

Alpha Rho Chapter – Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 – 11:00 am

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<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/94695340423>

Call to order-Jennifer Wilson called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

Roll Call-Jennifer Wilson, Deb Wood, Beth Hinshaw, Doug Beech, Marlin Bates, Cindy Evans, Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartegena, Tara Markely, Wendy Hughes, Jill Martinson, Erin Yelland, Elizabeth Kiss, Denise Dias, Marie Blythe, Ethel Schneweis, Laurie Chandler, Donna Krug, Candis Meerpohl and Lisa Martin

Chapter Officer Reports

President – Jennifer Wilson reported that the National Meeting will be virtual, and that information was sent out earlier in the week. She also participated in her first board meeting as Regional Vice-President. As we are saving dollars with not having to travel to conferences, Jennifer recommends offering scholarships for the \$100 national conference registration fee. She will discuss the scholarships and our annual business meeting in new Business as well as how to do our fundraiser.

President Elect – Marlin Bates reported that he received an endowment scholarship which he will use to pay the \$100 registration fee for the national meeting and will return the rest. He also reported that he has been attending the ESP Affinity Group meetings that focus on urban and culturally diverse audiences. They are working on a mission statement that addresses a welcoming institutional work culture which, in turn, will encourage attracting diverse employees. Marlin also addressed the issue of lost productivity in county offices as a result of furloughs. He recommends that it be addressed with state leadership. Candis Meerpohl, JCEP chair, will visit with Marlin. Marlin also asked who is the ESP representative on JCEP. Jill Martinson will find out.

Secretary – Lisa Martin: After a welcomed reminder from Jennifer, Lisa reported that she will send out an email to the board for articles for the annual report.

Treasurer – Deb Wood reported that there is \$17,778.45 in checking, \$5742.92 in the CD for a total of \$23521.37. The endowment is \$153,989.18 and has lost value. Erin asked about the return of funds. Deb reported that \$1000 will be postponed to 2022 and repaid if not used then. Marlin will be returning a total of \$2450.00 of travel money not spent.

Annalist/Historian – Elizabeth Kiss reported that we will celebrate 90 years this year and will put together some celebration slides for annual meeting.

Editor – Denise Dias reported that she sent out the summer newsletter.

Past President/Endowment Chair – Erin Yelland reminded everyone that applications are due on Saturday for grants.

Council Directors Reports

NW Director – Anna Muir—no report

NE Director – Candis Meerpohl—no report

SW Director – Ethel Schneweis—no report

SE Director – Beth Hinshaw—no report

State Director – Laurie Chandler—no report

Retirees –Doug Beech—no report

Extension Administration – Gregg Hadley—no report

Standing Committee's Reports

Annual Recognition Reception – Wendy Hughes reported that reception at our annual meeting will be discussed in new business.

Resource Development & Mgmt—Cindy Evans reported that she will meet with Clint Bain in late September.

Constitution and Bylaws – Jill Martinson reported that there needs to be a 30-day notice of the date and time of the annual meeting and that the meeting needs to be “reasonable accessible”. As for representatives on JCEP, it is the vice president and on the odd years two people which in the past was Erin Yelland and Nadine Sigle. Jill will work on finding one more representative.

Endowment Auction – Laurie Chandler—no report

Global Relations – Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartegena—no report

Membership Recruitment and Retention – Donna Krug reported that she has reached out to new hires.

Memorial – Nora Rhoades—no report

Nomination – Erin Yelland—no report

Professional Development—Chris Petty—Chris is no longer with Extension so Marlin will fill his position. Lisa encouraged everyone to think about participating in the “How to be an Antiracist” book group.

Recognition—Anissa Jepsen—no report

Retiree—Marie Blythe reported that she is waiting on annual conference details before reaching out to retirees. She is also concerned about technology issues that retirees may have and when Gregg Hadley will meet with them. Jennifer has retiree contact information to reach either by mail or email.

Tenure Recognition —Tara Markley reported that she will update her report and will have it for the annual meeting.

Alpha Rho ESP National Committee Members

Jennifer Wilson—Public Issues: Jennifer reported that PILD will be virtual and encouraged everyone to look at PILD Facebook posts.

Doug Beech—Resource Development and Management: Doug reported that the celebration for reaching \$500,000 in the national endowment will be postponed to 2021 when hopefully the meeting will be in person in Savannah Georgia.

Old Business-none

New Business

National ESP Website: Lisa quickly reviewed the National ESP website and encouraged members to visit and catch up on recorded webinars which feature two KSRE members.

National ESP Virtual Conference Scholarships: Jennifer reported that Wisconsin is offering scholarships to members to attend the national conference. National need 175 attendees to break even. Marlin moved to offer 10 virtual scholarships at \$100 each and Elizabeth Kiss seconded. Motion carried. Jennifer appointed a scholarship review team and scheduled a meeting for September 3, 2020.

2020 Annual Meeting: After discussion, a committee was appointed to work on the details of the annual meeting. Marlin will chair and the committee includes executive officers and committee chairs. He will set something up in Teams. Elizabeth Kiss moved to have the meeting outside of the scheduled annual conference. Wendy seconded and the motion carried. The ESP annual business meeting and recognition celebration will be Monday, October 26, 2020 from 1 to 2 pm via Zoom. Lisa will send out a save-the-date.

2020 Endowment Fundraiser: Laurie Chandler is looking for ideas for the annual endowment fundraiser such as an online auction. Other ideas include a raffle or bingo. Beth Hinshaw suggested payroll deduction. Erin \$3.50 donation per pay period. For 26 pay periods, the amount would be \$91 as we are moving into our 91st year. The foundation no longer sends reminders for payroll deduction which make reminders a challenge. Last year we earned \$585 with the combined auction. Before that we earned about \$1000.

Announcement(s):

Next Chapter Council Conference Call: Wednesday, September 16 at 11:00 am

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:14 pm.