

**ESA Minnesota State Meeting  
Hopkins Elks Lodge  
February 12, 2021**

Call to Order: President Sandy Hongerholt called the meeting to order, and the Opening Ritual recited.

Opening Thought - Chaplain, Bruce Strachota: n/a

Secretary – Dee Rotering: A silent Roll Call was taken among those present. Six elected/appointed board members and 8 ESA members were in attendance.

Treasurer’s Report – Dennis Marler - (attachment)

1st Vice President – Marcie Haigh:

- Marcie Haigh stepped down for personal reasons
- Dee and Sandy Hongerholt will be sharing this role through the end of the ESA year

Jr. Past President – Sandy Dolence (Betty Marler)

- State Convention Love Basket: There will be an auction. Please bring your treasures to the March membership meeting or let Sandy know you will be bringing items directly to convention in April. Betty and Dennis Marler will happily pick up donations as well.

Parliamentarian – Diane Vanusek:

- I do not anticipate a parliamentarian meeting during this year unless there is a big demand for one. Please contact me if your chapter is excited to have a meeting. Remember standing rules may be amended at any stat regular membership meeting.

Welcome Home Vets (WHV) – Betty Marler/Vicky Sandhofer-Krolick: (attachment)

- WHV recently delivered their 686th kit since the program began in 2016
- Gretchen and Rick Peterson sent a thank you to Minnesota ESA in January which I want to share with you. “Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$3,705 from the Medtox project. All we can say is wow! (Full thank you – attachment)

Wishes & More (W&M) – Lori Thorpe: (attachment)

- Thank you to Dina, Bruce, and all of Beta Sigma for the \$68 donation from the January leadership meeting. What a fun and tasty fundraiser!
- Thank you to all of you working so hard at Medtox this month. You are greatly appreciated!
- I volunteered at Wishes and More’s annual fundraising gala. It was quite successful. Waiting for news on how much was raised. A big thank you to all who donated items to the auction and participated in the online auction. MN ESA sponsored the online bidding platform for the event utilizing Medtox funds. It was fun to see ESA on their displays!
- I’ll keep you posted on volunteer opportunities.

Minnesota State convention – Jody Lang

- Bunker Hills Park Activities Center, Coon Rapids
- 9AM – 8PM Cost is \$60 and cover beverages, snacks, lunch, and dinner
- Silent auction for the Love Basket, marketplace, Association of the Arts,
- 2 speakers/educational sessions along with an IC representative.

ESA Foundation – Karla Nicklaus: A reminder that pay your dues by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

MARC Rep – Dianne Vanusek: As you know by now, Mona Peck passed away in January 2022. Mona was on the MARC board for many years, serving as MARC president in 2004-2005. Her theme was “Team” = Together Everyone Achieves More. It was a good theme that could be applied to Minnesota as well.

St. Jude Senior Coordinator - Julene Donnay: (Dee Rotering)

- \$50 for 50 Challenge: Every state is being challenged to make 50 (or more!) \$50 donations to St. Jude during 2022.
- 2022 IC Challenge: Taking a walk down memory lane as we relive some of our favorite IC Challenges through the years - Start your fundraising to qualify for this event and win prizes. Registration is now open, visit [epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ICChallenge](http://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ICChallenge) for more details and to get the registration form

Philanthropic – Birdie Elkofska: No report

Medtox – Rhonda Krehl: No report

Essay – Terri Olson (via email): No report

Ice Breaker – Bruce Strachota: n/a

Association of Arts - Kay Matras No report

Ways and means – Billie Jane Mintjal No report

New Business No new business

Meeting Adjourned

Closing Ritual recited

Respectfully submitted, Dee Rotering, Secretary

Attachments:

Financial Report: November 2021 – February 2022

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