**MINUTES OF THE 73rd ALABAMA STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**4-H CENTER IN COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA**

**“RUN FOR THE ROSES”**

**MAY 4, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.**

The Celebration of Life was presented by Chaplain Karla Jordan celebrating the lives of Sue Creasy and Laura Hardeman of Zeta Chi Chapter and Billie Seal of Iota Alpha Chapter.

Presentation of Flags and Pledge of Allegiance – Anita Crittenden

Second Vice President Sandy Weston presented President Jo Anne Perry, who declared the 73rd Annual Alabama State Convention in session. Due to Recording Secretary Beth Thompson being unable to attend the meeting, Betty Keeton was appointed as acting Recording Secretary. A silent roll call was taken.

The Opening Ritual was recited by all in attendance.

The Opening Thought was given by Chaplain Karla Jordan.

Appointment of Minutes Committee: Jo Anne Perry, President, Linda Fields and April McCartney.

Parliamentarian Anita Crittenden moved to dispense with reading the Rules of Convention since they are printed on page 12 in the convention brochure. Second was by Kathleen Camardella. MOTION CARRIED.

Betty Keeton, IC 2024-25 Corresponding Secretary, presented the IC message from the Board and spoke on how hard the death of President Brenda Meyers has been on everyone. She gave information regarding the up-coming IC Convention in July and stressed the importance of “connecting” which was Brenda’s theme and how the IC Board is striving to continue to carry that theme out through what would have been Brenda’s convention. It is also about all the ways technology can be used to stay connected with others. A power point slide presentation was shown with pictures of the officers and several pictures from the Leadership in February.

Treasurer Jane Scarsbrook presented the Financial Statement for 4/01/23-3/31/24:

Beginning Balance $8,016.74

Disbursements $8,867.23

Total Income $6,255.00

ENDING BALANCE 3/31/24 - $5,404**.**51

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Anita Crittenden moved that the Financial Report be accepted. Coming from a committee, no second required. MOTION CARRIED.

Leonora Howard was appointed as auditor.

Treasurer Jane Scarsbrook called everyone’s attention to the Proposed Budget on Pages 8-9.

She pointed out that the proposed budget varied very little from the 2023-24 budget. She moved that the proposed budget in the amount of $10,045.00 be approved. Coming from, a committee, no second required. MOTION CARRIED.

Parliamentarian Anita Crittenden moved to dispense with reading the Rules of Election as they are printed on page 12 in the convention brochure. Second was by Trish Hamm. MOTION CARRIED.

The Slate of Officers was presented: President – Jo Anne Perry, 1st Vice President (open at this time) 2nd Vice President – Sandy Weston, Treasurer – Jane Scarsbrook, Recording Secretary – Beth Thompson, Parliamentarian – Anita Crittenden, Corresponding Secretary – Beth Scott. As there was no more than one candidate per office, it was the consensus of the membership to elect by acclamation.

Jennifer Gailey, SERC Recording Secretary, presented the message from the Southeastern Regional Council reminding members of President Laura Gnewuch’s theme “Reach With Your Heart” and asking members to reach out all across their neighborhoods and all around them to connect with people and give help where needed. She also gave information regarding the SERC Conference scheduled for the last weekend in October in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Parliamentarian Anita Crittenden moved that Standing Rule 2 (a) under Finances currently reading: Each individual jewel pin member dues of **$25.00** is due to the State Treasurer by June 1 be changed to read **$50.00.** Second was by Kathleen Camardella. MOTION CARRIED.

Kathleen Camardella, Foundation Counselor, presented information regarding the purpose of the Foundation and the numerous grants and scholarships that are available and the millions of dollars that have been awarded in the past.

Betty Keeton presented the International Council Certificate of “Appreciation for Outstanding Service Making Powerful Connections” to Kathy Smith of Alpha Pi Chapter.

Kathy Smith, St. Jude Chair, challenged members to do something for St. Jude between now and August.

Chaplain Karla Jordan reported cards sent: 12 birthday, 2 get well, 2 sympathy. Please let her know if you did not get a birthday card so she can put you on her list.

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Trish Hamm, Easter Seals Chair reported 100% chapter participation.

Members were recognized for First Pearl and Pallas Athene Degrees.

Treasurer Jane Scarsbrook reported that $570 was made on the bingo game.

Trish Hamm gave the Registration Report: Alabama Members: 26ammHH

 Men of ESA 1

 ESA out of State 2

 Total 29

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business: Have been contacted by Dawn Middleton SERC 1st VP asking Alabama to consider putting in bid to host SERC Conference.

President Jo Anne Perry gave her Closing Remarks.

The Fall Council meeting will be hosted by Alpha Pi Chapter in Selma on September 21, 2024.

The flags were retired by Anita Crittenden.

President Jo Anne Perry declared the 73rd Annual Alabama State Convention Closed at 11:34 am.

All members joined in the Closing Ritual

Anita Crittenden Awards Chair conducted the Awards presentation for 2023-2024. List of Winners attached to the Minutes.

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Attendance, Executive Board:

Jo Anne Perry President

 1st Vice President

Sandy Weston 2nd Vice President

Treasurer Jane Scarsbrook

Parliamentarian Anita Crittenden

Beth Scott Corresponding Secretary

Kathy Smith Sr. St. Jude Coordinator

Karla Jordan Chaplain

Trish Hamm Easter Seals Chair

Kathleen Camardella ESA Foundation Counselor

Jr. Past President Betty Keeton

Attendance by Chapter:

Alpha Alpha: Kathleen Camardella

Alpha Omega: Leonora Howard

Alpha Pi: Betty Bain, Kathy Smith, April McCartney, Patty Nichols

Beta Nu: Lynda Edwards

Beta Pi: Jeanie Lassiter

Delta Gamma: Sharon Broadfoot, Anita Crittenden, Linda Fields, Sharon Green, Trish Hamm, Janie Jones, Beth Thompson,

Iota Alpha: Jo Anne Perry, Jane Scarsbrook, Beth Scott, Siggy Gonzalez, Karla Jordan

Kappa Alpha: Sandy Weston, Terri Fields

Zeta Chi: Diane Bevis, Cookie Crandall, Paige Whitehead, MaLeah Chaney

Guests: IC Rep – Betty Keeton, SERC Rep – Jennifer Gailey

Betty Keeton

Acting Recording Secretary

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ATTACHMENTS:

Award Winners:

What ESA Means to Me Under 1 Year: Kimberly Lewis – Alpha Pi

What ESA Means to Me Over 1 Year – Sandy Nichols – Alpha Pi

Disaster Fund (Most Money): 3rd – Iota Alpha, 2nd – Zeta Chi, 1st – Delta Gamma.

Cathy Hoffman Disaster Fund: Delta Gamma

Jeanie Lassiter Golden Lamp Award: Sandy Nichols – Alpha Pi

Jean Freeman Great Show Membership Award: Alpha Pi

Karla Jordan Hareraiser Award (Net Growth): Alpha Pi

St. Jude (per member): 3rd – Beta Pi, 2nd – Beta Nu, 1st – Alpha Pi

Patty Grantham Easter Seals: Iota Alpha

Sandy Weston Philanthropic: 3rd – Beta Pi, 2nd – Iota Alpha, 1st – Alpha Omega

Outstanding Chapter: Alpha Pi and Delta Gamma (Tie)

Agape Award: Trish Hamm

Outstanding Pledges recognized: Kim Lewis – Alpha Pi and Dana Davidson – Zeta Chi

Outstanding Members President’s Choices: Alpha Pi – Patti Driggers, Delta Gamma – Trish Hamm, Kappa Alpha – Terri Fields, Zeta Chi – Cookie Crandall, Diane Bevis, Darla Brown, Paige Whitehead, Maleah Chaney, Vicki Dean, Joanna Wallace

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