

CES MINUTES

Eleventh Annual Meeting

October 23, 1997

The 11th Annual Chi Epsilon Sigma Meeting was held at Atwood Lake Resort. Registration began at 6:00 p.m. Vickie Snyder, Membership Secretary, and Karon Dellinger, Southwest District Director, helped with registration. Kathy Bulka, Past President, welcomed everyone and Evelyn Roediger, gave the invocation. This was followed by an appetizing buffet dinner.

At 6:45 p.m. Lee Ann Johnson, President, welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and introduced and thanked the Administrative officials present for their continued support - Dr. Keith Smith, Dr. Jo Jones, Dr. Nikki Conklin, East District Director Lou Fourman, and special guest: Chuck Bell. Lee Ann also recognized the members of the Business Office who were present.

The 97-98 membership card, membership roster, Secret Friend assignment, Standing Rules, financial statement and budget, Arkansas BETA chapter newsletter, and membership database were included in the packet given to members.

MINUTES:

The minutes from this meeting will be included in the December newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The financial report was included in members' packets. Books have been audited and records are ready to be passed on to the new secretary/treasurer. Treasurer's report was filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RAFFLE:

Lee Ann indicated this is our third year selling raffle tickets. This year we are raffling off a Longaberger Picnic Basket filled with items donated from CES members some handmade, etc. This year we will be collecting money for tickets which can only be purchased during the annual meeting, not pre-sold as in previous years. Only one winner will be selected. Winner must be present to win. Thanks to Kathy Bulka for collecting the money for the tickets.

There will be two \$200 CES scholarships presented this year. Barbara Brackman will make the announcement tomorrow. Also Lee Ann was pleased to report that Professional Development Funds for Extension support staff have been increased this year. Proposals were due October 15th. We hope everyone took the time to apply.

CES was urged to take a display to Galaxy and in conjunction with this Lee Ann Johnson, Liz Ingraham, June Tilton, and Pat Myers worked in the Operations Room at Galaxy. They indicated it was a very worthwhile experience. Almost every state was represented at Galaxy including Hawaii, Alaska, Guam and Puerto Rico. At the request of Keith Smith and Jo Jones - Pat Myers made comments to a breakout session group at Galaxy - "Motivation Strategies That Work." She did a great job and hopefully this will encourage other states to start a Chapter.

The CES display has been updated this year. Jill King worked with Millie Scheid on the display to take to the Joint College Conference. At the Joint College Conference Lee Ann had the opportunity to talk with Dr. Moser and President Gee and received comments from them and others regarding the look of our display -- it looks great!

Lee Ann also mentioned that we have 36 new members. Eighty-eight percent of the membership dues were paid through department accounts. Nine counties which joined have new memberships which have never been involved previously. Fifty-two members this year filled out a Secret Friend form. This is the most we have ever had.

Lee Ann indicated CES is a terrific opportunity to network with other co-workers, administrators, etc. She indicated it has been a real honor for her to represent CES this year.

Dr. Jo Jones added her thanks for CES support staff help at Galaxy. She also emphasized that the scholarship dollars this year were up to \$7500 for professional improvement. She gave special remarks from a book, *12 Golden Threads*, and dedicated a poem to retirees.

Lee Ann Johnson then introduced our 1997 Certificate of Appreciation Awardees - the OSU Extension Business Office: Linda Johnson, Ellen Copeland, Curt Hofmeister, Angie Brumfield-Hersey, Debbie Terry, and Cindy Crawford. Martha Ball was unable to attend. Linda Johnson provided some remarks of appreciation.

Lee Ann then recognized Honorary and Emeriti members. The Honorary members present were Dr. Keith Smith, Dr. Jo Jones, Dr. Nikki Conklin and Dr. Gail Gunderson. New Emeriti member present was Evelyn Roediger.

Vickie Snyder, Membership Secretary and Rhonda Wildman, Secretary/Treasurer recognized new members. Then Vickie and Dr. Nikki Conklin presented awards and recognition to: Emeriti - Evelyn Roediger (retired this year); 25 years - Lois Hoeft, Ottawa Co., Carolyn Morgan, Franklin Co., Evelyn Roediger, OSU, Community Development; 20 years - Nancy Woodward, Logan Co., Mary Louise Leysath, Montgomery Co.; and 15 years - Anita Barker, Shelby Co.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS:

Bios for officers/directors were included in the last CES newsletter. Officers elected were as follows: Karon Dellinger, Vice President; Dawn Ford, Secretary/Treasurer; Rhonda Wildman, Membership Secretary; Michele Hobbs, Administrative Liaison; Winnie Brelsford, Southwest District Director; Kaye Diener, Northeast District Director; Michelle Edwards, Campus Director; and Marilyn Bloom, Emeriti Director.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

Becky Hooper conducted the lovely candlelight ceremony for installation of new officers and directors.

Lee Ann thanked everyone for all of their help over the past year. She then turned over the gavel to incoming President Pat Myers. Pat presented Lee Ann with a gift on behalf of the officers/directors.

PROGRAM:

Lee Ann introduced Dr. Keith Smith, who gave some very kind, uplifting remarks. She then introduced our guest speaker: Charles H. Bell, East District Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, who presented a very entertaining, funny program on "But That's Not What I Said, Was It?"

Pat Myers gave some closing remarks and indicated that the support from administration is what keeps us going.

Beth Marshall then explained the Secret Friend Revelation procedure. The meeting then adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Rhonda Wildman
Secretary/Treasurer