

Epsilon Sigma Phi

Pi Chapter

Annual Meeting Minutes

**2009 Annual Meeting
Crown Plaza Hotel, St Paul
October 6, 2009**

Call to order – President Neil Broadwater called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. 38 members and retirees were present.

Welcome

Additions/Corrections to Agenda – Sara Croymans moved Tami Bremseth seconded to accept the agenda as printed. Carried.

Approval of 2008 Minutes - The minutes were printed in the annual report. They are accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry Tesmer summarized the treasurer's report. As of August 31, 2009, the savings account has \$3223.70, the CD has \$5220.88 and the checking account \$843.53. Total income for the year was \$5807.50 and expenses were \$5332.26. The report was filed subject to audit. The audit report was submitted by Sheila Craig and Naomi Fruechte. Jerry Tesmer moved the audit report be accepted as printed. As a committee report it does not need a second. Carried.

President's Report -- Neil Broadwater report summarized the year's activity. He highlighted work on a chapter webpage, a membership brochure, and a modest membership increase. Pi Chapter received a Platinum Level Chapter of Merit award at the national meeting in Fargo. This is the highest chapter award available.

National ESP Conference Report – Marcia Woeste reported on the National ESP meeting conducted in Fargo, ND. Kay Stanek and Marcia Woeste were delegates. Three other Pi Chapter members were present. ESP has a new national executive secretary. Check out the new ESP national website –espnational.org.

Committee Reports – All the reports are printed in the annual report handed out to the members.

- Awards & Recognition – these will be presented at the banquet
- Global/International
- History/Archives – Kent Gustafson has been in the Coffey Hall attic and has spent “quality time” there this year!
- Legislative and Benefits -- Toni again recommended joining NARFE to keep on top of federal benefits. Expect a difficult budget year.
- Membership
- Newsletter -- Heidi Haugen would be willing to pass the editor role along to a new person since she has now been elected treasurer of MAEE.
- Professional Development -- Members are urged to forward development ideas to the committee. Bob Mugaas reported on an option to conduct an ESP meeting at another time of the year at the UM Landscape Arboretum. This could be an option for another year.
- Retiree and Life Membership
- Scholarship – Phyllis Onstad highlighted the financial activity this year which showed a significant loss in value of the MEWS fund due to stock market declines. The committee recommends that in 2010 funds only be available for true scholarships and not be used to fund the JCEP leadership meeting and voting delegate expenses to the annual meeting. This would mean any such support will have to be taken from our regular annual operating budget. They are asking this to be addressed at the November board of directors’ meeting. JCEP delegates could apply for a scholarship to help defray their expenses, but it would be as a scholarship for professional development, not simply as expense reimbursement.
- Fundraising – Shirley Anderson-Porisch reports income of \$285.00 from the silent auction conducted this afternoon.

Cindy Peterson moved the reports be accepted and Cindy Bigger seconded the motion. Accepted.

Old Business

New Business

The Nominating Committee reported the following slate of officers for consideration:

President – Marcia Woeste
 President-Elect – Toni Smith
 Secretary – Sara Croymans
 Past-President – Neil Broadwater
 Director – Jeanne Markell
 Continuing Appointed Treasurer – Jerry Tesmer

- Phyllis Onstad moved and Nancy Heglund seconded to close nominations for President and unanimous ballot be cast. Carried.
- Kathy Olson moved nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast. Shirley Anderson-Porisch seconded the motion. Carried.
- Kia Harries moved we close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Jo Musich seconded the motion. Carried.

Chapter Website -- see the President’s report

Audit Report -- previously accepted.

Dorothy McCargo-Freeman was recognized as the NC Region DSA winner in Fargo.

Proposed 2009-2010 Budget – Jerry Tesmer presented the budget proposal. It is based on 44 members' dues plus donations that come to a proposed income for \$4240. The proposed expense outline is \$4260, a \$20 deficit for the year. Heidi Haugen moved and Rosie Heins seconded to accept the proposal. Carried.

New Member Initiation was conducted by Kay Stanek.

- LuAnn Hiniker, Angela Gupta, Becky Harrington, and Donna Geiser are the new members.
- Andrea Lorek Strauss, Matt Musel, Judy Conway were initiated as associate members.

Memorial Service was conducted by Gwen Gmeinder. The following died during the past year:

Evelyn Harne
Alice "Bette" Hare
Geraldine Kern
Mary Fran Lamison
Keith McFarland
Patrick Weicherding
Duane Wilson

Kay Stanek installed the new officers of Pi Chapter.

Announcements -- The ESP/MAEE banquet will be held this evening in the Windows Restaurant of the Crown Plaza.

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Schwartau, Secretary