

Alpha Rho Chapter – Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – 1:15 pm
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Call to order- President Stacey Warner called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Members on the conference call were Stacey Warner, Nadine Sigle, Chuck Otte, Jeanne Falk Jones, John Beckman, Gayle Price, Mary Lou Odle, Laurie Chandler, Deb Wood, Deryl Waldren and Margaret Phillips

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted on the website.

Chapter Officer Reports

President – Stacey Warner -Professional development is a hallmark of Epsilon Sigma Phi. The Alpha Rho Chapter was a co-sponsor of the annual United Associations Conference, a professional development opportunity held March 5 and 6 in Wichita. Three individuals represented our chapter on the planning committee and a number of members attended. The theme was Improving Lives: Individuals, Families and Communities. I also represented Epsilon Sigma Phi when the Kansas extension professional association representatives met with new agents in March. We visited with them about the benefits of association membership and provided them with information on how to join.

President Elect – Nozella Brown – Not present

Secretary – Nadine Sigle – Minutes were prepared and posted to the website.

Treasurer – Jennifer Wilson – Treasurer's report was prepared, posted on the website and attached to the agenda. A question was raised concerning the loan set aside and what this was. It was explained that previously members could request a loan for tuition assistance for advanced education. With the tuition assistance program available for extension faculty we have ceased to receive loan requests. There is one loan that has not been repaid but is still being carried on the statement of accounts.

Annalist/Historian – Doug Jardine – Not present

Editor – Sandra Wick - The most recent ESP Newsletter (Jan. 2015) is posted online and the next newsletter will be coming out July/August. Be watching for an email asking for news articles in June before fair season begins.

Past President/Endowment Chair – Chuck Otte –Chuck has been making contacts concerning scholarships and grants. The Jim Lindquist and Connie Hoch scholarship and grant deadline is June 1st.

Council Directors Reports

NW Director – Jeanne Falk Jones –No report

NE Director – Jamie Hancock – Not present

SW Director – John Beckman – Not present

SE Director – Gayle Price – Gayle has contacted members who did not pay dues for the current membership year and encouraged them to continue membership. She has also sent personal welcome messages to new agents in the SE Area encouraging them to consider joining ESP.

State Director – Vacant

Retirees – Mary Lou Odle – She has received a list of retirees and will soon be contacting them. Several are in the process of retiring and has not yet reached their date.

Extension Administration – Daryl Buchholz – Not present

Standing Committee's Reports

Annual Recognition Reception – Bertha Mendoza - the revenue received for the recognition reception was almost completely offset by expenses. Following are revenue and expense details for the reception: Revenue: 100 reg. @\$12.00 = \$1,200.00

Expenses: Food - \$743.72; Beverages - \$146.90; Supplies - \$58.50; Service charge - \$170.84;

Sales tax on food - \$79.73 = \$1,199.69

Net revenue- \$.31

Due to the small balance DCE will not remit a payment for the balance. Next year we may want to consider increasing our registration amount.

Budget and Audit – Deb Wood – No report

Constitution and Bylaws – Laurie Chandler – the committee has met and they are reviewing the constitution and by-laws to make sure they are in alignment with national.

Endowment Auction – Ann Domsch – Not present

Global Relations – Deryl Waldren – No report

Membership Recruitment and Retention – Chuck Otte – he continues to recruit and sending notes of welcome.

Memorial – Gina Aurand – Not present

Nomination – Chuck Otte – he has been sending out emails asking for nominations and will continue to work on this.

Professionalism – Marie Blythe – Not present

Recognition– Margaret Phillips - The leadership team and the committee have met. We reviewed the eligibility charts and discussed strategies for generating nominations. In addition we took time to study the charts to gain experience in how to interpret them. One chart is organized by recognition category. The other is organized alphabetically by member name. Some things to keep in mind: The colorful cells in the chart are related to the categories in which years in extension is a criteria. The white cells are not. For all categories it is important to review the descriptions posted on the web as “Chapter recognition process.” Strategies for generating nominations: Eligibility lists updated and posted to web for current year chapter nominations; Previous recipients encouraged to nominate; Administrative team give support and encouragement to generate nominees; Recognition Committee make nominations; Board members make nominations; Nominators of previous year’s nominees who weren’t recognized to re-submit nomination (remind them to obtain supervisor support again); Regional ESP directors review list of those eligible and make nominations and/or encourage those in their region to make nominees; Consider someone who is in your local unit, who you have worked with on a project, you have mentored, who mentored you, who is in your programming block, or yourself. A second committee meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2015.

Retiree – Ann Domsch - Not present

Tenure Recognition – Debra Bolton – Not present

Alpha Rho ESP National Committee Members

Marie Blythe-Professional Development – Not present.

Doug Jardine- Marketing – Not present

Sandra Wick- Marketing – Not present

It was mentioned several members have applied to serve on national committees.

Old Business

Update on forming a Kansas JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) – Chuck will report more at the next meeting. He would like to see KEAA move to a JCEP model.

Schedule for ESP Council Meeting during Annual Conference (Wednesday conflicts w Women of K-State Breakfast – this isn’t new, just wanted discussion on whether there is another time.

Thursday would conflict with Inspirational Breakfast.) We will discuss this at the June conference call when we have the annual conference schedule.

New Business

Announcement(s):

Next Chapter Council Conference Call: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 (3rd Wed) at 1:15 pm.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Upcoming Dates:

Alpha Rho Chapter:

April 15 – Council Meeting conference call at 1:15 pm

June 1 – Applications due for Jim Lindquist and Connie Hoch scholarships for attendance at professional meetings

June 24 – Council Meeting conference call at 1:15 pm

August 15 – Nominations due for chapter recognition

August 15 – Applications due for Endowment Grants

August 19 – Council Meeting conference call at 1:15 pm

September 23 – Council Meeting conference call at 1:15 pm

October 20 – ESP Annual Business Meeting and Recognition Event

National:

March 1 – Deadline for submission of chapter recognition winners to national

March 1 – Deadline for submission of national professional development grants

April 1 – Deadline for submission for national committees

April 12- 15 – PILD – Public Issues Leadership Development Conference

May 1 – Deadline for Submission of Chapter of Merit and Achievement in Chapter Membership Recognition

May ?? – Early Bird Registration available for National ESP Conference

October 4-7 – National ESP Conference in Coeur d’Alene ID