

Epsilon Sigma Phi

Pi Chapter

Annual Meeting Minutes

MINNESOTA “Pi” Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi

Monday, October 8, 2012

Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Mall of America

ESP President Kia Harries called the Minnesota Pi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi to order at 6:08 pm on October 8, 2012 at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Mall of America. There were 33 annual members and 6 life members present.

Agenda – no additions

A signup sheet was circulated among members to indicate a commitment to serve on a committee. Treasurer’s Report was given by President Kia Harries. Treasurer position is in transition. For the fiscal year through August 31, 2012 there was total income of \$5864 and total expenses of \$6425. The balance in the checking account was \$3180.17; savings account balance was \$3,855.05, and CD balance was \$5,409.43. An audit committee will be appointed after the transition to the new treasurer.

Sara Croymans was appointed as treasurer.

President Harries presented the Budget Overview for 2012/2013. Marcia Woeste moved to accept the proposed budget and Nancy Heglund seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Secretary Suzanne Driessen directed members to the minutes from the October 3, 2011 Annual Meeting report. Rosi Heins moved to accept the minutes as printed. Cindy Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Membership committee Chair, Eric Vogel, reported the organization has 48 active members and 141 life members. New members were introduced: Jennifer Garbow, Ellie McCann, Judith Conway, Eli Sagor, Jim Salfer, Eleanor Burkett, Connie Burns, and Brad Carlson. Those that have paid their life membership dues include Toni Smith, Dorothy Rosemier, Neil Broadwater, Kathy Olson, Phyllis Onstad and Cindy Bigger.

Kia Harries introduced the slate of officer candidates including Chuck Schwartau for President- Elect and David Werner for Director. Jerry Tesmer was thanked for serving as treasurer. The treasurer is a board appointed position and Sara Croymans was appointed for this position. Toni Smith moved to close nominations for president-elect and director and cast an unanimous ballot. Jody Hornvath seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Using hand held voting devices President-Elect Holli Arp engaged those in attendance in an exercise which highlighted committee work and ideas for future ESP program emphasis. Topics included awards, MEWS Scholarship, retirees, fund raising, professional development event, marketing, membership, and ESP goals. Those in attendance prioritized the goals for 2012/2013.

Proposed goals for 2012-13:

- Membership: Enhance strategies to reach potential members.
- Marketing/Communication: Continue to use the website and the newsletter as primary communication tools. Explore opportunities to highlight ESP in other retiree communications.
- Fundraising: Continue to grow the scholarship fund and encourage staff members to utilize ESP scholarships.
- Professional Improvement: Explore membership interested in additional webinars and/or fact-to-face gatherings.

Becky Harrington spoke on behalf of the Fundraising Committee announcing that the silent auction raised \$358 for the ESP scholarship fund. Rosi Heins spoke for the Scholarship Committee announcing \$4605 will be available for scholarships next year. From the Professional Improvement Committee Chuck Schwartau and Toni Smith highlighted the “You did it...how is retirement?” information discussion about the transition to retirement held via conference call on September 25, 2012 from 1:30 – 2:30 PM. This committee also promoted The Extension’s Public Purposes and Value in Troubled Times event, a conversation with Scott Peters and Richard Senese.

Gwen Gmeinder, Retiree/Life Member Committee Chair, conducted a candle vigil remembering those who passed away this past year, including Gwendolyn M. Bacheller, Jean Warner Bauer, Harvey Bjerke, Norman A. Brown, Evelyn H. Dose, James L. Edman, Jay Eugene Ellis, Susanne G. Fisher, Myrna Johnson, Jane Price McKinnon, Harriet E. Meldahl, William A. Milbrath, Paulene Mims, Ed Plissey. Full-report was submitted and inserted in the annual report. Highlights include 40 retirees October 2011 – October 2012.

Tamie Bremseth, Awards and Recognition Chair presented the 2012 awards:

- ESP Friend Award: Dwayne Backe, Fillmore County Commissioner
- Early Career Service Award: Antonio Maarz
- Mid-Career Service Award: Suzanne Driessen
- Distinguished Service: Toni Smith
- Team Award: Education after a Disaster Tool Kit Team
- Cultural Diversity Service Award: Deb Zak
- Administrative Leadership Award: Kelly Kunkel

Marcia Woeste will chair the 2012-13 Awards and Recognition Committee.

ESP Past-President Toni Smith conducted the installation of officers:

- Past president – Kia Harries
- President- Holli Arp
- President Elect – Chuck Schwartau
- Treasurer – Sara Croymans
- Secretary - Suzanne Driessen
- Director for Active Members – David Werner
- Director for Retired Members - Tom Hovde

Kia Harries shared a few words thanking the membership for the opportunity to serve as President this past year. She turned the meeting back over to the new President Holli Arp.

The meeting was adjourned by President Holli Arp at 7:01 pm.

Minutes by Suzanne Driessen, Secretary