

## Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Minutes of March 19, 2022 Meeting

The VSC Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on March 19, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Roanoke Virginia, by President Mindy Boyd.

Mindy verified that all voting members had a voting card, gave instructions to silence cell phones, and lead the attendees in the opening ritual.

Brenda Orebaugh gave the chaplain's message, by reading from "The Cup of Salvation", which is the daily Lenten devotions from her church.

Mindy welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance at the Spring Meeting, with a special thank you to Ginger and the Convention Committee members for securing the hotel and meeting room for the day.

The Credentials Committee, Sue Danielson reported:

Chapters on roll:	17	Officer Votes:	7
Chapters present:	14	Delegate Votes:	13
Members Present:	30	TOTAL VOTES:	20
Officers Present:	8		
DESA's:	0		
Guests:	0		
Total Attendance:	38		

(Full report filed)

A quorum was confirmed present, as according to the VSC Bylaws.

Mindy stated the Rules of the Meeting are a part of our Standing Rules and do not need to be read at each meeting.

Mindy acknowledged members attending the State Meeting for the first time.

Ruth Claderbuck - Delta Rho, Sheila Levinson – Zeta Nu.

Mindy introduced the Head Table followed by the introduction of the Past Presidents, also known as Mindy's Guardian Angels (Protectors) who were asked to give their year(s) as VSC President and Theme. Chapter Presidents were recognized and thanked for their leadership.

Judy Williams reported that the minutes of the 2021 VSC Fall Meeting were published as corrected. The committee (Judy Williams and Theresa Morris) were dismissed.

The Minutes approval Committee for this meeting (Spring) are Lou Ann Wyer – Beta Kappa and Sandy Reed – Beta Tau.

Marie LaDuke read the following correspondence:

- Note from Robin Bussy, IC President, announcing Tammy Gregg will be our IC Rep
- Note from Terri Sayre, SERC President, announcing Laura Gnewuch will be our SERC Rep

Financial Report, Jenny Brunelle presented the financial report summarized below:

Checking Account:

Balance forwarded from 5/22/2021	\$3,414.74
Deposit of dues	1,340.00
Disbursements	2,529.97
Balance on Hand	\$2,224.77

Savings Account:

Balance forwarded from 5/22/2021	\$4,829.37
Interest	0.20
Balance on Hand	\$4,829.57

### Officer Reports

**First Vice President** Beverley Wright shared that she did not regret not being able to attend the State Presidents' Leadership Conference in Denver last month, and saved the state's money.

She was able to Zoom into the State Presidents' meeting held on Saturday, February 5 which was conducted by IC 1<sup>st</sup> VP/President Elect, Denise Holdaway. A few of the highlights/reminders were:

1. If you are planning to be recognized at IC for years of service, do not bring/send pins. The recognition will be given starting at 25 years of service and then by 5-year increments.
2. Chapters – please ensure that your IC dues were paid. These are the Chapter Dues which were due on August 1; however, if your chapter has not paid, you have until May 1 to be considered in 'good standing'.
3. State Caucuses will be held on Wednesday, July 27 from 5 – 6 p.m.
4. In addition to the St. Jude and Easter Seals Workshops, there will be 5 additional workshops offered – 2 on Thursday, July 28 and 3 - Saturday, July 30. These will include: Estate Planning, Laughter Yoga, a cooking demonstration using Bloody Mary Mix from Bloody Point Mixing Company, making DIY pet items and donating them to a local pet shelter, and some Life Hacks, which can make all our lives easier.

If you are planning to attend, she encouraged you to make your airline reservations early due to anticipated price hikes due to the fuel situation.

Finally, she thanked each Virginia ESA member who volunteered to serve in an elected and/or appointed office this coming year.

(Full report on file)

**Second Vice President**, Priscilla Browning asked if members participated in any of the social or educational or business meetings and invited a new or prospective member and stated it is not too late.

ESA Headquarters is hosting a virtual enrichment event “All Dressed Up and No Where To Go”, celebrating ESA Founder’s Day, on May 6, 2022. Also, will continue with the Coffee Chats with ESA Headquarters by Zoom. Check the website for dates and times.

(Full report filed)

**Recording Secretary**, Theresa Morris expressed her support of Mindy, by stepping up to cover the position of Recording Secretary, due to Eveleen’s passing. She will try to clean out the cobwebs to do her best in this position.

**Corresponding Secretary**, Marie LaDuke reported that she has researched the list of PPA’s in the Yearbook, trying to update the information. She asked if the membership had any additional information, she would appreciate the help.

(Full report filed)

**Treasurer**, Jenny Brunelle – No additional Report

**Parliamentarian**, Beth Sherron presented the following bylaw change initiated by the VSC Executive Board due to the difficulty getting a slate of officers.

**VSC By Law Change**

It has been proposed that we remove the part of:

Article VI Election of Officers – Section 3 – Reads as:

No member shall succeed herself/himself in office and no member shall hold more than one (1) VSC office at a time.

Propose to remove “No member shall succeed herself/himself in office and”

Section 3 would then read “No member shall hold more than one VSC office at a time.”

Purpose – It has been difficult to get members to run for an office and this change allows a two-year term if it is necessary. For example, the paperwork to change the Treasurer is difficult at time to get everyone together. If the member is willing to do the job for 2 years, it may be easier to fill the slate of officers.

A summary of the Standing Rules changes voted on at the 2022 Spring Meeting.

### **Standing Rules**

Under the Awards and Recognition Guidelines

A Sponsor who will not be in attendance to present the award/recognition at the convention shall arrange for another Past President to present the award/recognition. The sponsor shall notify the President of the PPA of the arrangement. In the event the sponsor does not select a presenter, the president of the PPA shall choose the presenter after consulting the members of the PPA.

Under the Flora Burns ESA for St. Jude Award/recognition

3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph, change to read:

It is important that Chapters complete and send in the St. Jude Completed Event Form when the project is finished. This form should be sent to ESA HQ and to the ESA for St. Jude VSC Coordinator.

Section 4 State Project:

Changed to read as, d) Two organizations, ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation and Special Love, will be equal beneficiaries of VSC State Project fund until another organization is proposed.

Individuals, chapters, or area councils desiring to propose a project shall submit their proposal to the VSC Executive Board, with a copy to the State Project Director at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Spring VSC meeting for review prior to presentation to the membership at said meeting. The sponsoring individuals, chapters, or area councils shall be responsible for acquiring a speaker for said meeting if that is the desire of the sponsor.

**Jr Past President**, Brenda Bowersox asked all to honor their chapter president by nominating them for the Lucy Davis Outstanding Chapter President Award. Must be sent by April 15<sup>th</sup>.  
(Full report filed)

**President**, Mindy thanked the membership for allowing her to represent Virginia at the SERC Meeting. It was an honor to carry the flag and learn so much about the protocol. She was also able to visit the Grand Ole Opera and additional site seeing.  
She shared that State President's join an IC Zoom Mtg to discuss or listen to updates. She encouraged all to consider going to the IC Convention, with BJ Clark scheduled to be the Keynote Speaker, and fun workshops.  
(Full report on file)

### **Committee Reports**

**Association of the Arts** – Brenda Bowersox asked for a show of hands of those started and or completed an item for the Association of the Arts. Even the unfinished items are welcome to be submitted, so no excuses.

(Full report filed)

**Awards** – Brenda Bowersox reminded everyone to submit their chapter award forms by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Those receiving years of service awards or Pallas Athene awards, need to notify her as soon as possible.

(Full report filed)

**Chaplain** – Brenda Orebaugh said she will be planning a Celebration of Life Ceremony for the members we have lost this year. She will be contacting the Chapters who lost members for thoughts and memories, and welcomed thoughts from all members on the deceased.

(Full report filed)

**Convention 2022** – Ginger Hodges welcomed all and look forward to seeing everyone at the 2022 VSC convention will be held in Roanoke May 20-22 at the Hilton Garden Inn. The Roanoke Chapters have been working very hard to make this convention one to remember. Registration will begin on Friday at 3:00. There will be a Silent Auction and have guest speakers from St Jude, Easter Seals and the State Project. Sue Stone will welcome you to the PPA Luncheon with delicious food and awards. The Saturday Banquet will be “Magnolias & Moonshine”, with the St Jude presentation. Sunday will have the Memorial Service, and additional awards. “Southern Starts Here”, hopes all will attend.

(Full report on file)

**Disaster Fund** – Brenda Bowersox stated that she sent donations in the amount of \$860.00 to IC. She encouraged all chapters to hold an event and send to her. It had been asked that all members make a personal donation of \$10 each.

(Full report filed)

**Easter Seals** – Lynn Keefer stood up and thanked all who have participated and sent in donations.

**Educational Director** – Doris Hood reported that she had an empty virtual and physical mailbox. She has only received information from 1 chapter. She reminded all that the Gold Link Award requires 6 educational programs to be presented during the year. The Barabara Midkiff Educational Award is April 1<sup>st</sup>, through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Forms are on the website.

(Full report filed)

**ESA Foundation** – Debbie Langfitt thanked everyone who helped by reaching out to the schools in their areas to let them know about the Foundation Scholarships. She believes it is always better to have a local contact, and has revamped the list for the future.

The Foundation’s Treasurer’s report for last year shows a great deal of money through generous support to use for scholarships and grants. Membership to the Foundation is \$25.00

initially and \$15.00 annually thereafter. Please consider joining the ESA Foundation and make a difference.

(Full report filed)

**ESA for St. Jude** – Susan Caldwell reported the Flora Burns ESA For St Jude Award For had been updated and is on the website, and placed in the chapter folders. There will be a St Jude Presentation at our VSC Convention.

Dream Home Campaigns were successful this year, although Richmond was not able to have one. Information on the 2022 new campaigns were shared.

Chapter participating – Beta Sigma is collecting coins, having a pizza party.

Individuals participating in the \$50 for 50 Project, Lou Ann’s cycling challenge, Jane Parrish donation, Carol Campbell donation, Beverly Scott wreath sales, and Dot Harcum’s table runner raffle.

There will only be one St Jude Walk/Run this year – Sunday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> in Hampton.

(Full report filed)

**Finance Director** – Margaret Schools reported that there were more Lucky Numbers available for the drawing immediately the meeting.

**Historian** – Please send all Chapter History reports to Marie LaDuke, and your submittal will be acknowledged.

**Hope for Heroes** – Ginny Hatchell provided information on the national project called “Folds of Honor”. The flag is handed to a child of a fallen soldier.

(Full report on file)

**Lamplighter** – Theresa Morris thanked all for their articles and kind remarks. She acknowledged some have not received their copy and will try to send by PDF. The next deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

(Full report filed)

**Philanthropic Director** – Sue Stone’s report was presented by Mindy. As of today, Sue has received 9 chapter reports. All reports should be submitted by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

(Full report filed)

**Scrapbook/Photobook** – Tammy James reported that Mindy requested to have a digital book this year. Please send your pictures and a description digitally.

**SERC** - No Report

**State Project** – Judy Williams state that she has received 3 donations and one award form. She will be selling raffle tickets for an opal and diamond angel with a retail value of \$100. Ticket prices are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be Sunday morning at the VSC Convention.

(Full report filed)

**Social Director** – Gaynell Krista, no report.

**VSC Webmaster** – Lou Ann Wyer reported the website has been updated as content has been provided to the website chairs. There has been an added a tab for In Memoriam on the Rosters page. You can find both Eveleen’s and Mildred’s obituaries there. More can be provided if you wish. Please provide materials for updates to the website in a timely manner so that all members can have access to the VSC events & documents/forms.

Lou Ann also discussed the website competition with IC.

(Full report filed)

## **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

Beverly Scott presented Brenda Bowersox with her President’s year picture book.

Nominating Committee – Beverley Wright reported the following:

I am thrilled to come to you this morning with a slate of officers for 2022-23. These ladies are an awesome mix of “well-seasoned” and the “new kid on the block” members who have a lot of energy, great ideas, and honesty to bring to the Virginia State Council.

Jr. Past President – Mindy Boyd, Alpha Nu, Richmond

1<sup>st</sup> VP/President Elect – Priscilla Browning, Alpha Omega, Winchester

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Marie LaDuke, Beta Kappa, Richmond

Recording Secretary – Katrina Saunders, Delta Sigma, Manassas

Treasurer – Stephanie Hess, Zeta Nu, SML

Parliamentarian – Nicole Lewis, Theta Mu, Richmond

Corresponding Secretary – Brenda Orebaugh, Gamma Pi, Staunton

President – Beverley Wright, Gamma Pi, Staunton

I hope you are all making plans to come to VSC Convention right back here in May as you will have the opportunity on Friday evening to see these candidates during the Candidates’ Skit as you have never seen them before and get to know them a little better.

(Full report filed)

## **Announcements**

- The PPA Meeting will be immediately after this meeting
- Next Lamplighter articles are due to Theresa Morris by April 10,2022
- Mindy’s next Spirit Newsletter will be published April 25<sup>th</sup>. .
- Second half VSC membership dues must be mailed on or before April 1.
- The VSC Convention will be May 20-22, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Roanoke
- The Chinese auction will be held in the hall following the closing ritual.

- The Closing Ritual will immediately follow adjournment of this meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 and was followed by the Closing Ritual.