

**ESA Minnesota State Meeting  
Brookdale Library, Minnetonka  
November 20, 2021**

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

Opening Thought - Chaplain, Bruce Strachota: We are good enough was the reading Bruce provided before he gave us the gift of song with - Tis a gift

Secretary – Dee Rotering: A silent Roll Call was taken among those present. Eleven elected/appointed board members and 1 ESA members were in attendance. Dee to send the amended version of the September minutes to Jen Davies

Treasurer’s Report – Dennis Marler - 11/1/2021, by secret ballot, Mano a Mano selected as the recipient of \$917.50 from the MedTox special mailing project. Motion previously approved in September state meeting for charity to be selected by MedTox crew.

#1 Motion by Betty Marler 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Vanusek - passed

- \$3,705.00 of Medtox funds made in September paid directly to WHVs

#2 Motion by Lori Thorpe 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Vanusek – passed

- \$3900 in Medtox money for sponsored events at the February Red Ball

#3 Motion by Julene Donnay 2<sup>nd</sup> Dee Rotering - passed

- November funds to be added to the Style show funds to submit as a big event. Julene to find out if we are eligible for the matching event going on prior to Dec 3 then a board email vote will determine advancement of funds before it is in the account.

#4 Motion by Diane Vanusek 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Marler - passed

- \$250 to Greg Boemer (Medtox) – ESA supporter, champion and friend is retiring at the end of December – request is for a retirement gift for a retirement gift

1st Vice President – Marcie Haigh: No report

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)

- Wine and Spirit tasting
  - o Orders were lost but if you get Sandy your order again, she can pick it up for you or you can go into the store, he will honor the discount
- Donations for the MN WHV Giving Tree! To date we are at \$555
- Thank you for your support and for your dedication for our homeless veteran's spaghetti dinner / Screw your neighbor – over \$1200 was raised for the holiday dinner
- Veterans' dinners will be cooked, packed, and delivered on 11/27
- Betty read a note from Vicky Sandhofer-Krolick expressing need to step away temporarily due to family matters.

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

- Upcoming opportunities to volunteer include”
- Dec 11th & Dec 18th Wishes and More hosting breakfast with Santa – volunteer opportunities contact Madi Schneider at 763-502-1500 or email [MadiS@wishesandmore.org](mailto:MadiS@wishesandmore.org)
- February 5<sup>th</sup> - Their big annual event, The Winter Ball, several ways to volunteer and looking for silent auction donations. See information for Madi schneider above.
- To be a volunteer with Wishes and More, you need to complete paperwork and attend an orientation session at their office in Fridley. It is all easy and user-friendly.

Ice Breaker – Bruce Strachota: Split into groups of three and produce ten things in common

St. Jude Senior Coordinator - Julene Donnay:

- Feedback on style show: Nice to have a choice on food, fun to have something different, heads & tails game was fun. Overall things went well.
- Radiothon 13th & 14th of December - Will get an email from Giselle with a link to volunteer – only small groups will gather at a time.

Philanthropic – Birdie Elkofska: No report

Medtox – Rhonda Krehl: No report

Essay – Terri Olson (via email): No report

MARC Rep – Dianne Vanusek:

- The MARC Fall Conference Report is in the November ESSAy. Minutes on the MARC ESA Website soon.

Association of Arts - Kay Matras

- Will be crating inspirational/spiritual wallet cards to put into Welcome Home Vet Holiday dinners. Julene Donnay volunteered to help Kay Matras with making them.

Ways and means – Billie Jane Mintjal

- Butter Braids – about sixty loafs ordered – Over \$300 for Ways & Means

ESA Foundation – Karla Nicklaus

- February 1<sup>st</sup> Scholarship Applications are due
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Foundation Dues (\$15 existing, \$25 new, \$500 Lifetime)

New Business

- Jan 22nd Membership meeting – Eagle Lake Park, Maple Grove – Chili cook off (prizes), more to come.
- Julene – adopt a family program at her church - they have more donors than families in need - Reach out if you know of families in need

Meeting Adjourned

Closing Ritual recited

Respectfully submitted, Dee Rotering, Secretary

Attachments:

Financial Report September 2021 – November 2021  
Welcome Home Vets  
Wishes & More