

ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 17, 2015

9:00-10:00 Via Lync

The Alpha Kappa of Epsilon Sigma Phi held their on line meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 10:01am EST. In attendance were Ken Jones, President, Paula Jerrell, President-Elect, Sheila Fawbush, Donna Fryman, Treasurer, Tyrone Gentry, Lisa Hagman, Lora Howard, Edith Lovett, Robert Tashjian, Jeremy Teal and Debbie Temple. Edith Lovett volunteered to act as Secretary in the absence of Secretary,

Dr. Jones reported that the minutes from the September 28, 2015 were posted on line. Lora Howard reported that there should be a correction in the minutes for the ESP State Meeting and In-service. The ESP State Meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016 and In-service will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the Signature Club in Lexington, Kentucky. These changes were made in the minutes. Lora Lee Howard made a motion to accept the minutes, with the changes of dates, and Paula Jerrell second the motion, motion passed.

Donna Fryman reviewed the treasurer's report that was emailed to all board members. Donna reported that she had deposited \$835 in dues and \$18,642.67 that was transferred from other accounts into the checking account at her local bank. Total expenses were \$851.95, leaving a Checking Balance of \$29,487.11. The T. R. Bryant Endowment has a balance of \$91,546.45. Tyrone Gentry made a motion to accept the treasurer report, with a second by Sheilah Fawbush. Motion passed.

Dr. Cherry K. Smith is the new administrator contact on the ESP Board, replacing Anna Smith. However, she was out of town and could not make the meeting.

REPORTS:

Chapter Relations: Sara Brandl was not present to report on Chapter Relations. Sara and Natasha Lucas have been working on getting the ESP Archives out of storage in Scovell Hall and moved them to another location.

Global Relations: Janet Turley was not present for the meeting: no report.

Marketing: Edith Lovett reported that at the National ESP Meeting, paperwork for ordering ESP Marketing items were given out. Paula Jerrell also reported that she had purchased some marketing items at the National meeting. Edith suggested that a table be set up at the ESP State Meeting for members to order marketing items.

Membership Recruitment: Dana Anderson was not available for the meeting. A video, with Dr. Jones, encouraging people to join ESP is on line, along with Membership Forms and Membership Benefits. Dues needs to be paid by January 8, 2016. The early bird deadline for joining was December 11.

Newsletter: Jessica Mullins Ritchie was not present to give a formal report. However, Dr. Jones reported that Jessica was looking for someone to take over as Editor of the Newsletter. Julie will help anyone that will take over the newsletter. A volunteer is needed as soon as possible. The winter, 2015 Newsletter is on line for information about ESP.

Professional Development: Lora Lee Howard reported that the Professional Development Committee has been working hard in planning the State ESP meeting. She reminded the board that they could read the ESP Newsletter and see a list of lodging sites that are located near the Signature Club, where the state ESP Meeting will be held.

Public Issues: Debbie Temple reported on working on "Elevator Speeches." An Elevator Speech contest was held at the National Meeting with cash awards being given to the 3 winners. These short speeches are on the National ESP web site. Debbie is working on having a State Elevator Speech contest, with the winners being recognized at the ESP State meeting. She is in need of some volunteers to be on this committee with her.

Resource Development: Crystal Osborne was not present. The Resource Development committee will be hosting the silent auction at the State Meeting. More information will be coming out later.

Retirees: Martha Thompson was not able to be in attendance. She has been working on the list of retirees and getting it up to date. The deadline for the ESP \$500.00 college scholarship is Feb 1. Children of Extension employees, volunteers and supporters are eligible to apply. Applications are available on the ESP website under awards and are to be sent to Martha Nall, 2633 Idlewood Drive, Lexington 40513. The application form is being updated by Tyrone Gentry for the website to include Martha's address.

Scholarships, Grants and Recognition: Julie Brown encouraged everyone to go online to find information about awards, scholarships and grants. Several awards are available and are due by February 1. Report to the People are due by February 1 and should be sent to Julie.

Reports from Area Contacts:

Administration: Cherry Kay Smith was not present. Ken Jones gave a summary. Louise Moore, District Director, has retired and Daniel Wilson has been hired to replace her. Karen Ramage will be retiring. Interviews have been going on and the new hired person will be announced soon. Dr. Henning is still working on the restructuring of the Extension District. Members were encouraged to respond to Dean Nancy Cox's e-mail on providing feedback on/evaluating administrators. This is due by December 21, 2015 and is on line.

Bluegrass: Ray Tackett- no report

Fort Harrod: Jay Hettmansperger no report

Green River: Lisa Hagman, no report

Kentucky State: Louie Rivers, no report; Dr. Jones reported that Gay Broadwater position (program and staff development) would soon be filled at Kentucky State.

Lake Cumberland: Tyrone Gentry: Christy Neutzman was one of the 3 winners of the \$1000 cash award presented to the outstanding FCS Agent. The money is given by Patricia Todd, wife of Dr. Todd, a former UK President.

Licking River: Tad Campbell, no report; Donna Fryman reported she passed out information about agents joining ESP, and paying their dues.

Lincoln Trail: Jack Ewing, no report

Louisville: Sheila Fawbush reported that county winners of the Report to the People were announced at their meeting. Not every county in their district had turned in a report. She also encourage agents to join ESP and took forms for them to fill out.

Mammoth Cave: Julie Brown, no report

Northern Kentucky: Judy Hetterman, no report, but reported that the winners of the Report to the People had been announced.

Northeast: Eugenia Wilson, no report; Donna Fryman reported that Report to the People had been turned in for the Northeast Area.

Pennyrile: Jeremy Teal not present, report given by Robert Tashjian

Purchase: Robert Tashjian reported the following Personnel Changes in District 7 that includes Purchases and Pennyrile. New agents that will begin in January, 2016 include Muhlenberg FCS, Mary Beth Decker, and McCracken 4-H Adair Baysinger. New Agents hired include Carlisle 4-H Kelsey Chadwick, Christian 4-H Kaitlyne Davis, Crittenden ANR, Dee Brasher, Crittenden FCS Agent at Large, Thays Flores, Hopkins Horticulture, Erika Lyons, and CEA for Small Farms, KSU housed in Christian County, Austin Wright. Calloway has a FCS Vacant, and Crittenden FCS will be filled on January 13. District 7 had 100 percent response for the Report to the People. Hickman County and Caldwell County were the two county winners.

Quicksand: Ann Hollon no report

Specialists: Sarah Brandl no report

Wilderness Trail: Lora Lee Howard reported that Louise Moore had retired as the District Director and Daniel Wilson from Quicksand Area was named as the new District Director.

SEKA: Marisa Aull is the new president for KASEP.

Other Business:

In other news Dr. Jones reported that Frances Bengé, a deceased Life Member, had left \$5000 to the ESP Chapter. Dr. Jones has sent a thank you note to Jane Brown, a retired 4-H Agent and Mrs. Bengé's niece, and invited her to speak with the retirees at the State Meeting. Edith Lovett will contact her, offering another personal invitation.

Lora Howard is still working on the ESP State Meeting. Registration information will be sent out, after being reviewed in January by the Professional Development committee. The ESP State Meeting will be

held at the Signature Club, starting at 10:30, on Monday, March 21, while the In-service Meeting will begin at 9:30. Check your ESP Newsletter for hotels nearby in Lexington.

Orientation for new members will be conducted by Dana Anderson. You are encouraged to have prospective new members watch the video (promoting the annual meeting and in-service) on the Web Site.

Dr. Jones said that Natasha Lucas had discussed writing some type of policy for Board members/area contacts to take responsibility for attending ESP meetings and submitting reports. Area contacts serve for 2 years. He will work with the chapter relations committee on this problem and report back soon.

ESP Historical items that were stored at Scovell Hall have been acquired by Natasha Lucas and Sara Brandl. Some of these items will be displayed at ESP meetings in the future.

Dr. Henning and Karen Ramage will be providing some money for the speaker at the ESP In-service.

Dr. Jones reported that he had applied for a grant from ESP National Headquarters in the amount of \$1000. He has not heard back, but feels that Kentucky has a good chance of being awarded the \$1000 to use on the State Meeting.

Donna Fryman reported that she needs to know what ESP wants her to do with their money, such as putting some in savings, keeping it in checking, etc. Dr. Jones said he would appoint a committee to make recommendations. Donna reported that she had received several membership dues for the current year.

The 2016 National ESP Meeting will be held October 24-27 at Cape May, New Jersey. Paula Jerrell had participated in a conference call about airport travel, rental cars, and etc., available at Cape May, NJ.

The JCEP Fall meeting was held at Barren River State Park. Natasha and Ken attended the meeting representing ESP. Included at the meeting were updates from each association and redistricting thoughts from Dr. Henning. The next JCEP will be a lync call on Monday, December 21, at 2:00 p.m. More information about the JCEP meeting in Las Vegas in February and the PILD Meeting in April will be given out at the February Board Meeting.

Other business. Dr. Jones announced that Paula Jerrell from 4-H would be the new ESP President. The next president will come from the Ag/Hort Agents. He reported that two people were interested in the president position for 2017. This is the first time two people have shown an interest in the same office and Dr. Jones was not sure what steps need to be taken to elect or appoint the president for 2017. Several suggestions were offered in how to handle the situation. It was suggested that Dr. Jones look at the Constitution and by-laws to see if there were policies on this issue. Lora Howard suggested that Dr. Jones might suggest that one serve on a committee first, if they have not been involved in ESP, then move up when the office is vacant again. Dr. Jones said he might ask past presidents how to handle the situation.

Other new business...Debbie Temple. Requested that at least one other person work on the Public Issues Committee with her, and then move up to chairman the following year. Public Issues chairman also looks at the State Plan of Work and see how it can be adapted to meet National Standards. This committee also promotes PILD and other contest promoting Extension. This committee is very similar to the marketing committee but also promotes PILD. Dr. Jones Ken asked for volunteers to be on this

committee with Debbie who will be working on “Contest Elevator Speech” how to design, judge, and incentives. Contest winners to be announced at the State Meeting. The Elevator Speech winners are on the National Web Site.

Future ESP Board Meeting Dates:

February 29, 10:00 o’clock EST via LYNC

March 21 and 22, 2016 Annual Meeting in Lexington at the Signature Club

Motion to adjourn was made by Debbie Temple, second by Robert C. Tashjian, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:01am.