



Chi Epsilon Sigma Board Meeting

October 26, 2001

Buxton Inn, Granville, OH

9:30 a.m.

Members present include: Cheryl Engle, Monica Jones, Dawn Ford, Karen Barnhart, Marilyn Bloom (Emeriti), Liz Barringer-Smith, Marie Bouic, Mary Reedy, Pat Myers, Linda Ferguson

President Cheryl Engle welcomed those present. Linda Ferguson passed around copies of the last meeting's minutes along with a current statement of accounts. Liz Barringer-Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Dawn 2nd the motion.

Cheryl announced that we were asked to video conference meetings next year due to budget cut backs. If any officer or director does not have that capability in their office, they will have to travel to their District office for the meeting. However, since Cheryl had already made arrangements for December's meeting at the Worthington Inn, we'll be allowed to meet there.

Under old business we talked about the Coffee Fund Raiser. We have deposited \$1,150 into our account and have 60 packs of decaffeinated and 77 packs of assorted coffee left unsold. We'll use 25 packs of coffee to put into millennium cups and hand out to new members. The rest of the coffee we'll try to sell on December 4 at the annual meeting. We plan to set up 2 tables - one to sell raffle tickets and packs of coffee, the other to use for registration. Since there might be regulations about selling the coffee at the Convention Center, we need to think about asking for a \$1.00 donation instead of a set price.

Cheryl reported on her recent Outreach efforts in West Virginia. Mary Reedy was not able to attend. Delta Chapter was installed October 16, 2001 with Kim Suder as the first President of the WVU Chapter. Cheryl passed around photos she'd taken of her trip and explained the expenses she incurred. Cheryl explained a little about the National CSREES presentation opportunities in Kansas City next April, and the possibilities of a dual state presentation. More on this later.

In new business, Marie Bouic, Membership Chair, reported that our membership is down slightly from last year - 180 (2000) and 172 (2001). We do have 25 new members. Membership is closed for this year. Anyone wanting to join will have to wait until next year. Cheryl asked for creative ways to generate new members. Liz suggested a Web site for CES and would be willing to create and update such a page.

Cheryl talked about the new Connectedness/Professionalism Committee of which she, Pat Myers and Mary Reedy represent our organization.

Past CES President Karon Dellinger will be retiring from Extension as of October 31. Lee Ann Johnson has agreed to be her replacement until our Annual Meeting, 2002. Karon's retirement party is Monday, October 29 at the Franklin County Extension office.

We talked about our 2001-2002 slate of CES Officers. Cheryl has made numerous calls to our membership asking for candidates but has not had much success. Several suggestions were made today and Cheryl will make some more calls. Still needed are Secretary/Treasurer, Historian, and Membership Secretary.

Annual Meeting will be held on December 4 at the Columbus Civic and Convention Center. CES will be celebrating our 15th anniversary. Cheryl asked *Works of Art* to bake a cake, which they will provide for 80¢/serving. Liz will provide the punch. After the cake is cut, directors and officers will serve cake to the members. Pitchers of punch will be provided at each table for self-serve. Veronica Wilcox will set up the CES exhibit at 8:00 a.m. Marie, Pat and Linda will take care of registration. Veronica will welcome members. Cheryl and Mary will be in charge of the business meeting. Because of all the professional organizations meeting, we decided not to ask Keith or Nikki to give remarks. Cheryl, Monica and Pat will recognize Charter Founding Members and Honorary Members. Marilyn Bloom will recognize Emeriti members. Pat will reveal "Secret Friends". Mary will offer a prayer for our nation. Liz will give updates on the mentoring program. Cheryl and Kim Suder, president of West Virginia CES, will talk about Fraternity Outreach efforts. Sheilia Belvins and Mary will present newsletter contest and fall scholarship winners. Marie and Linda will recognize new members. Barb Brackman will handle the election of 2001-2002 officers and directors. Kathy

Bulka will install the new officers and directors. Cheryl will draw a name for the Chicago Road Trip, our CES members only drawing, then she will give closing remarks. The tables will be decorated with poinsettias, which will be given away as door prizes. Also, a "Deck the Halls" theme gift basket will be given away. Cheryl showed us an engraved brandy snifter filled with scented red candle wax that will be given to everyone present, along with an inspirational folder. Everyone who is able is asked to help set-up on December 4.

180 copies of all reports and handouts need to be sent to Cheryl by November 19 for inclusion in the folder.

Advanced-sell Gettysburg Road Trip tickets were passed out to everyone present. They are available for \$1/each or \$5/6 tickets. Every OSU Extension employee is eligible to purchase tickets. Our sales goal is \$1,000.

After the meeting, and while we were waiting for luncheon to be served, we had an informal discussion on the effects and limitations of the new OSU Extension budget.