MEETING MINUTES

Beta Sigma Chapter Meeting

November 16, 2019

The Beta Sigma Chapter meeting on November 16, 2019 was held at Spirit of Christ Community Lutheran Church (SOCCLC) in St. Louis Park. Kathy Marxer co-hosted and Dina and Bruce served a delicious lunch for our packing session! Many thanks!

President Judy Searles called the meeting to order and followed with her Thought for the Day:

*Celebrate the sheer joy of being alive. The joy of being created in the image of God. I will not be cheated out of enjoying life’s pleasures -- the people I meet, the food I eat, the sunshine in the trees, the company of a friend.*

The Opening Ritual was recited by all.

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

Recording Secretary, Jackie Swanson. Jackie took Roll call. Members Present: Kay Fogarty, Marcie Haigh, Kim Larsen, Kathy Marxer, Leann Monahan, Karla Kay Nicklaus, Bonnie Olson, Pat Oman, Judy Searles, Eileen Spencer, Bruce Strachota, Dina Strachota and Jackie Swanson. Members Excused: Betty Brown, Jen Davies, Edee Erickson, Josie Ferguson, Diane Rowe and Linda Schultz.

MOTION: A motion to approve the September 7, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Karla Kay and seconded by Bruce. Motion passed. Jackie had no further business to report.

President, Judy Searles distributed the MN ESA State Rosters to members present and will mail off rosters to Linda and Josie. Marcie will deliver a roster to Diane Rowe the next time she pays a visit. Judy thanked all members who participated in the Mason Jar Project, saying we had a great turnout at our scheduled work day in October. She also thanked those who staffed the table at MMOTC and touted the project as a great group effort! Thanks to ALL!

Judy thanked Bruce for the use of the Church today and for providing a delicious lunch of sloppy joes, chips, pickles and lemonade! A shout out too, from Judy, to Jen Davies for her terrific work on the MN ESA Beta Sigma website. A suggestion was made to post Kay Fogarty’s March 1957 newspaper photo of Rochester ESA Chapter that she pledged and shared with us today on the BS website.

Members Convalescing. Marcie gave a brief update on Diane Rowe’s health challenges saying she is back home with limited mobility. Bonnie updated us on Linda Schultz’s recovery from surgery. Linda has rehab appointments at home, but needs to *transport herself* for Doctor appointments. Edee Erickson was not able to be present due to a burn to her leg. Cards, calls and prayers are always appreciated by our members with health challenges!

Vice President, Bruce Strachota. Bruce shared information about the planned bus trip on Saturday, February 22nd to Turtle Lake Casino. Participants will meet at SOCCLC at 8:30 am for coffee and donuts. The bus leaves at 9:00 am. Price is $25 per person and it is a MN ESA State social and fundraiser. There will be liquor on board, snacks, pop, water, games and door prizes! Bruce will be the emcee which spells “F-U-N”!

Corresponding Secretary, Kay Fogarty. Kay read correspondence – a card from Josie Ferguson on her recovery and *Thank You* letters from Welcome Home Vets and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital for Beta Sigma’s donations of $226 and $361 respectively.

Treasurer, Bonnie Olson. Bonnie reported on proceeds from the MMOTC Craft Fair:

* $630 in sales minus expenses of $173.33 ($226.91 minus $53.58 in returns) and new bill of $29.95 making a profit of $426.72. PLUS, there was an additional $5 donation to St Jude.
* With the 80/20 split:
  + $345 for St. Jude
  + $86.72 for Beta Sigma
* Chapter Fund: $187.03 less $20 (chapter dues) = Balance of $167.03

Copies of the November 15, 2019 Treasurer’s report were distributed to the President and Recording Secretary. New bills presented to Bonnie today from Karla for scrapbook, Eileen and Marcie for ingredients, and Betty for Jonquil cards and postage. Bonnie indicated that the chapter treasury will be fine.

Parliamentarian, Kim Larsen. *No report.*

Jr. Past President/Love & Disaster Funds, Eileen Spencer. Envelopes were passed for Love and Disaster and each raised $7.50.

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS

Awards Chair, Eileen Spencer. *No report.*

Educational Chair, Dina Strachota. Theme: *Music Puts a Smile on Your Face and Joy in Your Heart.* An educational presenter is needed for December. Suggestions revolved around having a Christmas music sing-along.

Beta Sigma Christmas Party. At this time, we discussed having a backup place for the December 14th Christmas Party as Kay’s home is still in reconstruction mode from the tree falling. She is not sure if renovation will be complete by that time. President Judy asked Eileen if she wouldn’t mind checking availability for her community room and will contact Betty to check availability at her residence.

ESsAy Reporter/ Publicity, Linda Schultz *(excused).* Eileen Spencer as backup, offered some possible topics such as including Kay’s photo (Bonnie will scan.), Mason Jar project, and the shoe drive. If you have anything else for Eileen to include, please get it to her no later than December 20th.

Contacts, Linda Schultz *(excused)*. We reiterated thatMarcie will remind Diane Rowe of meeting dates/times. Kay usually talks to Josie and Jackie will always mail minutes to Josie. Judy asked that Jackie also mail a copy of the minutes to Diane Rowe.

Historian, Bonnie Olson. *No report.*

Jonquil Girl, Betty Brown. *No report*.

Philanthropic (Reporting), Bonnie Olson. Bonnie asked that we keep tracking our time, miles and dollars and remember to refer to the list of Beta Sigma Individual Choice Philanthropic Projects for 2019-2020 included in the September meeting minutes.

Philanthropic, Marcie Haigh. Marcie echoed a big *Thank You* to everyone who participated in the Mason Jar project for Mary Mother of the Church Craft Fair. Looking toward the future, Marcie suggested dropping the Colorful Country Soup and possibly adding another such as a Wild Rice Soup mix. Marcie then outlined emerging details on the SHOE DRIVE:

* 60 days to collect after we notify the shoe organization.
* Start collecting before we notify to allow max time to meet the250 pairs/per bag.
* 10 Bags equal $1,000; paid $0.40/lb.
* Need to have drop-off points with big boxes.
* Collect at MN ESA State meetings.
* Flyers (8 ½ X 11) at SOCCLC, work places, businesses; 1/4 size handouts for state meetings or residences.
* Marcie to send out ESA Membership BLAST for Shoe Project and SOSSLC Bazaar.

MOTION: Bonnie motioned to give 80% proceeds from Mason Jar sales at SOSSLC Bazaar to Hope4Youth with a second from Karla. Discussion ensued over whether to keep proceeds in support of St. Jude. Bonnie *Amended* her motion to give 80% proceeds to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and proceeds from hosting March State meeting going to support Hope4Youth. Amended Motion passed.

* SOSSLC Bazaar: Saturday, November 23, 9:00-3:00 | Set-up: Friday, November 22, 5:00-7:00.
  + Friday Set-up: Jackie and Marcie. Judy needs to get risers to Jackie. (Dina will also be there, but busy with bazaar; Eileen/Pat will be setting up their own tables.)
  + Bonnie will give $100 change to Karla for Saturday shift at 9am.
  + Pat and Eileen have tables and can help Karla with coverage if needed.
  + Marcie to deposit proceeds (minus $100 change to be returned to Bonnie via Karla).
  + Leann has the 11am shift.
  + Marcie, Judy, Jackie and Bruce arrive after MN ESA State meeting.

Photographer, Pat Oman. “Keep smiling!” Pat took random pictures during our meeting and jar-packing session.

Scrapbook, Karla Kay Nicklaus. Please continue giving things to Karla for Judy’s scrapbook.

Secret Sister/Brother Chair, Josie Ferguson (excused). A few members received secret pal gifts at the meeting!

Social Committee, Eileen Spencer/Betty Brown. Eileen passed a Sign-Up Sheet for the December 14th Christmas Party and Pot Luck. Educational Christmas Music. Brunch 10:00 followed by Secret Pal Gifts. Dessert after opening presents.

Ways & Means, Marcie Haigh. The winners of the Ways & Means raffle were Marcie, Bruce, Pat and Jackie and raised $13!

Old Business. None.

New Business. Dates to Remember:

11/23 Spirit of Christ Bazaar; Bonnie’s Birthday; ESA State Meeting

12/10 Kathy’s Pledge date (2016)

12/11-12 St. Jude K102 Radiothon, 1600 Utica Ave S, Minneapolis

12/14 Beta Sigma Christmas Party at Kay’s, 12724 Parkwood Dr, Burnsville

1/1 Pledge Dates: Betty (1987); Leann (1976; Bonnie (1958!)

1/4 Beta Sigma Business Meeting at Kim’s office, RSP 1220 Marshall Ave NE, Minneapolis

1/18 ESA State Social, Instapot/Crockpot Challenge, SOCCLC

1/25 ESA State Meeting, Brooklyn Park Library

President Judy adjourned the meeting at 11:45am and the Closing Ritual was recited by all. Members then worked on packing and decorating the 24 Mason jars to sell at SOCCLC Bazaar (Texas 2-Step Soup & Cranberry Oatmeal White Chocolate Cookies).

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Swanson, Recording Secretary