



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA



**Georgia State Council
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Mid-Year Meeting
Houndslake Country Club, Aiken, South Carolina
February 18, 2023**

President, Wanda Price called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. She thanked Delta Omega and Gamma Omega for hosting the Mid-Year Meeting in the beautiful city of Aiken.

Kaye Genovese, Chaplain gave the opening thought. The best things in life are the people we love, the places we've been, and the memories we've made along the way.

Second Vice President, Susan Knudson presented the American Flag, and after posting the flag led the members in "The Pledge of Allegiance".

President, Wanda Price led the members in reciting the Opening Ritual.

As the first order of business, Parliamentarian, Sherrie Bordeaux read the rules governing a Georgia State Council Meeting:

1. **Obtaining the floor:**
Before a member can make a motion or address the assembly in debate, it is necessary that he/she obtain the floor, that is, they must rise after the floor has been yielded, and address the presiding officer by official title, state his/her name and chapter prior to addressing the assembly.
2. **Motions and Resolutions:**
After obtaining the floor a motion is made by saying: "I move..." and then state the proposed action. If a motion is lengthy, it must be written and handed to the President/Chair.
3. **Second Motions:**
A second to a motion must come from a member of a chapter other than that which proposed the motion. To second a motion, the member must rise; state your 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 President/Chair, unless the motion has been ruled 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. A delegate's first speech shall be limited to two (2) minutes, debate to ten (10) minutes.
6. **Time:**
All reports and speeches will be limited to three (3) minutes unless previously cleared with the President/Chair.

The next order of business was Special Recognition by Wanda Price.

Guests in Attendance	<u>0</u>
Members attending a State Meeting for the first time	<u>Gin West and Judy Mullins</u>
Pledges Attending	<u>0</u>
Member of the Year	Janie Kozal
Pledge of the Year	Payton Lewallen (Absent)
Chapter of the Year	Delta Iota
IC Past Presidents from Georgia	Kaye Genovese, Pat Griffin (Absent)
SERC Past Presidents from Georgia	Romanda Talley, Joy Lynn Tynes (Absent)

The next order of business was Roll Call, by Recording Secretary, Ruth Ann Edge.

Executive Board Present/Absent

President, Wanda Price	P
First Vice President Susan Garner	P
Second Vice President, Susan Knudson	P
Recording Secretary, Ruth Ann Edge	P
Corresponding Secretary, Romanda Talley	P
Treasurer, Sharon Smoot	P
Parliamentarian, Sherrie Bordeaux	P
Jr. Past President, Vicki Warren	P

Appointed Board Present/Absent

Administrative Assistant, Monette Horton	P
Administrative Assistant, Mary Wynn	A
Advisor, Gail Marchant	P
Advisor, Francis Lanier	P
Archives Historian, Gail Marchant	P
Association of the Arts. Chair. Venetia Lewallen	P
Auditor, Angela Coleman	P
Awards, Gail Marchant	P
Chaplain, Kaye Genovese	P
Contracts Chairman, Gennie Gilvin	P
Contracts Committee, Susan Knudson	P
Contracts Committee, Karen Smith	P
Credentials Chairman, Linda Long	P
Disaster Fund Chairman, Vicki Warren	P
Easterseals Chairman, Sherry Presley	P

Educational Director, Shirley Humphries	P
Finance Project Chairman, Janie Kozal	P
Foundation State Counselor, Frances Jennings	P
Flag Ceremony, Pat Griffin	A
Gavelette President, Frances Jennings	P
Hope for Heroes Chairman, Debbie Lamp'l	A
Leadership Coordinator, Wanda Price	P
Newsletter, Gennie Gilvin	P
Philanthropic Chairman, Connie Presley	P
Photographer, Sherry Presley	P
SERC Coordinator, Kim New	P
Scrapbook Editor, Sherry Presley	P
Scrapbook Editor, Gennie Gilvin	P
Social Co-Chairman, Shirley Humphries	P
Social Co-Chairman, Marsha Stroud	P
St. Jude Coordinator, Connie Presley	P
Web Master, Gennie Gilvin	P
Yearbook Chairman, Karen Smith	P

Committees Present/Absent

Budget Chairman, Sharon Smoot	P
Budget Committee, Susan Garner	P
Budget Committee, Connie Presley	P
Bylaws Chairman, Sherrie Bordeaux	P
Bylaws Committee, Frances Lanier	P
Bylaws Committee, Angela Coleman	P
Membership, Susan Garner	P
Membership, Susan Knudson	P
Minutes Chairman, Ruth Ann Edge	P
Minutes Committee, Wanda Price	P
Minutes Committee, Sherrie Bordeaux	P
Nominating Committee, Susan Garner	P
Nominating Committee, Susan McVey	P
Nominating Committee, Stormy Bowie	A

Meetings Chairmen: Present/Absent

Leadership, Wanda Price	P
Mid-Year, Theresa Mcgugan	P
Mid-Year, Sharon Smoot	P
2023 Convention, Susan Knudson	P

Chapter Roll Call

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>	<u>#On Roll</u>	<u>#Present</u>
Alpha Beta	Susan Garner	P	11	4
Alpha Delta,	Marissa Medlin	A	6	2
Alpha Nu	Connie Presley	P	3	2
Beta Kappa	Linda Long	P	3	2
Beta Sigma	Kaye Kinnebrew	A		
Beta Zeta,	Joy Lynn Tynes	A		
Delta Iota	Susan Knudson	P	8	8
Delta Nu	Mary Cooper	P	2	2
Delta Omega	Sharon Smoot	P	3	2
Gamma Omega	Theresa McGugan	P	6	5
Gamma Sigma	Shirley Humphries	P	7	6
Gamma Zeta	Brittany Petty-Roger	Deleted no longer on GSC Roll		
Kappa Rho	Cathy Quick	A	9	5
Sigma Chi	Sherry Pressley	P	3	2

Gavelettes Present/Absent

1979-80	Angela Coleman	P
1980-81	Romanda Talley	P
1984-85	Kaye Genovese	P
1985-86	Pat Griffin	A
1986-87	Marsha Stroud	P
1994-95	Linda Long	P
1995-96	Susan Knudson	P
2000-01	Shirley Humphries	P
2003-04	Joy Lynn Tynes	A
2005-06	Gail Gilvin	A
2006-07	Karen Smith	P
2008-09	Connie Presley	P
2009-10	Susan McVey	P
2010-11	Gennie Gilvin	P
2011-12	Donna Moore	P
2012-13	Sherrie Bordeaux	P
2013-14	Gail Marchant	P
2014-15	Sherry Presley	P
2015-16	Frances Lanier	P
2016-17	Stormy Bowie	A
2017-18	Frances Jennings	P
2019-20	Kim New	P

2020-21	Kim New	P
2021-22	Vicki Warren	P

Invitational Past State Presidents Present/Absent

1981-82	Luanne Langmo (MI)	P
2001-02	Ruth Ann Edge (AL)	P

The next order of business was the Credentials Report by Linda Long, Credentials Chair.

11 of 13 chapters represented for a total of	24 chapter votes
GSC Past Presidents Votes	19 votes
State President Vote: (Only at State Convention)	<u>0</u>
Total Votes	43

The next order of business was reading of the minutes from the GSC Fall Board Meeting, Dillard House, Dillard, GA held on September 11, 2022. Recording Secretary, Ruth Ann Edge stated that the minutes were approved by the Minutes Committee and posted on the GSC Website. Ruth Ann moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. With no objection the reading of the minutes was dispensed. Ruth Ann moved to accept the September Fall Board Meeting Minutes as written. Coming from a Committee a second is not required. President, Wanda, called for discussion and presented the question. There was no discussion, and she called for the vote. The motion carried.

The next order of business was the Treasurer's Report presented by Treasurer, Sharon Smoot. Sharon reported that as of 01/31/23 we had a checking account balance of \$13,143.36, Income \$3,575.84, Disbursements \$1,885.04, Savings Account balance as of 12/31/22 \$6,147.09, Candidates Fund Account Balance as of 12/31/22 \$3,723.17. The total GSC Funds - \$23,013.62.

Wanda asked if there was any discussion on the Treasurer's statement. Since there wasn't any discussion the Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

The next order of business was the Registration Report, by Sheryl Gootee, Meeting Registration Chairman. Sheryl reported that there were 11 of 13 chapters represented. 42 Members registered, 40 attended, 0 MALs, 0 Guest for a total of 40 attending. There were 19 hotel rooms used.

The next order of business was the Membership Report by Susan Garner, First Vice President. Susan reported that that there are 16 Chapters w/IC, 13 in good standing, 66 Jewel Pin Members, zero MALs, (Members At Large) 1 pledge for a total of 67 Members.

At the Fall Board/Leadership meeting, Susan challenged the membership that anyone who brought in a new member between 09/11/22 and 01/31/23 that she would put their name (current member/sponsor) in a hat to be drawn at Mid-Year. There was one (1) new member, Carolyn Clarke-Wiese. Her sponsor, Theresa McGugan, Gamma Omega, will be reimbursed her Mid-Year registration fee.

Elected Officers Reports:

President Wanda Price stated that she was delighted to be in Aiken, South Carolina where history abides and antique shops are plentiful. She thanked the membership for sending her to SERC in November. Georgia had five members attend SERC, even though they were small in number, there were plenty of meetings and workshops to keep busy. She stated that she came back from SERC with a lot of knowledge, and appreciated the opportunity to attend.

SERC incoming President Theda Hall had a beautiful installation. Her theme for this year is "See It, Believe It, Achieve It". President Wanda said she saw it, and she thought they would achieve it. President Wanda stated she was honored to receive Georgia's awards from SERC and more will be told about them later in the meeting. She stated it was truly an honor to represent all of Georgia.

Since the Fall Board Meeting, President Wanda had the opportunity to visit a few of our chapter's events and loved every minute. She has received and sent many e-mails and mailed many cards. She hoped everyone received their Christmas card from the Executive Board. That was a lot of fun to make. Each month IC has a Presidents meeting via Zoom, and she attended many of them. President Wanda sent articles bi-monthly and monthly to IC and SERC. She stated that she was not a writer, so this had been a challenge. She also stated that she was learning the meaning of the word perseverance.

President, Wanda gave a special thanks to Gennie Gilvin and Romanda Talley for their outstanding job with the Newsletters.

Now that Mid-Year is here and almost behind us, things will really get wild as we prepare for convention in May.

So far, many memories have been composed this ESA year, and hoping all will Keep Composing.

First Vice President, Susan Garner, stated that there are still a few positions open on the Appointed Board, and would love to have every chapter represented.

Nomination forms for Elected Board positions have already been emailed to the Chapter Presidents to share with their members. The deadline for getting the nominations to her is March 20, 2023. There are a few forms available today and forms have been placed in Chapter folders. She stated that membership has declined over the last few years and, it is very important that all members try to be more involved with the State Council and help it succeed.

First VP, Susan, stated that she appreciates each and every one of the Georgia members, and what they have brought to ESA. She also stated that she looks forward to becoming your 2023-2024 Georgia State Council President.

Second Vice President, Susan Knudson, stated that since last fall, she had the opportunity to attend the SERC Conference in November. She stated the theme was her all time favorite – “Flock With the Flamingoes”, and it was great fun, but sadly there were only five members from Georgia in attendance. The five Georgia members did manage to advertise Georgia hosting the 2023 SERC Conference in Pooler. Susan stated that later that morning the members in attendance at Mid-Year would get to experience the Georgia skit that was presented at SERC.

Susan reported on the upcoming GSC conventions and membership growth. As Local Convention Chairman for the 2023 Convention, she would report later that morning on the convention, and Karen Smith, Convention Treasurer, would report on the fund raising efforts that took place at Mid-Year for convention.

Alpha Nu, Delta Nu, and Sigma Chi chapters will host the 2024 convention. Later that morning, Susan McVey of Sigma Chi, the Local Convention Chairman, will report on their efforts to date in locating a site for the 2024 Convention. There is not a bid for the 2025 convention. Susan asked that each chapter, either individually or partnering with another chapter consider hosting the 2025 Convention. She also asked the Gavelettes to consider hosting. We just need a place to meet, to socialize, and celebrate another great year.

Second VP, Susan, talked about membership growth. Although there is a new pledge, Georgia is still losing members for a variety of reasons. We still have several MALS that have not been contacted by any chapter. She asked for a show of hands for those actively trying to get new members? She stated that every hand in the room should have gone up. Susan asked the same question that she did at Fall Board. “What is ESA worth to you, and what are you willing to do to ensure ESA’s continuation?”

Recording Secretary, Ruth Ann Edge, stated that since September she had attended Delta Iota’s Christmas Party. Delta Iota was pleased to have eight visitors from other Georgia Chapters attend the Christmas Party. Delta Iota was honored that President Wanda, and Corresponding Secretary Romanda attended. She stated she had attended all Delta Iota’s chapter meeting, and had been busy writing the Educational Program for the meetings. She and her Delta Iota Sisters have been busy working on

the 2023 Convention, and on their St. Jude Bingo Luncheon. She has written three articles for the GSC Newsletter. Ruth Ann stated that she is looking forward to greeting everyone at Little Ocmulgee State Park in May.

Corresponding Secretary, Romanda Talley attended Delta Iota's Christmas Party, Alpha Delta's St. Jude Benefit, SERC in November, and attended all Kappa Rho chapter meetings. She has written three articles for the GSC Newsletter, and worked on the GSC Newsletter. The Newsletter and Agenda's may be coming through lighter. This is to save on ink. Romanda stated that the fru-fru in the newsletter has been cut. She stated that she was working on the St. Jude Dream home in Pooler to be given away on June 7, 2023. If anyone would like to help with the Dream Home let Romanda know.

Treasurer, Sharon Smoot stated that the Budget Committee is Sharon Smoot, Susan Garner, Connie Pressley with additional help from Pat Griffin.

The State Treasurer Bond is renewed every three years. It is due to be renewed in October 2023. It is noted in the proposed 2023-2024 GSC Budget and estimated at \$300.00.

For 2022-23, all 13 chapters / 66 members are paid in full. No MAL members this year.

Chapter dues reminder: Next year, each Chapter will need to send their Chapter Rosters along with their Chapter dues checks. Chapter Rosters can only be accessed by the Chapter President and Chapter Treasurer on the ESA IC site.

Keep your Chapter Rosters up to date by printing a copy and reviewing it every 3-4 months with your chapter; note any changes. Changes can be made by contacting or mailing them to the ESA Membership Director, Tracy Swanson, at ESA in Colorado.

Parliamentarian, Sherrie Bordeaux received two Bylaw changes and two Standing Rule Changes. She stated that the Bylaws and Standing Rule changes will be sent out to all Chapter Presidents by the first week in April.

Jr. Past State President, Vicki Warren, stated she received a total of \$594.00 from 10 of 14 chapters. She stated that if your chapter has a donation mail it to her, so she could make sure your chapter gets credit for the donation.

Appointed Board Reports:

Archives/Historian - Gail Marchant, Chairman, is trying to get information from the previous Archives/Historian for the history, but so far hasn't been successful. She will be working on this for the next couple of months.

Association of the Arts, Venetia Lewallen, asked, "Who is crafty, likes to play around with a camera, likes to paint on canvas, wood or glass, or likes to create things using

paper, wax, yarn etc..?” Share your items by bringing them to convention and entering them in the Association of the Arts. The form is online, just fill it out and mail your entry to her by April 15. Be sure your item was created during the current State Council year.

Awards, Gail Marchant: Recognized the awards committee Gail, Gennie Gilvin and Pat Griffin.

2022-2023 GSC Executive Board Approved Award Committee Recommendations

- Wilene Cramer Award-changed on the form, Name to **Member Name**
- Pledge of the Year form-changed title on the top of the second page from Member to **Pledge**.
- Chapter of the Year-changed the Philanthropic Summary form to be listed separately from the Awards Guidelines.
- Removal of Area Council Functions from all forms.
- Pallas Athene Award-recipients will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony. Certificate preparation and presentation will be the responsibility of the chapter, outside the convention.
- Disaster Fund Award- was reinstated last year. First, second and third place certificates only given. Winners determined by chapter member count divided by monies donated.
- Add to all sentences containing the words first, second and third place **only** certificates will be given. We do not have any award beyond third place and need to stay consistent.

Educational Awards Guidelines:

1. Change 5th sentence to read: The booklet is Judged by **three (3) people non-ESA members**.
2. Change last sentence of Distinguished Athenian Service Award to read: The GSC Educational Director will have these entries judged by **three (3) non-ESA members**.

ESA Foundation Awards:

1. Joyce Robyn ESA Foundation Turn Around Fund Award: Delete March 1st deadline. Change to read: To be eligible for this award, a chapter's ESA Foundation dues must be paid **by the deadline set forth by the ESA Foundation**. Change last sentence to read: The results will be forwarded by the State Counselor to the State Awards Director by **April 15th** of each year.
2. Rosie Huggins ESA Foundation Award: Change to read: To be eligible for this award, a chapter's ESA Foundation dues must be paid **by the deadline set forth by the ESA Foundation**. Changes last sentence to read: The results

will be forwarded by the State Counselor to the State Awards Director by **April 15th** of each year.

St. Jude Spirit Award in Memory of Pat Genovese:

Add: An award certificate will be presented to the chapter contributing the most monies, excluding Radiothons, Telethons, Dream Homes, **Walks, Marathons, etc.** to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital from April 1st to March 31st.

What ESA means to Me Essay, Less Than One Year and More Than One Year:

Add: The winning essay for each category should be read to the membership during the Awards Presentation.

Note: ESA Headquarters has eliminated and no longer acknowledges this award.

Housekeeping Changes

1. Change Mileage Rate to current rate IRS rate of 65.5 cents per mile.
2. Change Easter Seals to Easterseals.
3. Added individual Line item for Georgia State Council Endowment, Jean Johnson Memorial Endowment and Other.

Chaplain, Kaye Genovese: Since Fall Council she has sent 28 cards either get well or sympathy.

Kaye has written articles for each newsletter.

Kaye sent a letter to St. Jude with a check in the amount of \$25.00 in honor of Past State President, Beverly Aldridge, from the Georgia State Council.

As you know, Past State President, Marsha Stroud's husband Mike, passed away in December and former member and Past State President, Sheila Gammon, lost her son in November.

Geri Day, Delta Iota, passed away January 23rd. She was a 44 year member and was Kaye's Corresponding Secretary when she was state president. Geri was chapter president a couple of times and served on every committee. She will be greatly missed.

Kaye stated that she is beginning to work on the convention program and celebration of life. Please keep her posted on any sicknesses or deaths.

Contracts, Susan Knudson: Anyone planning to host any State event requiring a contract needs to have your contract approved by the contracts committee. Reason: State money is being obligated.

Disaster Fund, Vicki Warren: Reported earlier that she has received \$594 from 10 of 14 chapters. Only two chapters have sent money. Other chapters have donated through our State meetings. Remember the Disaster Fund in your Chapter meetings.

For this meeting she found an interesting way to donate to the Disaster Fund. Since February is Heart Month and Valentine's Day just passed, she had Hearts to purchase for that special someone in your life. The minimum is \$1.00 per heart. Just put your name on the Heart, your chapter, and the name of the person you are buying the heart for. At the bottom put the amount that you purchased.

A summary of each chapter's donations will be in the next newsletter.

Easterseals, Sherry Pressley: There will be a Cornhole for Kids Tournament on August 13, 2023 in Winder, GA. This is being sponsored by Akins Food of Winder. This project will help support programs for children with disabilities and early education programs, as well as, Autism and mental health services. If anyone is interested, let Sherry know and she will see if there is something that can be done. Next year's Easterseals Chairman might be interested in working with this project.

Sherry thanked everyone who ordered a ring to help support the state project Pennies With A Purpose. Sherrie Bordeaux's sister gave Georgia State Council a \$200 donation, and the total raised so far is \$505. If anyone wants to order a ring let Sherry know.

If you write a check make it payable to Easterseals ESA.

Educational, Shirley Humphries: Reported that at Fall Board she got two educational reports. You can get the guidelines and form on line. Fill out the form and send your Educational program to Shirley.

Finance, Janie Kozal: Four chapters have donated items for the online auction, and seven chapters have participated in the online bidding. Fifteen members have participated in the bidding one or more times.

October	\$210	
December	\$175	
January	<u>\$135</u>	
	\$520	Total

At convention we will have a 50/50 drawing. Tickets will be emailed to each Chapter President. The ticket prices are 1 for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00.

Janie asked every chapter to have a finance project and bring monies to State Convention in May. The Chapter with the most money per member will get a surprise at Convention.

There will be one more Online Auction in April.

Foundation, Frances Jennings: The ESA Foundation was able to pay one endowment from the GSC Endowment, and two endowments from the Jean Johnson Memorial Endowment.

The GSC Endowment balance as of 5/31/22 was \$22,581.93. Lana Aromatori of Perry, GA was awarded \$1500 from this Endowment.

The Jean Johnson Memorial Endowment as of 5/31/22 was \$42,921.12. Lana Aromatori of Perry GA, was awarded, \$1450, and Taylor Williams of Fayetteville, GA was awarded \$1450 from this Endowment.

A Full list of all Scholarships is on the ESAF Website.

Foundation Dues are now \$40.00

Please encourage folks to use the Turnaround Funds when disbursing their chapter funds. This is an easy way to support the Foundation. The turnaround funds donation form is its own form and is available on the contribution page of the ESAF website. Benefits and highlights include: Rather than sending individual checks to one or more 501c3 charities, the individual sends one check to the Foundation indicating which charity is to receive what amount. The Foundation turns around this request and sends individual checks back to the person using the turnaround funds. Then the person sends the checks to the individual charities. The benefit is, it is easier to document donations on your taxes (donations to one charity instead of multiples). Remember checks are returned to the individual, not the charity, so the individual needs to send the check on to the charity. **Note:** In order to better track ESAF contributions, Headquarters is asking for Turnaround funds to be sent in a separate check from other ESA donations, i.e., dues, grant or endowment donations. You can find the Turn-Around Fund Simple Rules on the ESA Foundation website.

Frances Jennings, Gavelette President: The Gavelette Meeting will meet in this room immediately following the Mid-Year GSC Meeting.

Hope for Heroes, Debbie Lamp'l: Susan Garner reported that she and Gail Marchant will be taking the items brought for Hope for Heroes to Debbie after this meeting. Debbie will deliver the items to the Trink Davis Veterans Village.

Leadership, Wanda Price: Wanda said she had a great time at this year's Leadership, and she learned a lot. If you learned one thing at Leadership then it was a success.

Philanthropic/St. Jude Connie Presley: Connie stated she was planning to have Pi Day again this year for St. Jude, but it looks like we need it for the Finance Project. Pi Day will be March 14, 2023. She will send out instructions to everyone. The Snail Walk raised \$790 for St. Jude.

Scrapbook, Sherry Presley: If anyone has any pictures from this year's prior state meetings please send them to Sherry for the Scrapbook.

Web Master, Ginnie Gilvin: The current website is paid to April 28, 2023. The new website is "free" with ads until it goes completely live. Her plan is to keep it free until next GSC fiscal year budget. It will be slower and have an ad at the top until we start paying for it.

Some pages are currently on the new website and others are on the old site.

You may notice an ad on the new website pages, however after having several people look, they didn't notice the ad until she pointed it out.

The Domain will remain the same on the new website.

Yearbook, Karen Smith: Yesterday afternoon she gave corrections to the yearbook to President Wanda. She will send to all the members via email. If you go to the contacts page you will see the changes in green. If there are any changes let Karen know.

At this point in the program Wanda Price, Susan Garner, Susan Knudson, Romanda Talley and Gail Marchant presented the Skit they did at SERC advertising Georgia. While they were getting dressed for the skit, Ginnie played the music and video she produced for presentation at SERC in Orlando.

Unfinished Business:

1. SERC Conference 2023, Susan Knudson/Romanda Talley
In September when at Leadership/Fall Council in Dillard, she asked for volunteers for positions that are needed. Thanks to Gail Marchant and Shirley Humphries, the flags are taken care of, but positions needed are Secretary, ADS, Conference Seating, Conference Program, Saturday Luncheon, Saturday Banquet, Finance.

The 50/50 and load of goodies went over really good at the last SERC Conference that was hosted in Savannah. Let's do it again and this time find a boat that would hold "A Boat Load of Georgia Goodies."

Susie and Romanda are in the process of finding tours, but lots of help is needed. Volunteers are needed.

Alpha Beta volunteered to take care of the Tote Bags, Susie and Romanda will handle the VIP Gifts, SERC has their own appointed Audio Visual person. Karen Smith and Delta Iota have volunteered to take care of registration, but remember they may need help.

Please register early. If you register and can't attend your money can be refunded if cancelation is by the deadline date of Oct. 2, 2023. Now, the hotel. Gennie has it all set up for you to go on the Georgia website and find events. The first thing is forms for events. Click on SERC Conference Registration and register where it states "Book the Group Rate Here."

Please register early for the hotel and conference. Georgia is hosting this event and should show the SERC world that all of Georgia members will be attending the SERC Conference.

Romanda will be sending out the list of volunteers in a couple of weeks.

Send your registration form to Angela Coleman. Go online to register for your room at the Embassy Suites at the Airport in Savannah. Ten or twelve rooms on the first floor have been reserved for our Savannah members.

2. Convention 2023, Susan Knudson, This is a reminder that convention will be held the weekend of May 19, 2023, at Little Ocmulgee State Park. Delta Iota hopes you will come and Rock 'N' Roll with ESA. The registration fee is \$120 and the room rate is \$89 plus tax and resort fee. This does include a park pass for the weekend and free bicycle usage. Delta Iota members traveled to the park last month to finalize the plans, we can verify that all the rooms have been redone since we were last there. Rooms do include small refrigerators, but no microwaves. There is coffee service in the rooms, but no Kerig.

For those arriving on Thursday, reservations have been made at the Cedar Lane Supper Club which is where we went in 2019. They have steaks, seafood, and an extensive salad bar. The meals are very large, so you may want to split dinner with someone. If you are there on Thursday Delta Iota would like to invite you to their room for wine and snacks before dinner. On Friday for those not attending the Gavelette Luncheon, Delta Iota suggests you try The Southern Star Restaurant in McRea. They have a daily for real "Blue Plate" special that includes meat, two veggies, bread, drink and dessert for \$8. Delta Iota is planning a weekend of fun, celebration and socializing.

Susan thanked everyone for their participation and generosity in the fundraising event. Karen Smith gave the numbers and drawing for the 50/50 and the Money Tree.

The Money Tree raised \$295. The 50/50 Raffle raised \$390 for a total of \$685. Wanda drew the name for the Money Tree, and it was won by Shirley Humphries. Wanda drew for the 50/50 Raffle, and it was won by Steve Lee, son of Delta Iota's Stephanie Lynch. Steve won \$195.

3. Convention 2024, Susan McVey, Susan stated that the plan was to go back to Hiwassee, but the contract had changed drastically. As of today the plan is to go back to Lake Blackshear. They are working on renovations, and can't finalize the contract until the renovations are completed. She should know in a couple of weeks if the contract is acceptable. If Lake Blackshear doesn't work, the search will continue.

New Business:

1. Executive Board Recommendations – Romanda Talley
The Executive Board recommends that the wording in line item E15 A, B, & C on the GSC budget be changed to read Grapevine, TX.

Reason: To correct a typo error.

Coming from the Executive Board this doesn't require a second.

Is there any discussion? President Wanda called for the vote.

Approved

2. SERC Nominations Wanda Price (there weren't any)

Announcements:

1. SERC Finance Donation of \$10 (if not paid)
2. SERC Awards won by Georgia
 - 1st Place Jean Freeman Happiness Is
 - 1st Place Hope for Heroes
 - 2nd Place Jan Lee Easterseals Award
 - 2nd Place Thelma Waggoner ESA Foundation Award
 - 3rd Place Educational Reporting AwardDisaster Fund listed all states and how much money they donated. Georgia was 2nd.
President Wanda also announced that GSC met the IC 50/50 Challenge. GSC had 118 50/50 events. Gamma Omega did 80 50/50 events of the 118.
3. IC Rep at Convention is Brenda Myers...242 Oxford Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324
4. SERC Rep at Convention is Theda Hall...4400 Tahoe Circle Drive, Springdale, AR 72762
5. GSC Convention, May 19-21, "Rock 'N' Roll" With ESA", Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge, Helena, GA...Registration deadline is April 15, 2023
6. IC Convention, July 25-30, 2023 Embassy Suites by Hilton, DFW Airport, Grapevine, TX

7. SERC Conference, October 27-28, 2023, "Georgia's Hidden Treasures",
Embassy Suites by Hilton, Savannah Airport

President Wanda asked for Delta Omega and Gamma Omega to stand and be recognized for hosting the Mid-Year GSA Council Meeting.

Closing Thoughts, Kaye Genovese, Chaplain: "Cinderella is proof that a new pair of shoes can change your life".

Chaplain, Kaye Genovese: Lunch Blessing

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

President Wanda led the membership in the closing ritual.

Respectfully submitted by,
GSC Recording Secretary
Ruth Ann Edge