

ESA Minnesota State Meeting January 14, 2023

Minutes

Welcome - Dee Rotering

Thanks everyone for coming to the meeting and hopes that everyone is healthy and staying warm.

Opening Thought - Bruce Strachota

Bruce read a beautiful thought for the day from an older daily reading book that everyone enjoyed.

Elected Board Reports

Roll Call: Julene Donnay was standing in for Jennie Zafft. Self-identified by chapter all Chapters represented as follows:

Alpha Sigma - Birdie E
Alpha Zeta – Kim L
Beta Sigma – Bruce S
Delta Rho – Betty R
Delta Mu – Dee Rotering
Gamma Omega – Lori Thorpe
Gamma Zeta – Diane O
Missing was Alpha Chi

Board Members Present - Dee Rotering, President

Dana Terry, Vice President
Julene Donnay, Parliamentarian
Dennis Marler, Treasurer
Missing - Secretary, Jennie Zafft and Past President, Sandy Hongerholt

There were 9 guests/members present.

Secretary's Report - No changes were made on the Secretaries report from our last membership meeting. Because it was reviewed by a committee it did not need a motion or a second.

Treasurers Report – Dennis Marler

We are 100% paid up on our membership and Chapter Dues.

Account Balance on 10/29/26 was \$24,046.43

Receipts \$3,655.00

Disbursements \$11,145.93

Account Balance as of 1/14/2023 - \$16,558.50

Outstanding LabCorp Invoices \$11,122.50

Philanthropic Funds Not Yet Disbursed

May – St. Jude Children's Hospital \$2,485.00

September – Welcome Home Vets \$2,161.17

Total \$4,646.17

A motion was made by Dennis Marler to distribute the funds of \$2,161.17 to Welcome Home Vets today as Gretchen Peterson attended the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Terri Olson. All voted Yay. Motion Carried.

Vice President – Consider running for an office for 2023 -24. She will be attending the IC Leadership event at the end of February in Denver Colorado.

Parliamentarian – Julene had nothing to report.

Past President - Sandy Hongerholt Currently we have \$9064.00 in our Minnesota Love Fund. If someone you know needs a gift, please submit your application to Sandy for consideration.

Financial Planning Committee - No Report

Philanthropic Coordinator – Birdie Elkofska

All Philanthropic reports must be turned in to Birdie by April 22, 2023. The year ends on March 31, 2023. Please make sure you are going back to April 1, 2022, and report everything through March 31, 2023.

She is still taking nominations for 2023 voting that will happen at Convention. At this time, she has received a nomination for Welcome Home Vets and Wishes and More.

Wishes and More Report – Lori Thorpe

On Saturday, February 11 is their big Gala in Bloomington. Currently, they need volunteers to help load the trucks from the Fridley office in the morning on Friday 2/10. Then they need help going to the hotel from 12-2 and unloading these trucks. They are still in need of people to work the other parts of the event at the hotel in Bloomington on 2/11. From 8 – 12 noon they will be decorating, putting together the gift bags, and getting everything perfect for the event. They also need for working the event itself, and cleanup and teardown after the event. Please check the Wishes and More site if you can volunteer.

Lori also read a story from one of the clients helped by Wishes and More which was very moving.

Welcome Home Vets - Sandy Hongerholt

Aloha Everyone! Sorry I can't be with you today. I hopefully will still be sleeping. We are sleeping in until 8:00 a.m. which is noon your time. If you don't already know, I am in Hawaii on a Hammer Travel Trip. I don't have a lot to report. I know Gretchen has a report for you. I just wanted to give a huge shoutout and thank you to all that participated in anyway for the Veterans East Holiday Dinner in November. I know if I try to state naming names, I will forget some. The meal and gift boxes were APPRECIATED by all the residents. I am also appreciative all of you. I'm going to plan a state fundraiser sometime this spring for the Welcome Home Vets. More info to follow. Thanks (Mahalo in Hawaiian) for all you do for the Welcome Home Vets and hope to see you all soon.

Gretchen Peterson was there to hand out MANY certificates to the members of ESA that had done above and beyond work with the Welcome Home Vets Program. The certificates were issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs through the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. There were too many to keep track of so I didn't capture them all in the minutes.

As of this time, they have done 798 Delivers (updated to 801 as of today). 2022 had 114 Deliveries alone, and ESA helped to orchestrate 15 of those. She thanked us for the donations so far of over \$13,000 from ESA toward this program. So between the dollars and hours, ESA is doing a fantastic job of keeping this program moving forward.

Foundation – Karla Kay Nicklaus

Thank you to all who continue to drive in the snow and ice to MedTox on Mondays to Volunteer. You are all AWESOME. The reminders have been going out that the deadline is February 1, 2023, for all high school seniors and college students to apply for their ESA Scholarships for 2023-24.

Social Chair – Bruce Strachota

Bruce passed out coins for everyone or had you taken one from your wallet. Then we all went around the room, and everyone had to tell of something special, important, or exciting that happened to you on that date in time (i.e., the year on the coin). It was fun to hear everyone's stories.

Senior St. Jude Coordinator – Birdie/Diane

No Report - Julene added that everyone should have received their invite to the 50/50 Zoom Party that was going to be held on 1/25 for every state and chapter that had done something and submitted their dollars. The winning chapter will be receiving Charlotte in attendance at their state convention.

MARC Representatives - Diane V and Julene D

No Reports

Essay Editor - Terri Olson

She has a new address and wants to make sure anyone sending in articles in writing has the new address.
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Webmaster/Roster Chair - Jen Davies - Excused

Love & Disaster Fund – Sandy Hongerholt – Excused

State Convention Host 2023 - Julene Donnay Delta Mu

The convention is on - Date is May 20-21. We will be hosting Convention all day on Saturday at Running Aces in Columbus MN and then on Sunday, Race Day for St. Jude Children's Hospital will be held. We will have more to come, and the registration form in the next Essay. It will be exciting to see how much we can raise for the kids from our Race Day.

Association of the Arts - Betty Robinson

No Report

Educational – Dana Terry

No Report

Historian – Dana Terry

No Report

Unfinished Business –

Come and work at Medtox if you can on Monday, it's a holiday and they are slamming us with orders, and we could sure use anyone available to help.

New Business - None

Meeting Adjourned