

Ohio State Council of ESA
Planning Meeting, Saturday, June 13, 2015

Prior to the meeting, a continental breakfast was available to everyone.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Brenda Meyers. Silent roll call by Shirley Krcmar, acting secretary: Present: Brenda Meyers, Joan Farabee, Helen Miracle, Amanda Rowland, Judi Grefer, Kathi Silvey, Shirley Krcmar, Angie Schultz, Madeleine Kurzynski, LuAnn Burke, Joan Lochtefeld, Kathleen Seewer, Sandy Fuller, Joan Peddicord, Judi King, Janet Ivers, Carol Hazelett, Linda Poppel Absent: Beth Laage, Becky Karlak, Jean Bryant, Mary Lykins

Judi Grefer reported the audit was held and the books were found to be in perfect condition. She thanked Kathleen Seewer for an outstanding job.

The yearbook was distributed and corrections made. Standing Rules/By-Laws were not included due to revisions being made by Becky Karlak, Parliamentarian, before the September meeting. They will be sent out or posted on the website. Website information for International Council, MARC and Ohio was included in the yearbook.

Brenda Meyers, President - I'm looking forward to a lot of exciting workshops, along with some philanthropic and educational presentations, as my goal this year is to have each board member participate in those relating to their position. I have already chosen some members to present at our September Leadership. . . .LuAnn Burke, ESA for St. Jude, Sr. Chair; Joan Peddicord, MARC Representative; Judi King, Membership; Carol Hazelett, Special Projects – Hope for Heroes; Amanda Rowland, Social Media Chair and Judi Grefer, Webmaster. Judi King, Judi Grefer, Mandy Rowland and several others will be assisting me as I share several things we did at Leadership in Denver.

We will have a “brief” business meeting and a fun luncheon as well.

As you give your report, please volunteer for September, March or Convention unless you prefer that I assign one for you. We need skits, workshops, audio/video presentations, and any enrichment program you might think of. If you think your office has no workshop to do, then you can help pull some ideas together for our “Fun Day” or Convention.

I'm getting excited about the IC Convention in Orlando and hope to bring back all kinds of good news and ideas.

Thank you all so much for your cards, notes and emails; they really mean a lot.

I will be providing a prize for a drawing at each meeting. Winner today is Kathleen Seewer.

Joan Farabee, Vice President - I am excited . . . and petrified . . . but I will be fine. I am looking forward to working with Brenda. Workshop – March

Helen Miracle, Treasurer - I will rely on Kathleen Seewer for assistance. It's going to be a good year and I'm looking forward to it. Workshop – March

Amanda Rowland, Editor -I was disappointed to only receive pictures from one person so you all failed miserably in regard to my request for pictures from convention. Please send any convention pictures to me now. Be sure to send stuff for the newsletter from chapters, etc. Workshop – September

Becky Karlak, Parliamentarian - Unable to attend but will be working on the changes in the Standing Rules and By-Laws before the September meeting. Workshop – September

Judi Grefer, Jr. Past President (Second Vice President Duties) - I will be promoting the Disaster Fund. Due to the change in the By-laws, the Convention will be hosted by the Ohio State Council Board with the Jr. Past President as Chair. Each board member will chair an event or a task. Workshop - September

Kathi Silvey, Corresponding Secretary - I will do whatever you want me to do. Workshop - September

Shirley Krcmar, Advisor - President Brenda says, “If you have any questions, ask her via text, phone call or Facebook and she will give you sage advice.” As you wish . . . Workshop – Convention

Angie Schultz, Awards Chair - Since I have no clue about this position, I welcome suggestions. I have received the certificates from Judi King. I will be asking for an assistant if needed. Workshop - Convention

Madeleine Kurzynski, Chaplain - I am looking forward to being chaplain. I hope to bring a special message. Workshop – March

Joan Lochtefeld, Easter Seals - I am looking forward to trying something new. Workshop - Convention

Kathleen Seewer, Educational Director - I will encourage chapters to get a Gold Link with six educationals. I would also like to encourage 100% of chapters participating. Generic forms are on the website but I will make a master form with my address on it. Workshop – March

Sandy Fuller, ESA Foundation Director - I am happy to do this again as I have a better handle on it. The biggest thing to do is make contacts . . .every high school in the state of Ohio. Then to get school counselors to take it and run with it. March will be the best time. Brenda Meyers is a regional counselor who recruits judges outside ESA. Everything is electronic now. You can check the number of scholarships available on the ESA website on the link to Foundation. I will try harder to get everyone to be a member of Foundation. Dues support the expenses of the Foundation and there is only one employee. Workshop - March

Kathleen Seewer would like to see Tax Facts form in an easier place on the ESA website. There may be a change since the revision of the website.

LuAnn Burke, ESA for St. Jude Senior - The wonderful privilege of visiting St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital has been a life changing experience. I hope to stay in communication with chapters and have them share their fundraisers. Sigma Chi will have a Paint Night Fundraiser and needs 35 participants, have 28 to date, so is asking for people to consider coming. They have had a successful Shop for St. Jude and a Couples Bunco to share.

The 2015 St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer will be held in Cincinnati and Cleveland on September 19 and other areas on September 26. Judi Grefer is on the committee for Cincinnati and Shirley Krcmar for Cleveland. Everyone should sign up whether you plan to walk or are a volunteer. \$10 to participate, \$100 to receive a t-shirt.

The state project for St. Jude will be called “Stuff the Purse.” Each chapter is requested to have a purse to “stuff” with money . . . coins, paper, checks, etc. The purses can be raffled at convention. Workshop – September

Jean Bryant, ESA for St. Jude Junior - Workshop – September

Shirley Krcmar, Historian - I will be busy recording the proceedings of Ohio State Council and have some interesting information on this recorder today. Workshop - Convention

Judi Grefer/Joan Peddicord, MARC Representative - There will be a meeting at IC Convention with a lot of discussion on hosting convention in 2017. Judi Grefer and Brenda Meyers are in charge of registration. We recommend that our entire state work on registration as a whole. People need to work shifts as registration begins on Saturday and is open all week. IC in 2017 will be in St. Louis. Anyone who wants to just come for a partial week can still help. Judi King is in charge of a luncheon.

MARC Conference is in Nebraska October 9-11, 2015. The fundraiser will involve wine and other alcoholic beverages and corks will be sold to claim them. The Chinese Auction will be Accessories. Chapters are requested to donate jewelry, purses, scarves, etc. and bottles of wine. Bring donations to the September Council Meeting. We will not do a basket this year. Workshop - September

Judy King, Membership - I will be presenting the latest information on membership from IC. Rikki Brown, IC President, is using the theme “Service in Style.” There will be new ideas with that theme. Membership is seriously needed . What Legacy do you want to leave? We have great cooperation in volunteering for events; what happens ten years from now? Our retention is better than most organizations but we can’t stop nature. What are you doing in your chapter to assure retention. There is a need to form a Legacy chapter or sister chapter. Ohio colleges, Sinclair in Dayton and Mount St. Joe in Cincinnati have charters. In September we’ll talk about how to activate them. Collegiate chapters can be started in Ohio but it takes a commitment from a chapter to do it.

Amanda Rowland suggested setting up a booth at a fair or event with literature to promote ESA. Need a committee to explore the possibilities for doing this. A new committee, Show ESA to the World, was formed to explore the possibilities for doing this. Members are Judi King, Amanda Rowland, Janet Ivers, Angie Schultz, Kathi Silvey, Madeleine Kurzynski and Sandy Fuller. It was suggested Sharon Roll would be a good addition to this committee. A meeting will be scheduled after IC Convention. Madeleine will check on fees charged at possible events. Workshop - September

Janet Ivers, Philanthropic Chair - Are there special groups you would like to invite? The state philanthropic projects are Alzheimers and MS. The consensus was to have a presentation from Alzheimers to see how we can volunteer and what the organization does as well as getting information about local support groups. We need to pass on information we learn from these presentations. Workshop – September

Carol Hazelett, Special Projects -I would like to share the story about a man in the military service who was missing home. He received a pillowcase and made him realize people back home were thinking of him. At the September meeting, I will give a demonstration on how to make a pillowcase and have patterns available. Non-sewers can cut and press. Pillowcases will be made from September through January for this project.

There is a need for more Santa Hugs so our project from January through March will be to make them. 2500 Santa Hugs have been donated so far but the commitment is for 4,000. Donations of fabric will be accepted at

the September meeting . . . 1 yd. each of two coordinating fabrics . . for pillowcases. Fabric should not be military or religious, rather holiday, floral, stripe, cartoon comics, fun prints, etc. 100% cotton. Workshop - September

Amanda Rowland, Social Media - We have a page on Facebook for Ohio State Council. If you have an event, you can post it on this site. I am willing to help anyone. We need more people to Like the page to put more on it. We have 60 now. Share the page and it will be available for all your friends to learn about ESA. Ohio State Council Group has 18 members. This is a private group so your posts are not available to nonmembers. Workshop - September

Linda Poppel, Ways & Means - Do we want to do Split the Pot again this year?. Do we need to have a ways and means project since we have the donation to the treasury? The consensus was to have the raffle since it gives the entire membership a chance to be involved, not just those who attend. There is a need for the President's Fund as travel is getting so expensive. Judi Grefer will print the tickets and have them available for the September meeting. Workshop – all meetings

Chairpersons need to be turning in their expenses to show representation of cost for positions held. Members who are considering taking a job need to know their expenses can be paid. It could be documented if the expense was turned in and then donated back .

Mary Lykins, Youth Award - Mary was unable to attend but has a special interest in this project. Workshop - Convention

Kathi Silvey, Past Presidents President - Everyone should look over the Protocol Book to see if any changes should be made for your job. I will be doing Convention Ceremonies.

Judi Grefer Webmaster - This year I'm hoping to do a redesign of our state website. Remind anyone who has a form involved in their position, please check and make sure it is updated. Forms will not have a name and address on them. Workshop - September

Protocol Book – Check a copy of the page for your position and make corrections by August. Joan Peddicord will be the point person for this.

Be sure you read your email. Be sure to remove an old email address for a contact who has a new email. Be sure to keep OSC updated with any email changes to help the chaplain, editor, etc.

As a reminder, the secretary has a difficult job so make it easier by submitting a copy of your presentation or report to her for help with the minutes. Stand up, give your name and chapter when you are giving a report.

Our Meeting Planner

September: Sigma Chi, Contact person – Linda Poppel, , Good Shepherd Church, October 3

March: Delta Chi, Contact person - Sandy Fuller

Convention: Contact person -Judi Grefer

Shirley Krcmar moved to adjourn, seconded by Angie Schultz. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Krcmar, Secretary Pro-tem