

Epsilon Sigma Phi Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 09, 2009

Those in attendance included: Stacey Warner, Diane Mack, Andrea Schmidt, Dale Fjell, Jennifer Wilson, Laurie Chandler, Daryl Buchholz, Robin Eubank, Nancy Nelson, Andrea Burns, Jim Adams, Trudy Rice, Linda Mirt, Pat Murphy, Crystal Coffman, Linda Beech and Margaret Phillips.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President, Laurie Chandler. Laurie asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. The request from Trudy Rice for financial assistance to attend JCEP as a candidate for Regional Vice-President was deleted.

The previous meeting's minutes were approved as posted to the web.

President – Laurie:

- Chapter goals – Engage members in the chapter. She wants to provide multiple opportunities for members to be involved. The charge has been put forth for committees to meet soon with their members within the next six weeks. Another goal is to continue membership growth and work with membership recruitment and retention committee to increase membership.
- National ESP communication is changing their bulk email system. The addresses of espoffice@pmt.org and espoffice@espnational.org should not be flagged as spam. Laurie will be sending out to all membership.
- The national ESP website is www.espnational.org and the ESP Alpha Rho website is www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho Laurie highlighted scholarship and grant opportunities and the calendar on the national website. Martha Monihen is the webmaster for the Alpha Rho site. Laurie highlighted the listserv options on the right pane of the chapter website. They have been updated and are ready for use. Laurie highlighted the left pane officers and committees page, which includes descriptions for each.

Vice President – Diane

- Diane represented ESP during the KEAA sponsored luncheon for new agents which included KAE4-HA, KACAA and KEAFACS. She visited with 4 new agents about the importance of connecting with professionals in the associations.
- Martha Flannigan was a new member who joined, and will be on the Tenure Recognition Committee.

Treasurer – Stacey

- Stacey shared the statement of accounts. The loan amount of [\$957.12] was listed on the statement, even though we voted to write it off.
- Dale requested that we inquire of Fred Delano regarding the time frame of keeping this on the books. Pat Murphy and Stacey will meet with Fred to discuss this.

- Stacey asked the group to offer ideas on appropriate expenses for a professional association. Margaret stated that travel and study grants would be appropriate to apply for out of the endowment association. Laurie suggested looking at how many representatives each association has attending JCEP. Stacey stated that JCEP and national council meetings cause some challenges with budgeting in regards to officer travel. Any additional thoughts regarding this topic can be shared with Pat Murphy and Stacey.

Historian – Jennifer

- No Report

Editor – Karen

- Absent

Past President – Margaret

- I am working to set up a January date for the ESP Endowment Board of Directors to meet.

Council Directors Reports

- David Dunn, NW – Absent
- Dale Fjell, NE – No Report
- Andrea Burns, SW – No Report
- Linda Mirt, SE – No Report
- Dan Rogers, State – Absent
- Dave Schafer, Retirees – Absent

Stacey sent a list of members who did not renew membership to the council directors. Stacey will resend this list, and asks that council directors contact those folks.

Standing Committees

- Annual Banquet**, Kathy Tharman – Absent
- Awards**, Linda Beech – The website has been updated with the new awards, and the format has been redesigned to make it easy to use. Margaret asked if the chapter recipients would be encouraged to apply for the national awards. March 1 is the deadline for this.
- Budget and Audit**, Pat Murphy – No report.
- Constitution & Bylaws**, Doug Jardine – Absent
- Global Relations**, Deryl Waldren – Absent
- Membership Recruitment & Retention**, Carla Morrival-Frederking – Absent
- Memorial**, Nancy Nelson – Has anyone noted any deaths? Nancy asked about letterhead, and the link on the alpha rho website will be updated.
- Nomination**, Margaret Phillips – Margaret is working to set a January date for a committee meeting. We will review the committee responsibilities and officer positions to fill in 2010.

Professionalism, Robin Eubank – March 4 & 5, will be the United Association Meeting. They are also working on a retirees track too. The committee is again planning to run two cycles for the travel grants. Robin will also check to see that this is on the master calendar.

Retiree, Crystal Coffman – Crystal is wanting to visit with Stacey to combine some of the lists to streamline communication. The group is planning a bus tour, coordinated by Lois Carlson.

Tenure Recognition, Jim – Will continue to streamline the awards, and come up with a decent award for each 5 years.

National Committee Reports

Public Issues, Jim Lindquist – Absent

Awards, Doug Jardine - Absent

Professional development and National Conference, Marie Blythe - Absent

Resource development and Management, Trudy Rice – She encouraged the local chapter members to remember to support the national foundation so they can continue to provide scholarship opportunities.

Old Business:

Annual Conference – Diane Mack stated that there were a few comments about ESP on the evaluation. One comment was in regards to having fruit available at the dessert reception. Daryl stated that the attendance was excellent. The group would like to know from Jennifer how many non-ESP members purchased items from the silent auction. Daryl asked who ESP wants to have as an Annual Conference committee representative. Jim stated that he thought the dessert was a reasonable priced option for the recognition event.

New Business:

Does the current newsletter schedule meet the needs of the chapter? Currently we have an April and an August issue. Via an email to Laurie, Karen stated that a Feb/March issue, May issue and July issue might be an option. Margaret stated that doing a post annual conference edition might get people engaged, be a way to announce new committees, presented awards and officers. Stacey suggested maybe a July 1 issue might help folks with the August 15 deadline. Linda Beech was not certain that a July 1 issue would be helpful, since it is during county fair season. Laurie will appoint a committee to explore this topic further.

The next meeting is scheduled for **February 10, 2010**, at **1:15 p.m.** in Umberger 125 and via conference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Andrea Schmidt
Alpha Rho Secretary