

Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting

April 21, 2009

Those in attendance included Diane Burnett, Laurie Chandler, Dave Dunn, Karen Blakeslee, Stacey Warner, Margaret Phillips, Andrea Schmidt, Doug Jardine, Bev Dunning, Daryl Buchholz, Eric Otte, Dave Schafer, Jim Lindquist, Belinda Oldham, Evelyn Neier, Donna Martinson and Fran Richmond.

Margaret called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Minutes are posted on the website.

A chapter officer report was given first by Margaret.

- The vision statement has been changed on the website.
- New web postings include Chapter Recognition information and Travel Study Grant Information. All recognition/travel study grant applications can now be submitted electronically.
- Items to soon be posted to the web include Endowment Fund Grant application information, Connie Hoch Leadership Scholarship application information and Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship application information. All will be submitted electronically.
- Officer description drafts were sent to all council representatives. Eric suggested that we post the term limits with the officer responsibilities.
- Registration is now online for the National Meeting in Fargo, North Dakota. Early registration is due July 10. Visit <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ESP2009/> to register.
- A new Executive director will be announced soon. Interviews have been completed.
- Applications to serve on national committees are still being accepted. Visit <http://www.espnational.org/Forms/index.htm> to access the applications.
- The Journal of Extension is looking for peer reviewers. Visit <http://www.joe.org/about-fags.pht#Q8>
- Laurie Chandler is the recipient of the PILD scholarship.
- The next Galaxy will be 2013, with the location to be determined.
- The Achievement in Chapter application is due May 1.
- Recognition ballots are due May 15. Council members who are reviewing nominations, please complete this by May 8.
- Alpha Rho has been awarded a \$1,000 mini-grant. The grant will support a Public Value speaker for annual conference.
- Annual Conference will be held October 19-22. The Alpha Rho business meeting will be held on Monday, with optional box lunch available. The ESP banquet will be on Tuesday, at the Alumni Center. The retiree luncheon will be combined with the recognition luncheon.

- Information for North Central nominees was sent to all council members. Files are temporarily posted to the website. Thanks for help with this process! Information for DSA Ruby award nominees was sent to selected past presidents. Thanks to them for their help.

Vice President, Laurie offered her report next.

- Margaret and Laurie went to JCEP in San Diego in February. They participated in a session on “Ethics in Today’s Extension World.” JCEP was a great way to learn about ESP.
- Laurie is looking forward to PILD next week. Lori Sporer, Susan Schlichting and Carla Nemecek will be attending PILD as part of the Kansas delegation. Jim Lindquist will also be in attendance with KCEE representatives.

Secretary, Andrea did not have a report.

Treasurer, Stacey provided her report.

- Stacey reviewed the budget first. We received reimbursement from Annual Conference. United Association reimbursement will be coming soon.
- Dues were paid to National, and that was the only major expense.
- The current checking account balance was \$16,284.39. The CD account balance was \$5,490.96.

Historian, Jennifer Wilson was not present.

Editor, Karen Blakeslee provided a report.

- Karen thanked all for submitting information for the newsletter. She will be seeking articles again this summer and fall.
- All annual conference program items must be submitted by September 15 to Communications department.

Past President, Eric Otte stated that the Connie Hoch and Jim Lindquist Leadership scholarship applications look good.

Council Director Reports – NW, Carla Morrical-Frederking was not in attendance; NE, Dale Fjell was not in attendance; SW, Belinda Oldham did not have a report; SE, Linda Mirt was not in attendance; State, Emily Nolting was not in attendance; Retirees, Dave Schafer did not have a report; Extension Administration, Daryl Buchholz did not have a report.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Gayle Price (Awards) not in attendance.

- Evelyn Neier (Annual Banquet) did not have a report. Margaret thanked her for getting the event scheduled.
- Diane Burnett (Budget & Audit) thanked Stacey for her work on budget and finances.
- Mary Higgins - Doug Jardine representing - (Constitution & Bylaws) did not have a report.
- Donna Martinson (Global Relations) talked about opportunities for ESP members to participate in global opportunities. Dan Kahl and others from Kansas participated on a Mexico experience. A group of professionals will be participating in the Kenya II trip this summer. Donna would like there to be ESP money available for opportunities like this. Denise Dias is the only ESP member attending Kenya, and Donna would like there to be money available to her and others who participate in global experiences that arise mid-year.
- Sharolyn Jackson (Membership Retention & Recruitment) was not in attendance.
- Bev Dunning (Memorial) encouraged everyone to stay alive.
- Eric Otte (Nomination) will be emailing his committee soon. Any names should be forwarded to Eric.
- Fran Richmond (Professionalism) reported that there is \$1,590 available for travel/study grants. Information has been posted to the web regarding how to apply.
- Steve Fisher (Retiree) was not in attendance.
- David Dunn (Tenure Recognition) conducted a committee meeting. We will have a new theme this year for the recognition.

Special Committee Reports:

- Endowment Fund Drive (Dave Schafer) received a report from the KSU Foundation. A report was placed in the newsletter. All investment accounts have lost money. We are several thousand dollars above the gift level.
- Jennifer Wilson (80th Year Celebration Committee) was not in attendance.

National Committee Reports:

- Jim Lindquist (Public Issues) has a final conference call with this committee on Friday for PILD. The committee is working to improve communications with public issues chairs across the country. A public issues seminar will be held at the Fargo conference. The topic is how extension organizations around the country are making structural and programmatic changes due to economic concerns.
- Doug Jardine (Scholarships, Grants and Recognition) said that information was posted in the newsletter. We are working on revisions for this on the national handbook.
- Margaret Phillips (Professional Development) asked all to be watching for a summer webcast on Leadership. This is free to ESP members. Kansas will have a concurrent session at national meeting. Marie Blythe applied for membership on this committee.

There was not any old business.

New Business:

- Donna moved that up to \$1000 of travel study grant funds be made available to defray out of pocket expenses for ESP members participating in global experiences September 15, 2008 – October 19, 2009, with no grant to exceed \$500 per individual, and an application deadline of May 15. Eric Otte seconded the motion. Fran questioned the May 15 deadline, as the committee already has an August 15 deadline. A remaining balance of \$590 would be remaining for the Professionalism committee to award in August. Stacey stated that the \$1,590 was for 2009 Budget year, and should be written prior to September 15. Jim recommended setting up a pool for grants, and applicants could apply throughout the year. When the money is gone, then it is gone for the year. Motion carried.
- Stacey, Fran, Diane B. and Donna will meet to determine implementation criteria. Donna will chair this committee.
- Donna mentioned that the committee would also tackle mid-year funding concerns.
- Eric moved that we accept the officer descriptions with leeway to tweak them as necessary. The motion was seconded by Bev. Motion carried.

Margaret adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m. with an announcement of the next meeting on June 16 at 1:00p.m. Representatives can meet in Umberger 125 or may access the meeting via conference call. Information regarding the call will be sent via email closer to the meeting time.

Minutes submitted by:

Andrea Schmidt
Alpha Rho Secretary