

Epsilon Sigma Phi

Pi Chapter

Board Minutes

Special Meeting

Tuesday, June 1, 2010 -- 3:00pm
Conference Call

Present on the call:

- Sara Croymans
- Gwen Gmeinder
- Neil Broadwater
- Bob Mugaas
- Jeanne Markel
- Tami Bremseth
- Kia Harries
- Becky Harrington
- Donna Geiser
- Phyllis Onstad
- Marcia Woeste, joined late

The conference call meeting was called to order at 3:02 by Neil Broadwater in place of Marcia Woeste, President.

Dorothy Freeman was selected to receive the ESP – National Distinguished Service Ruby Recognition for 2010. Minnesota has three previous recipients of the National Ruby Award including: T.A. Erickson (1953); Roland Abraham (1968); and Patrick J. Borich (1991). Dorothy will be receiving this recognition during the ESP National Conference in Jackson, Wyoming, October 12-15, 2010. She will be honored during the Recognition Banquet and Dessert Reception and will provide the Ruby Lecture during the Ruby Luncheon.

Publicity Plan:

- Info will go on web site - Neil
- Notice will go out to ESP members via email - Neil
- Dean Durgen, Mike Schmitt, Dave Werner & Dale Blythe received letter - Tami
- Article has been written for Youth Development weekly & Extension weekly - Tami
- The information should also be shared with President Bruininks through Bev Durgen – Tami ask Marcia
- Wendy Huckaby, Youth Development Communications Mgr, will be contacted to develop a news release to distribute, as well as submit information to University Briefs – Tami

Expenses for our Chapter:

- National ESP - National Distinguished Service Recognition Dessert Reception
⇒ Combined reception for the national award winners. National handles all of the details. Cost to our state is \$250.00
- National ESP - Diamonds for Dorothy's Ruby Pin:
⇒ 1 diamond per decade of Extension Service. 3 diamonds will cost \$145.00

- Additional Expenses – Lodging & Transportation:
 - ⇒ National covers registration & a free banquet ticket for Dorothy (& possibly a guest?). Lodging & transportation are not covered.
 - ⇒ Transportation - approx. \$360 – 500 air fare to Jackson Hole, Wyoming
 - ⇒ Lodging – Snow King Resort - \$115/night x 3-4 nights
 - ⇒ Total \$750-\$800

Discussion:

- Phyllis indicated that after the MEWS Scholarship Committee pays for the committed scholarship applications from the last deadline there is approximately \$975 available in the scholarship fund.
- Would it be appropriate for the President of ESP to approach Dean Durgan to share how special this honor is & request to share financial assistance for lodging & transportation, given our financial limitations?
- Dorothy may choose to use her own professional development dollars to pay for expenses.
- Dale Blythe may be willing to cover a portion of the costs.
- Could Dorothy serve as the voting delegate, as we have funds budgeted to cover some of those expenses?
- Do we ask for contributions from membership as a last resort? Members could make donations to ESP in honor of Dorothy's recognition.
- Fundraising?

Action Steps:

- Kai moved/Gwen seconded the motion to request funding from the MEWS Scholarship Committee to cover expenses related to Dorothy Freeman attending the National conference as the Ruby Award winner, up to a total of \$695, to including the Dessert Reception (\$250) + Diamond Pin (\$145) + a scholarship (\$300) to cover a portion of the travel and lodging. Motion carried. Phyllis will initiate the conversation with the Scholarship committee.
- Marcia, with assistance from Tami, will contact Dale Blythe to request financial support for Dorothy's attendance at the conference – primarily lodging & transportation expenses.
- If needed, Marcia will contact Dean Durgan outlining the honor, estimated expenses and request financial assistance from Extension administration to cover a portion of the expenses.

Gwen moved & Jeanne seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes by Sara Croymans, Secretary