



**Epsilon Sigma Alpha International  
Georgia State Council Mid-year Board Meeting  
Monroe County Club House, Forsyth, Georgia  
February 19, 2022**

**President Vicki called the meeting to order at 10:5 a.m. President Vicki then welcomed everyone to Forsyth. President Vicki then mentioned that meeting minutes and reports are posted to the website for easier access and to save on printing costs and that there would be no roll call. President Vicki then asked Connie Presley to give a welcome on behalf of Alpha Nu, hostess chapter for Mid-year Board Meeting. Connie welcomed everyone and noted where all the important facilities were in the building. Kaye Genovese, Chaplain gave an opening inspirational thought and prayer (Chaplain is attached). All members then rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. This was followed by all reciting the opening ritual.**

**As the first order of business, Connie Presley read the rules governing a Georgia State Meeting as follows:**

**Rules Governing State Council Meetings**

**1. Obtaining the Floor:**

**Before a member can make a motion or address the assembly in debate, it is necessary that she obtain the floor (she must rise after the floor has been yielded and address the presiding officer by official title. The member should state her name and chapter prior to addressing the assembly.**

**2. Motions and Resolutions:**

**After the member has obtained the floor, she may make a motion by saying "I move...." And then state the proposed action. If a motion is lengthy, it must be written and handed to the President.**

**3. Second Motions:**

**A second to a motion must come from a chapter other than that which proposed the motion. To second a motion, the member must rise, give her name and chapter and say, "I second the motion."**

**4. Stating the Question:**

**When a motion has been made and seconded, it is the duty of the Chair, unless she rules it out of order, to immediately state the question that is before the assembly for its consideration and action.**

**5. Debate:**

A delegate is limited to speaking twice on one motion, the second speech being in the nature of a rebuttal or new information on the motion. Delegate's first speech will be limited to two minutes, debate to ten minutes.

**6. Time:**

All reports and speeches will be limited to three (3) minutes unless previously cleared with the Chair.

**Connie then gave her parliamentary report where she indicated there would be no Bylaw or Standing Rule changes for this year.**

**The next order of business was the Credentials Report given by Wanda Price, Credentials Chair. Wanda reported 12 of 15 Chapters were represented for a total of 25 Chapter votes, 18 Gavelette votes for a total of 43 votes.**

**The next order of business was the minutes of the Fall Council meeting given by Susan Knudson, Recording Secretary. Susan moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was carried.**

**The next order of business was the Treasurer's Statement given by Sherry Presley, Treasurer. Sherry reported the account balance as of September 9, 2021 was \$12,446.75. Income was \$104.86 and disbursements were \$951.80. The balance on hand as of February 17, 2022 was \$11,599.82. The Savings account balance as of February 17, 2022 was \$6,046.19 and the Candidates fund account balance as of February 17, 2022 was \$3,622.63. Total funds as of February 17, 2022 was \$21,268.64. There were no questions to the Treasurer's Statement, and it will be filed for Audit.**

**The next order of business was the Registration Report given by Connie Presley, Meeting Registration Chairman. Connie reported that 11 of 15 chapters had members attending with 39 members, 2 guest for at total registered of 41.**

**The next order of business was special recognition. President Vicki asked for members attending a state meeting for the first time, pledges attending and guests attending. There was 1 member as a first-time attendee, 1 pledge and 2 guests.**

**The next order of business was the IC Membership Report given by Wanda Price. Wanda reported that Georgia has 15 active chapters, 86 jewel pin members, 0 MAL members, 3 pledges for a total of 89.**

The next order of business was Elected Officer Reports. President Vicki thanked everyone for sending her to SERC in Nashville. She related the events at SERC and the 5 awards that Georgia won. President Vicki also indicated that Georgia's total for St. Jude was \$5,127,952. Lastly, she gave the Conference information for the 2022 Conference in Orlando, Florida.

The next order of business was the Call for Candidates by Wanda Price. Wanda reported that since Convention is early this year, the nominations for candidates should be submitted by March 1, 2022. Wanda also reported on the 2022 Leadership Conference. She thanked everyone for sending her to Leadership and related that it was a wonderful time learning so much from sessions full of ideas to help grow as a leader. Sessions included Burnout, identifying WHY and to use it, finding a silver lining in crises and strengthening our membership numbers and much more.

The next order of business was the bid request for 2024 Convention given by Susan Garner. Susan reported that she still has not received a bid for the 2024 Convention and requested again for chapters to consider hosting the event.

The next order of business was by Mary Cooper, Corresponding Secretary. Mary reported that the deadline for articles for the next newsletter was February 28 to be published by March 15<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the newsletter is Easter and recipes should be for favorite dessert.

The next order of business was the Disaster Funds report given by Kim New, Jr. Past President. Kim reported that forms were on each table for members to fill out and donate to the disaster fund. Kim indicated she would collect after lunch and give the total before the end of the meeting.

The next order of business was Appointed Officer Reports. The first Appointed Officer report was given by Connie Presley, St. Jude Chairman. Connie reported that Georgia's total to date was \$710,177.90. Connie also reported on a State St. Jude Project to celebrate PI Day, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Connie indicated she had a signup sheet circulating in the meeting for members to bake pies. The pies will be auctioned on-line and delivered at Convention. Connie asked that winners of the pies send a check made payable to Sr. Jude as soon as the auction was completed. The auctions would occur mostly in the evenings due to Connie working full time.

**The next order of business was Awards given by Venetia Lewallen, Awards Chair. Venetia did a little pep talk about chapters entering awards.**

**The next order of business was Easter Seals given by Annelle Saunders, Easter Seals Chair. Annelle presented an Easter Seals Challenge. The challenge involved creating a bank and donating various amounts for each gift card by type that was purchased as a Christmas present (a copy of the challenge is attached).**

**The next order of business was the State Finance given by Sherry Presley, Finance Chair. Sherry reported that she has four projects to raise money for State Finance. These include as Chinese Auction (chapters requested to bring a couple of items), bake sale at local school (sell cupcakes), a 50/50 raffle and a jewelry tree (bid item).**

**The next order of business was the ESA Foundation report given by Pat Griffin, ESA Foundation State Counselor. Pat requested more chapters to use the Turn Around Fund and to pay chapter/individual dues by February 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**The next order of business was the philanthropic report given by Sharon Smoot. Sharon reminded everyone to keep track of all donations. Also, Sharon related that donation to Church can now be counted but they have to be in the name of ESA.**

**The next order of business was Scrapbook. As Km Smith was absent, President Vicki asked chapters for photos and memories for the State scrapbook.**

**The next order of business was Yearbook given by Karen Smith, Yearbook Chair. Karen reported she is finalizing the yearbook revisions and will resend the Yearbook out to all at the end of February.**

**The next order of business was Educationals given by President Vicki in the absence of Marion Hunter. President Vicki reminded everyone to get their Educationals into Marion and that there needed to be a minimum of 6.**

**The next order of business was Hope for Heroes report given by Shirley Humphries, Education Chair. Shirley reminded everyone to get the award forms to her by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**President Vicki recessed the meeting for lunch.**

**At 1:09 President Vicki called the meeting back to order.**

**The first order of business was the 2022 Convention report by Gail Marchant. Gail distributed copies of the agenda for the convention and reminded everyone that the deadline for registration for Convention and the hotel is March 15<sup>th</sup>. She reiterated that the hotel room rate is \$129 per night and with taxes comes to \$152.06. Gail also stated the importance of booking rooms at the hotel as there is a contractual room count to meet. Gail also indicated "Elvis" was attending Friday night and she encouraged all to wear their Hawaiian to the Mixer.**

**The next order of business was the 2023 SERC Conference report given by Romanda Talley, Conference Chairman. Romanda reported that we still do not have a hotel for the Conference but are still working diligently to secure a site.**

**The next order of business was Unfinished Business and there was none.**

**The next order of business was New Business. There were no Executive Board Recommendations and no New Business to discuss.**

**The next order of business was Announcements. The first Announcement was that Terry Holifield from South Carolina will be our SERC representative for Convention. Kim New then gave the Disaster Fund donations from the meeting. She reported 12 chapters donated a total of \$262.50 during the meeting. President Vicki then reiterated the GSC Convention is April 29 through May 1, and she reminded each chapter to pick up their chapter packets. President Vicki also asked the members of Alpha Nu to stand, and all thanked them for a great weekend.**

**Kaye Genovese, Chaplain then gave the Closing thought.**

**President Vicki adjourned the meeting at 1:21p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

**Susan Knudson**

**GSC Recording Secretary.**