MEETING MINUTES

Beta Sigma Chapter Meeting

January 4, 2020

The Beta Sigma Chapter meeting on January 4, 2020 was hosted by Kim Larsen at RSP Architects in North Minneapolis. We all brought leftover treats to share from our holiday celebrations. Many thanks to all who brought tasty morsels!

President Judy Searles called the meeting to order, wishing us all a Happy 2020 with a gift packet of candied sunflower seeds: “Sunflower seeds can give nourishment. And in this case, because they are candy coated, a smile on your face!”

Thought for The Day. New Year’s Resolutions read by the dynamic duo, Betty and Judy.

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| ***New Year Resolutions 2020*** | |
| ***Less*** | ***More*** |
| *TALKING* | *LISTENING* |
| *PLANNING* | *DOING* |
| *SODA* | *TEA* |
| *JUNK FOOD* | *SALADS* |
| *COMPLAINING* | *ENCOURAGING* |
| *WORRYING* | *HOPING* |
| *DOUBTING* | *BELIEVING* |
| *LAZING AROUND* | *WORKING OUT* |
| *FROWNING* | *SMILING* |
| *INSECURITY* | *TRUST* |
| *WEAKNESS* | *CONFIDENCE* |
| *IGNORANCE* | *UNDERSTANDING* |
| *HATE* | *LOVE* |
| *UNGRATEFULNESS* | *GRATITUDE* |

The Opening Ritual was recited by all.

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

MOTION: A motion to approve the November 16, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Karla Kay and seconded by Bonnie. Motion passed.

Jackie noted omissions in the Opening Ritual and handed out amended versions she had printed for members to add to their pages.

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

President Judy Searles reviewed the Beta Sigma Calendar of Activities as some dates were incorrect. Following is the complete list. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

* January 11 – Association of the Arts block printing class. Davanni’s, Plymouth
* January 28 – State Social, Crock Pat Challenge, Spirit of Christ Church, St. Louis Park
* January 25 – ESA State Meeting, Brookdale Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center 55430 (Not at the Brooklyn Park Library)
* February 1– Kim’s birthday
* February 1– Pat’s pledge date (1984)
* February 1– Linda’s pledge date (2001)
* February 8 – Beta Sigma, Feed My Starving Children
* Mid-February – ESA State Parliamentary meeting
* February 20 – Diane’s Anniversary
* February 22 – ESA State Social, bus trip to St. Croix Turtle Lake Casino
* March 1 – Kay’s pledge date (1957)
* March 1 – Kim’s pledge date (2004)
* March 7 – Jen’s birthday
* March 7 – Beta Sigma Business Meeting & Social, Guthrie Costume Shop
* March 14 – Eileen’s birthday
* March 21 – Beta Sigma hosts ESA State meeting, SOCCLC
* March 29 – Kathy’s birthday
* April 1 - Josie’s pledge date (1962)
* April 4 – Beta Sigma Business Meeting & Social, Betty’s Community Room, ELECTION of OFFICERS
* April 24 – Marcie’s birthday
* April 28 – Josie’s birthday
* April 29 – Diane’s birthday
* May 1 – Dina’s pledge date (2000)
* May 1 – Jen’s pledge date (2006)
* May2 – Beta Sigma Social & Educational, details TBA
* May 26 – Leann’s Anniversary
* May 27 – Dina’s birthday
* May 29-30 – ESA State Convention, Running Aces Casino & Hotel, Columbus

Vice President, Bruce Strachota. Bruce reminded BS members (to Eileen via cell phone) about two upcoming MN ESA State socials and fundraisers:

* The InstaPot/CrockPot Challenge on Saturday, January 18th at SOCCLC at 11:00 am; Entry fee $5.00.
* Turtle Lake Casino Bus Trip on Saturday, February 22nd. Participants meet at SOCCLC at 8:30 am for coffee and donuts. Bus leaves at 9:00 am; $25 per person. RSVP and prepayment required. (See flyer in the ESsAY.)

Corresponding Secretary, Kay Fogarty. Bonnie read correspondence in Kay’s absence, a thank you letter from Hope4Youth for our $25 donation. Karla Kay also read correspondence she had received from Jim Heaser and Mona Peck.

Treasurer, Bonnie Olson. Bonnie reported on new proceed totals from the MMOTC Craft Fair and the Spirit of Christ Bazaar, dues paid, and philanthropic fund. Hard copies of the November 15, 2019 Treasurer’s report were distributed to the President and Recording Secretary. [NOTE: Attached are copies of the *12/31/19 Beta Sigma Treasurer’s Report* and *Recap of Jar Sales at Craft Sale November 2019*.]

Parliamentarian, Kim Larsen. *No report.* In the words of Kim, *“nuttin’.”* Although Kim did later add that the countdown is on for her retirement on February 24th!

Jr. Past President/Love & Disaster Funds, Eileen Spencer. Envelopes were passed for Love and Disaster and each raised $8.00 ($16 total).

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS

Awards Chair, Eileen Spencer. *No report.*

Educational Chair, Dina Strachota. *No report.* At the end of the meeting, Members enjoyed an educational presentation from Bonnie, decked out in tails, on her husband Ed’s participation in the *Apollo Male Chorus* and Judy on *Fred Rogers, American television personality, musician, puppeteer, writer, producer, and Presbyterian minister.*

ESsAy Reporter/ Publicity, Linda Schultz*.* Kudos to Eileen Spencer, our ESsAy backup, on a job well done in this month’s ESsAy! Linda is still unable to report as her hands don’t work well enough yet. It is also difficult for Linda to have visitors. Eileen passed around a sheet for writing down items members wished to include in the BS article.

Contacts, Linda Schultz. *No report*.

Historian, Bonnie Olson. *No report.* Given her other duties, Bonnie hasn’t had the time needed to work on Historian. Kay offered to help Bonnie out with Historian duties.

Jonquil Girl, Betty Brown. The April 4th BS business meeting will also be a Game Day social. Betty is checking into other food offerings the cafeteria at her residence may have.

Philanthropic (Reporting), Bonnie Olson. Bonnie reminded us to keep tracking our time, miles and dollars.

Philanthropic, Marcie Haigh. Marcie said there are 12 jars left (3 soup; 9 cookie) that she will bring to State meetings to sell – a deal at $10! Marcie then reported on the NEXT FUNDRAISER, the SHOE DRIVE:

* Marcie to send out ESA Membership BLAST and contact all chapter presidents.
* Larger flyers have been created. Post Flyers at SOCCLC, work places, businesses; quarter-size handouts for state meetings or residences.
* Quarter-sheet flyers were passed around for BS members to distribute to friends or family.
* 60 days to collect after notifying the shoe organization. We notify to allow max time to meet the 250 pairs/per bag.
* PLEASE START COLLECTING SHOES NOW - January through the end of March! (Send shoe laces, too.)
* 10 Bags equal $1,000; paid $0.40/lb.
* Collect shoe donations at MN ESA State meetings.
* Wash tennis shoes/clean leather, faux leather shoes.
* Judy asked Marcie to send Word version of the flyer for personalizing before sending.
* A reminder from Bonnie to keep track of any time spent cleaning shoes!

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). FMSC Eagan Location. February 8th at 9:30 am. Arrive between 9:00-9:15 am; done at 11:00 am. Marcie to send out ESA Blast email invitation. Lunch after at Houlihan’s, Promenade Place in Eagan. SIGN UP!

Photographer, Pat Oman. Bonnie and Jen’s husband, Chris alternated taking a group picture at the end of our meeting.

Scrapbook, Karla Kay Nicklaus. Please continue giving things to Karla for Judy’s scrapbook. Karla added information about ESAF online Scholarship applications being up on the international website. Highschool seniors going into college or in college as well as adults re-entering college are eligible. Joining the Foundation is $25; $15 dues thereafter, due February 1st.

Secret Sister/Brother Chair, Josie Ferguson (excused). A few members received gifts from their secret pal.

Social Committee, Eileen Spencer/Betty Brown. Eileen updated us on the March 7th BS Guthrie Costume Tour at 11:00 am. We will meet up at a place in NE Minneapolis (TBD) around 10:00 am for coffee. Address of the costume tour is 855 E Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis 55414. Judy asked Eileen to verify the first week of March to be sure there is a tour scheduled that day. Eileen restated that the April 4th meeting at Betty’s is Game Day and members can stay for lunch = FUN!

Ways & Means, Marcie Haigh. There were four winners of the Ways & Means raffle (gifts provided by Bonnie Olson) that raised $12.

Old Business. None.

New Business. Beta Sigma’s hosting of the March 21st state meeting was discussed. Following is a summary detailing decisions:

* Theme – “Let’s Think Spring!”
* Location – SOCCLC.
* Lunch – Ham/Buns, Salad (green or potato), fruit (optional) and dessert.
* Cash raffle outlined by Bruce Strachota as a fundraiser.
* Décor – bunnies flowers.
* Flyer and RSVPs – Jackie. Need to confirm starting time with state president, Dennis Marler.
* Jackie – Inventory of supplies.
* Add New table covers – two pink, two lavender to complement spring theme.
* Market tables upon request.
* Registration table – Karla Kay if she is in town.
* Food Sign-up sheet will be passed in February after FMSC.
* MOTION: by Karla Kay to charge $12 for lunch; seconded by Betty. Motion passed.

Other New Business: Jen continues to post BS meeting minutes on our MN ESA website.

President Judy distributed mini “save-the-date” flyers about the ESA State Convention before adjourning the meeting. The Closing Ritual was recited by all. Members then enjoyed our two wonderful Educationals!

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Swanson, Recording Secretary