

Epsilon Sigma Phi – Eta Chapter

Minutes

September 28, 2008 – Sheridan, WY

President Cole Ehmke called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Attending the meeting were: Cole Ehmke, Vicki Hayman, Phyllis Lewis, Milt Green, Chris Pasley, Kim Reaman, Tina Toth, Patty Griffith, -Suzy Pelican, Rhonda Shipp, Gene Gade, Doug Hixon, Mary Martin and Marret McCauley

Minutes of the November 7, 2007 meeting presented by Vicki Hayman were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Pasley submitted a written summary and report indicating income of \$1,785, expenses of \$761.36 and an over-all balance of \$3,283.89

Reports – President Ehmke, Bill Taylor, Vicki Hayman and Jeremy Green attended the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) meeting in San Diego. Membership issues and new chapter formation were among the topics of discussion related to Epsilon Sigma Phi. Wyoming ESP enrollment is up. The ESP Web Page is in place and is maintained by Randy Anderson. Records of past ESP membership, awards and minutes are incomplete or missing. There was speculation that the records are in the sub-basement of the Agriculture College in Laramie.

UW CES personnel and teams won awards at the Galaxy Conference, including a team award for the EVOLVE program, an award for Living and Working on the Land, an award for Membership Growth and Donations to the Foundation.

Vicki Hayman submitted and received a \$1,000 grant from National ESP to pay for mentoring resources and a speaker. It was one of three grants funded.

Chris Pasley reported on the national meeting. She said that the National ESP Foundation goal is to raise \$175,000. Jackson will host the National ESP meeting October 12-15, 2010. Fargo, ND will host this coming year, September 13-16. Phyllis Lewis moved that Eta Chapter donate \$75 to ESP National Foundation. Motion was seconded and passed. There was discussion of the possibility of sending a larger delegation to the Fargo meeting, partly because it's within driving distance and partly to gain information and experience that will be useful when the 2010 meeting comes to Wyoming. Bill Taylor moved that ESP allocate \$500 for support of a delegation to the ESP meeting in Fargo. The motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion was held about the \$1,500 from UW CES Administration and how it was divided for professional conferences.

Professional improvement offerings were discussed. Bill Taylor has presented training on parliamentary procedure. About 200 persons have received this training. There was

discussion of the potential of charging non-ESP members money fees for participation in ESP-sponsored training, and of expanding the audience to include 4-H members/leaders, FFA, agencies, etc. A committee composed of Mary Martin, Kim Reaman and Phyllis Lewis is to consider and recommend ESP offerings and resources need. They are to make recommendations related to ESP's possible roles in mentoring, personal coaching and other in-service for colleagues

Mary Martin reported that the 2011 national meeting will be held at the Snow King resort on October 12-15. The organizers are working on a logo, etc. that can be used in the promotion of the meeting. (Suggestions welcome?)

The meeting of chairpersons of the CES professional organizations with UW CES Administration was discussed. Issues related to salaries, area responsibilities, etc. will be discussed.

Discussion turned to ESP membership issues. The consensus was that one-on-one contact and invitations is probably the most effective recruiting tool, along with articulation of the fact that there are significant benefits for membership (training, travel and recognition opportunities for individuals and teams, lobbying by the organization for Extension nationally, etc.)

Chris Pasley led discussion about awards from ESP. Distinguished Service recognition goes to Doug Hixon, Friend of CES is Tom Davidson, Administrative Leadership (?), Early Career Excellence – Chris Tatman, Continuing Excellence – Bill Taylor, Visionary Leaders - ?

Chris Pasley and Gene Gade were elected treasurer and secretary respectively for two-year terms.

Meeting was adjourned.