

BETA SIGMA CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING

Saturday, June 22, 2019

The June 22nd, Beta Sigma Chapter Planning Meeting was held at Bonnie Olson's home. Thank you again, Bonnie!

President, Judy Searles called the planning meeting to order with an ESA State fundraiser as its first item of business: Selling Butter Braids (BB). Marcie Haigh summarized sale details and distributed order forms. If each ESA member sold two BB's, profit margin would be \$3,000. Order sales must be turned in to Sandy Hongerholt via text, email or US Mail by the July 9th deadline. Discussion followed regarding feasibility of selling BB's as a chapter fundraiser and was tabled in lieu of carrying out the State Fundraising requirement for now. If you sell to others (family, friends, etc.) you are responsible for delivery. Picking up our orders from Sandy Hongerholt at the Hopkins Elks Club by 1-2 Beta Sigma members was suggested for efficiency.

Bonnie Olson gave a "state of Beta Sigma" Treasurer's Report saying after chapter dues are paid, approximately \$150+ will still be needed for the BS General Fund. The Ways and Means chair will need to work closely with Bonnie and the chapter on fundraising efforts. Bonnie asked that chapter dues be paid by August 15th. (September 1st being the Treasurer's deadline.) Several members chose to pay their dues at the planning meeting.

Marcie Haigh, Philanthropic/Ways and Means chair outlined her ideas for fundraising and philanthropy. Following is a summary of the ideas presented:

- Beta Sigma Booze Bash. Possible venue Hopkins Elks Club. Casino or board games; donated baskets; raffle tickets; cash bar. Possible cash output for cash bar and security person. A lot of work and preparation would be involved in this effort as well as 100% participation.
- Shoe Drive. Collect gently used shoes; donate to an organization that picks up, sorts, & ships to developing nations. Org sends a \$\$ check to the chapter for donations. A suggestion was made to make the project a year-long collection, possibly at each State meeting.
- Gift Wrapping at a shopping mall. BS provides paper/ribbons/tape/scissors, etc. & receives \$\$ for wrapping gifts in the month of December. (Permission from mall needed.)
- Mary Mother of the Church Craft Fair. Conflicts with St. Jude Luncheon & Style show this year. Chapter discussed what goods to offer for sale. TBD. Proposal from Marcie to create tassel earrings to sell.
- March 2020 State Meeting - Beta Sigma hosts. A new theme is suggested.
- Raffle gifts at each meeting and/or Balderdash raffle.

After lengthy discussion, chapter voted on two of their favorite ideas, excluding the March State meeting to which we are already committed. Results of voting were in favor of the Booze Bash and MMOTC Craft Fair. Further discussion took place while food was being picked up at Subway and a second vote was cast right before lunch. Final vote resulted in the Shoe Drive and MMOTC Craft Fair.

Social Chairs, Eileen Spencer and Betty Brown outlined their ideas for possible chapter social events for the year. (See attached.)

Educational Chair, Dina Strachota outlined the theme for the year: "Music Makes the World Go Round." Dina welcomes an educational from chapter members on a genre of music, a song, composer,

attending a concert or karaoke bar and/or any presentation on how music touches your life.

Eileen Spencer graciously volunteered to be back-up person for Essay Reporter. She will coordinate with Linda Schultz due to her ongoing health challenges.

Parliamentarian, Kim Larsen will be emailing out the revised Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Vice President and Membership chair, Bruce Strachota will read up on the IC information regarding making your chapter stronger.

President Judy went through the calendar to determine chapter meeting, educational presentations, and social dates for the year. The Chapter schedule and other information (for our binders) will be provided at the September 7th Beta Sigma chapter meeting.

Planning Meeting adjourned. Good work everyone!

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Swanson
2019-2020 Beta Sigma Recording Secretary