The plaque can be placed in the area where the next portrait would be placed. Andrea moved and Karen seconded that we purchase and place this plaque beside the portraits. The motion carried.

New Business:

Approval to pay JCEP Expenses over budget – Margaret moved and Karen seconded to pay the overage expenses of \$121.75 to Northeast Area Office.

Proposal for the “Epsilon Sigma Phi Fund Development Award” – Gordon Dowell, KSU Foundation Officer – Gordon works with landowners across the state regarding their future land plans. Gordon would like to work with local Extension agents to reach potential customers. Gordon proposed an award called the “Epsilon Sigma Phi Fund Development Award” to recognize agents for assistance with recruiting major donors for the Securing the Future program. Gordon would like to find a donor to give \$25,000, of which this award will be endowed for the future. Until then, he was asking ESP to fund the award for \$1,000 per year. The money will go towards the local program and agent professional development. Laurie suggested that this be referred to the Endowment Committee to discuss further.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 15 at 1:15 p.m.** The group will meet in Umberger 103, or a conference call option will also be available.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Andrea Schmidt
Alpha Rho Secretary