

## **Epsilon Sigma Alpha – Indiana State Council**

**Spring Conference – March 15, 2025**

**Little Flower School – Indianapolis, In @ 10:00am**

9:00 – 10:00am: Registration and Ways & Means Tables Shopping

9:55am 5-minute warning Pam Couch-Vogel 2nd Vice President

10:00am Meeting Convenes

Call to Order Kary Soto President

Opening Ritual All

Members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha we meet again to pledge ourselves anew to the vows of our ritual which we accepted in the golden glow of a candlelit room. Let us be ever mindful of the responsibilities that we pledged to our organization, keep faith with ourselves and each other, be tolerant and sincere and ever worthy to wear the badge that symbolizes virtue, honor, truthfulness and friendliness.

Opening Thought Elaine Chaney Chaplain

- Laughter Yoga Exercise
- Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Introductions Kary Soto President

- Introduction of the board
- Introduction of PIPs in attendance
  - Alley Gary, Cindy Norman, Pam Grenard, Gloria Wilson, Diane Binkerd, Wendy Yaste, Carmen Oswalt, DeOn Cahill, Debbie Frasier, JC Peak, Beth White, Jan Engel, Julia Acker, Lynn Howlie, BJ Voll, Jan Rahn, and Roseanne Robertson.
- Introduction of MARC Ways N Means Committee
- Introduction of International Tech Squad and Bulletin Chair

Welcome and Instructions Gamma Pi

- Thank you to Peggy Cleg and Little Flower
- Wifi Papers are on the tables
- Door prize is a coin at the check-in table
- Thank you to all the charities we support and members
- Restrooms are down the back hallway.
- Safety first, located fire extinguishers

- Pulled 10 door prizes right away

#### Guest Speaker

- Andrea Carlisle, Helping Veterans and Families (HVAF)
- HVAF has been in operations for 31 years, with 14 properties to house veterans and their families.
- They experienced a serious fire in October that displaced 48 veterans and their families.
- They are working to rebuild now. They are hoping to move their pantry into the new building.
- 80% of veteran homelessness is caused by addiction/mental health issues
- 1346 veterans were helped in 2024 in Indiana
- HVAF is the largest Non-profit in Indiana that helps veterans

#### Roll Call

Amanda Zahorsky

Rec. Secretary

- Amanda moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from Fall Conference, Alley Gary made a second. Motion passed.

#### First Time Attendee and Pledges

Jennifer Morris

1st Vice President

- First time attendees and pledge introductions

#### Correspondence

Alley Gary

Corr. Secretary

- No report

#### Officer Reports

##### Jennyfer Balkema, Treasurer

- Good morning! The treasurer report is as follows:
  - The savings Balance is \$492.93
  - CD Balance is \$5296.05
  - Checking Balance is \$21,947.13 (minus earmarked disbursements \$16,387.24)
- Books were audited in February and found to be in order! Thanks to my amazing committee!
- And just remember:



Amanda Zahorsky, Recording Secretary

- Officers, please continue to send me your reports for business meetings and conferences.

Alley Gary, Corresponding Secretary

- No report

Mary Brewer, LAMP Editor

- There is one more LAMP article submission due 4/1/2025.
- Is everyone receiving the LAMP?
- Don't forget to send Mary new members names and emails so she can add them to the distribution list.

Jennifer Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership

- Good morning! It is great to be with all of you today. Thank you to my Gamma Pi Chapter members for hosting our meeting today.
- Are there any pledges in attendance this morning?
- Please come forward. Please bring your sponsor with you.
  - I need you to answer a few questions
    - Who is your sponsor?
    - Tell us something about yourself
    - Why did you join ESA?
- Please introduce yourself to these new members and give them a warm ESA welcome when you see them today.
- The membership report dated 2/28/24 from ESA Headquarters shows there are 234 members in Indiana. At leadership last month I was told that ESA is looking at positive membership growth this year! Just the idea of that being a real possibility is very exciting. I have much more to share about my experience at ESA leadership later in my report.

- A nomination for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President was received on time. Pam Vogel will be on the ballot at State Convention for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.
  
- Per Article 2 Section 5 of the ISC Bylaws qualifications of those nominated from the floor shall be read. Included in the qualifications, which shall be submitted to the First Vice President in writing, shall be verification of payment of International Council and State Council Dues and membership dues of the candidate.
  
- At State Convention nominations from the floor will be accepted for the following offices:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
  - Treasurer
  - Recording Secretary
  - Parliamentarian
  - Education Direction
  
- The following will serve as appointed board members for 2025-2026
  - LAMP Editor – Mary Brewer
  - ESA Foundation Counselor – Carmen Oswalt
  - Webmaster – Courtney Ginder
  - Collegiate Coordinator – Maddie Kerr
  - Chaplain – Judy Flannery
  - Easterseals Coordinator – Megan Grey
  - Easterseals Special Project – Brandy Small
  - ESA for St. Jude Senior Coordinator – Aphrodite Hudson
  - ESA for St. Jude Junior Coordinator – Jennyfer Balkema
  - Awards Chairperson – Elaine Chaney
  - MARC Representatives – Stacey Brummett & Makayla Greeson
  - Association of the Arts Chairperson – Morgan Nichols
  - Corresponding Secretary – Jenni Russ
  
- I will be serving as your ISC President for 2025-2026
  
- Kary Soto will serve as the Jr. Past President

- A bid for Fall Conference and State Convention were received by the January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline from Chi Omicron for Fall Conference and Delta Delta for State Convention.
- Per Article 1 Section 2 of the ISC Bylaws state that if there are no bids submitted to the Nomination Committee by January 1 or if all of those submitted are not acceptable due to non-payment of International Council and State Council Dues by January 1, chapters may submit bids from the floor at the Annual State Convention. Chapters submitting bids at the Annual State Convention for a Conference must submit verification of payment of International Council and State Council Dues. At State Convention a bid for Spring Conference will be made from the floor.
- Thank you to each of you for willing to say yes to taking this ESA Journey with me.
- The theme for the 2025-2026 ESA year will be ESA – a journey for all. I am excited to take this year long journey with all of you.
- Last month I traveled to Denver Colorado to attend the ESA Leadership Conference. Before I get into the nuts and bolts of the conference I want to thank you for the opportunity to attend the conference. The cost associated with this conference is one of the largest budget items of the Indiana State Council budget each year. At the conclusion of my summary of the leadership conference I hope you feel like it was money well spent.
- The overall theme of the conference was Grow Your ESA Garden. IC President Lynda Edwards is a master gardener and her theme is Bee Kind, Bee Present Bee Engaged. The theme of the conference was tied to Lynda's theme. Many of the International Council and MARC board members attended the conference. Thursday Night, I had the opportunity to have dinner with the members of MARC that were attending the conference and I attended the welcome party. Julie Whitaker is the incoming MARC President and is looking for members to run for MARC office and to serve as members of committees for MARC. Please reach out to me if you are interested in MARC or want more information about serving on the MARC board. I was assigned to Team Yellow with 6 other ESA members. Each team sat together for almost all the conference. Each team was challenged to make creative social media posts tagging ESA Leadership 2025 and our team color in the posts as well as a variety of opportunities to score points. This challenge was multi fold it brought awareness to ESA through social media, increased our social media abilities and was an ongoing team building exercise with a prize to be awarded at the end of the conference. I posted several times while at the conference on our Indiana ESA Facebook page. I appreciate all of you who took the time to comment and react to my posts. Team Yellow was crowned Color War champion!
- ESA Headquarters have completed quite a transition since we were together at IC Convention in July. Shai Hendricks is the Executive Director. With Tracy Swanson's

retirement the membership contact has changed. Mackeigan Bickel is now the contact for members like us. Deena Steele is the contact for new members.

- There is now ESA branded Vera Bradley items available for purchase. I am wearing the new pearl bracelet with an ESA charm that is available for purchase. You can never have too much ESA gear, right!!
- There were outside speakers who shared with us the importance of planning, executing and reflecting on all things ESA – the education portion, the service part and the association. Everything we do is done better when we plan, execute and review – the good stuff doesn't happen without planning. Planning is everything from a meeting agenda to event sales, to member recruiting and retention, socials and education – everything takes planning.
- 2025-2026 State Presidents had an opportunity to meet with incoming IC President Celeste Webb and our very own BJ Voll who is serving as the 2025 IC State President's Chair. It was great for me to know going in that there would be a familiar face at the conference. Celeste will use the theme of Anchored in ESA. Celeste and BJ shared great information about what to expect in the upcoming months. Celeste asked that I share with you all that a bid for the 2028 IC Convention is needed – just something for Indiana to consider. The 2025 IC Convention will be held in Cary North Carolina, 2026 will be held in Norfolk Virginia and 2027 will be held in Portland Oregon. Indiana has two members who will be running for office – Brenda Campbell and Lynn Howley. I have reached out to Brenda and Lynn letting them to know that the Indiana membership stands ready to assist with the run for office in any way we can. Brenda and Lynn are working on buttons for the Indiana delegation to wear at IC Convention in July.
- Turning our attention to the ESA Foundation – we are not the only state to express frustration with the time involved with the Turn Around Fund. All I can say is that the issue was acknowledged but a solution was not provided. A new employee was to start working shortly after the conclusion of Leadership so maybe this new person will be of help to resolve the Turn Around Fund delay. The 501 status of ESA has been an on again off again topic of discussion so I thought I would visit it again today. ESA Membership Corporation, which is us, has a 501 c4 status. The ESA Foundation has the 501c3 status. The other sticky topic when it comes to the ESA Foundation is the \$5 fee charged to the students who apply for scholarships. The short answer is the \$5 fee is here to stay – it covers the costs associated with maintaining the database that tracks the scholarship applications.
- Ok – I have rambled on long enough – we need a break. With Jenni Russ's help we are going to play a version of Let's Make a Deal game show. Grab your purse, tote bag, belt bag whatever you got with you. Your table is your team.
  - Show me a can of hairspray
  - Show me dental floss

- Show me a postage stamp
- Show me a library card
- Show me a coin or paper money from another country
- Show me a grey or silver in color credit card
- Show me beauty salon business card
  - Which table had all 7 items? 6 items? 5 items? 4 items?
  - Here is a small token for being utterly prepared!
- Ok this little break is not really random. The theme or name for the IC Challenge at IC Convention is Pick, Play, Give. You will need to raise \$200 to participate in Pick, Play, Give. The money raised from the Memphis Marathon does not count towards the \$200 needed to participate in the IC Challenge. The challenge will have a Let's Make a Deal feel to it. You are encouraged to bring a costume of your choice to convention to wear to Pick, Play, Give – there is no theme so the possibilities are endless. So maybe not clean out your purse so well for this trip but be sure you can get through TSA at the airport – a purposeful balance of things you just might need.
- IC Convention – A Southern Serendade will be held July 13 – 20 at the Embassy Suite by Hilton Durham/Research Triangle hotel. IC Convention full registration is \$275 if postmarked by 5/1/2025. The hotel room rate is \$175 plus tax for single/double occupancy, \$185 for triple and \$195 for quad occupancy. The registration form and the tentative convention agenda is available on the ESA website. I have a sign-up sheet to pass around for those who are intending to attend IC Convention.
- I want to share with you some membership information but not in terms of numbers. With the positive net growth in membership comes some difficult discussions. I found the membership discussion at leadership to be very heavy and just generally a lot to process. There is a strong call for ESA to gain diversity and acceptance within our membership. There is growth of members who are minorities at the local level but not participating beyond their chapter level. Mainly because some of the ESA traditions are not inclusive. With diversity in mind the Arizona State Council has re written the opening and closing rituals recited at state meetings to reflect non-denomination/non-Christian references. There are chapters that are altering their community involvement to not include Christian based holiday themes and to include non-Christian religious observances. Remember when we rewrote ceremonies to remove her, she, etc.? This is the next step of those changes. To add some perspective, ESA was a book club started in 1929 and now we are a service organization who gives millions of dollars to St. Jude each year. I didn't have this perspective at first but as I sat on a plane flying home from the conference writing this report, I began to not view the discussion as a new discussion but a continuation of one that started years before.

- When looking for new members we are encouraged to look at places we already are – our jobs, sports fields, extended family gatherings. These are people who are likely already supporting our ESA efforts so they could bring their talents to ESA in a more formal way. Members at Large are also another place to look for members – they were part of us at some point and maybe they want to rejoin us.
- Beth Perkins with St. Jude/ALSAC spoke about the hospital and fundraising. The good news is that Dream Homes are alive and well outside of Indiana. In states like Indiana where the state gaming laws prevent raffles like Dream Homes there is work being done to partner with realtors and a builder to have something like a Dream Home be available in states like ours. Be on the lookout for more information about a project like this to become a viable option for us.
- We have not participated in radio a thon in a while. After COVID it was discovered that money could be raised without the expense of phone banks. The phone banks that we used to staff are no more.
- St. Jude/ALSAC is very interested in seeing the return of Walk the Dog events in some form. Walk the Dog was a dog walk organized by ESA that occurred throughout the country. Here in Indiana the walk was held at Eagle Creek Park in September.
- There will be a new Volunteer Management System rolled out in July. If you have not enrolled in the St. Jude VMS please do so. The hours that you work for St. Jude is tallied in that system. You cannot volunteer at a St. Jude/ALSAC event, for example the St. Jude Walk/Run, without creating an account in the VMS. Did you know that our volunteer hours have an hourly rate value? Do you know what the hourly rate value is? \$33.45 per hour donated.
- St. Jude Global Program is alive and well. Our country's status with the World Health Organization does not impact the work that St. Jude does around the world. Most recently St. Jude was able to bring 144 patients and their families from Gaza to Memphis for treatment.
- St. Jude researchers have cured sickle cell disease and is sharing that protocol freely as it does with all of the protocols. There is a new 15 story tower being built on the campus in Memphis.
- Rick Shadyac retired at the end of February. Rick's father Dick and Danny Thomas were friends. The support of the hospital by the Shadyac family goes back to the start of the ALSAC and St. Jude. Danny Thomas himself attended the St. Jude Gala on Saturday night at IC Convention for many years. Then his daughter Marlo Thomas joins us at IC Convention. Most recently a member of the hospital administrative/fundraising team attended IC Convention on Saturday night to share with ESA all the great things happening at St. Jude and to thank us for the support ESA offers the hospital. St. Jude also has a patient or a patient family attend the St. Jude workshop at IC Convention. At IC Convention this year the patient and their



family will attend the St. Jude Gala on Saturday night at convention so that everyone at convention can hear the message from the patient not only those that attend the workshop.

- The St. Jude/ALSAC office located in Indiana will not be contacting the ESA for St. Jude Coordinator to share involvement opportunities. The members here in Indiana will need to make the contact with the office to find out how we can be involved with local events to benefit St. Jude.
- Information on Hope for Heroes was shared at leadership by Patty Gale from Arizona. Patty is the IC Hope for Heroes Chair. Is your chapter supporting Hope for Heroes? Please report the work you are doing to Cindy Norman as the Hope for Heroes Chair. Cindy will provide the information you give her to Patty so that your work in Indiana can be reflected in what ESA is doing across the Country with Hope for Heroes. There is no official reporting form to provide to Patty. Patty will accept the information in any form that is sent to her.
- Towards the end of Leadership, a video was shown about leaders and followers so to close this report I want to share the video with you.
- If you have any questions or want to chat with me, you are welcome to see me today, contact me via email at [jbshmorris@gmail.com](mailto:jbshmorris@gmail.com) or via my cell phone at 317-223-9716

Elaine Chaney, Chaplain

- Please continue to send prayers and celebrations to distribute to MARC.
- Please turn in items for the celebration of life at State Convention

Sue Bigler, Awards

- Please submit forms on the state website for Outstanding Chapter , Outstanding Pledge, less than 1 year and more than 1 year.

Laura Campbell, Parliamentarian

- There are 13 proposed bylaw changes to be voted on at State Convention. Voting will happen at state convention, is there any discussion?
- Questions and discussion were had.

Monica Haddock, Association of the Arts

- Association of the Arts submissions are due by 5/15/2025.
- Completed art drawing activity

Luncheon Prayer

Elaine Chaney

Chaplain

- 11:40am – prayer by Elaine

12:00 Lunch and Ways & Means Shopping

1:00 Reconvene  
Camp Riley Speaker                      Melissa Sexton

Continue Officer Reports

Jenni Russ, ESA Foundation

- I'm pleased to report that we experienced growth in ESA Foundation membership in Indiana. While much of this is due to some members who had lapsed for the 2024 voting year returning to membership (thank you!), we also have one new member, Susan Waltz, PIP. If you are an individual ESAF member, please be sure that the email address in the ESA member center is correct. If your chapter is a member and you are unsure who your point of contact is for chapter voting, I can confirm that information. This will ensure you receive the critical email with your personalized link to vote this summer. If you're unsure of your eligibility for voting in 2025, I can look that up for you. See me today or contact me after the conference.
- There have been 6 donations to the ESA Foundation since May 16, 2024 totaling \$420.00. I wish to also recognize Chi Omicron for using the Turnaround Fund last month.
- As I mentioned in my LAMP article, one Indiana student will receive a scholarship award from the Indiana ESA Morton and Judy Lester Endowment. This is made possible by contributions to the fund and healthier market returns when evaluating the three-year rolling rate. Please keep those contributions coming, especially as the market fluctuations at this current time may impact the earning rate on the invested funds.
- Indiana will be putting together an item for the Silent Auction at the ESA Foundation Fundfest to be held at IC Convention. The item will be a purse pouch filled with gift cards for national merchants including restaurants, retailers like Bath and Body Works and Target/Walmart, and similar. I hope you'll help me fill this pouch by bringing gift cards valued between \$5-\$25 to state convention (or sending with a chapter member) . Please be sure the value is listed somewhere on the gift cards you donate. You can also send me funds via VENMO and I'll purchase cards on your behalf: @Jenni-Russ or you can text me at 317-372-2585 to mail gift cards or a check. Individual members and chapters are also encouraged to donate items for the silent auction. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact me via email [jennirussesa@gmail.com](mailto:jennirussesa@gmail.com) or by phone 317-372-2585 for a copy of the

form and so I can determine if one of the Indiana delegation will be able to deliver your item if you are not attending IC Convention. I will be asking Mary Brewer to include this information in a future e-blast and will also include information in my article in the May LAMP.

- Don't forget that the ESAF Pathway Program is a great way to honor chapter sisters, family, friends, or other special people. This is a great way to honor your chapter president, your member of the year, or your secret sister as we approach the end of the ESA year. Please see me for a flyer. You can also contribute on the ESA website. You do not need to be a member of the ESA Foundation to make a donation through the Pathway program (or any contribution to ESA Foundation for that matter).
- Lastly, as you are working on your year-end giving plans, I hope you'll plan to include the ESA Foundation with either an unrestricted/general fund gift or a gift to the Indiana ESA Morton and Judy Lester Scholarship Fund. All donations must post by May 15 to be included in calculations for awards. If you intend to use the Turnaround Fund for any of your donations this ESA year, please send those as soon as possible as processing time can be quite lengthy.

Cindy Norman, Hope for Heroes/Disaster Fund

- Hello everyone! I am looking forward to seeing what your chapters have done this year for Hope for Heroes and the Disaster Fund. Please remember to have all reports and money in by May 15th.
- I would love to have a Member of the Year candidate from each chapter. I am excited to read about each one and see why they have stood out this year in your chapter. These forms are also due to me by May 15th. All forms can be found on the website.

Maddie Kerr, Collegiate Coordinator

- Phi Alpha paid their IC and chapter dues
- They are still experiencing struggles after COVID
- Finals are April 29-May 2<sup>nd</sup> if anyone wants to send cards/encouragement to them!

Luncheon Prayer

Elaine Chaney

Chaplain

- 11:40am – prayer by Elaine

12:00 Lunch and Ways & Means Shopping

1:00 Reconvene

Camp Riley Speaker

Melissa Sexton

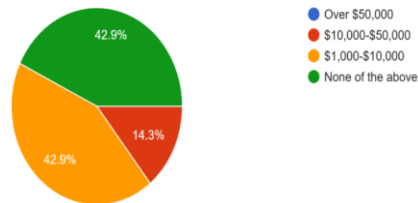
- Riley Children's Foundation celebrated 100 years in 2024
- Established the Noble Society, which is made up of organizations that have donated over \$1 million dollars
  - ESA is part of the inaugural Noble Society!
- Published a new history book on Riley Foundation, ESA is on page 133
  - There is information about a \$13,000 van highlight for the 70 year celebration that ESA was part of
- Melissa has Camp Riley shirts available for \$12.00 if anyone is interested
- Save the Date for the ESA Tour of Camp Riley
  - Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am
    - We will tour the facility, fishing dock, there will be a photo opportunity with the 70<sup>th</sup> banner
- Camperships are still needed, last year Camp Riley ventured into funds for adults to attend camp
- Top priorities with donated funds:
  - Refresh the camp fire pit, tower and path
- Camp costs \$400/week for the camper but up to \$4500 for one week per camper.
- This is the nations largest barrier free camp
- Camp Riley applications are open to college students, especially early education and nursing students

Pam Couch-Vogel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Philanthropic

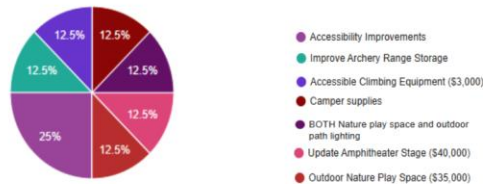
- I would like to take this opportunity to give an update on the following philanthropic state projects:
- Camp Riley Survey
  - Last month, I asked each chapter to take the opportunity to weigh in on possible future projects involving Camp Riley. I received 8 responses. Once the results were tallied, the results are as follows:

## Camp Riley Survey Results

Commitment Level  
7 responses



Possible Projects  
8 responses



- There were 8 chapters who chose to participate in the survey. Each chapter answered what commitment level they would be interested in supporting and what type of project they would be interested in seeing to completion. The results indicated the participating would either not make a monetary commitment at this time or would be willing to commit in the \$1000-\$10,000 range (both 42.9%).
- In regard to projects selections, the highest percentage went to the category of accessibility improvements with a various monetary range (25%). All other projects considered had an equal percentage of 12.5% and included improving archery range storage, accessibility climbing equipment, camper supplies, nature play space and outdoor path lighting, update amphitheater stage, and outdoor nature play space.
- Comments included some chapters being smaller and not feeling they could support a bigger project, others would like to see a timeline for completing projects, and others indicated they would be interested in a project while still being able to support camperships. This project is not intended to get away from camperships, rather be in addition to camperships.

Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation (ACOLF)

- I have receive a proposal from a member asking the state to consider taking on a legacy gift with Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation verse donating money to the organization and asking them to use the money where they see fit based on need. Legacy gifts can be used by many families, children and future generations. Legacy gifts can include accessible equipment for parks, technology equipment for learning centers or schools, or special needs classroom equipment.

#### Philanthropic Sub Committee

- The philanthropic subcommittee met on March 11, 2025. Both the Camp Riley survey and the new proposal for Anna's Celebration of Life were discussed. Recommendations were made to address both items at spring conference with membership. The committee plans to meet again in the near future to discuss members response to both items before making recommendations for both projects.

#### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- April 26, 2025 – Camp Riley Day – RSVPs to Pam Vogel
  - Anyone interested in purchasing a Camp Riley shirt, please contact me.
- May 15, 2025 – All philanthropic forms are due.

#### Megan Gray & Aphrodite Hudson, St Jude

- Megan couldn't be here today, but wanted me to remind you that all St. Jude reports and monies donated for events are due to her by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Megan is looking forward to celebrating all of your chapters accomplishments at State Convention this year.
- Thanks to those who have already submitted report to her.
- Have a wonderful day!

#### Courtney Ginder, Webmaster

- No report

Jaclyn Thomas, Scrapbook

- Keep sending photos and have them labeled with details.

Susan Waltz & Vivian Greeson, MARC Reps

- MARC recently held an online popcorn sale for a Ways and Means project.
- TODAY I am selling jewelry to support the MARC Scholarship Fund.
- Plan to attend the next MARC Conference on Oct. 10-11, 2025 in Brookfield, Wisconsin as well as the MARC meeting at IC Convention in Cary, NC in July 2025.

Makayla Greeson, Educational Director

- No report

Brandy Small, Easter Seals

- April 9<sup>th</sup> is the groundbreaking at Easterseals, 10am
- ESA Indiana owes less than \$3000 with 2.5 years left on the 5 year contract

New Business

- Eta Pi Fishers invites everyone to attend the 83<sup>rd</sup> State Convention
  - Flyer passed out with QR code that will take you directly to registration through Zefy
  - Code is ESA, \$158/night with free breakfast included
  - Free wifi and free parking
  - Schedule:
    - Friday Evening: Luminous/Sapphire sparkle (blues)
    - Saturday morning: Dazzle and deliver in radiant rubies (reds)
    - Saturday Lunch: Sparkling greens
    - Saturday dinner: Dazzling in Diamonds/Formal Attire
    - Sunday Morning: Pearls
- DeOn Cahill is hosting book club at State Convention
  - Room will be announced at a later time
  - Book will be released on 4/22/25
    - The Book club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick

- Eta Pi is selling Eggs For Easterseals
- Eta Pi's Annual Murder Mystery Dinner is at the end of March, please let Megan Carpentier know if you are interesting in purchasing a ticket.
- MARC Rep Beth Pompey, treasurer
  - First 5 people to register for MARC will get a door prize

#### Old Business

Future of ESA

Kary Soto

President

- Next meeting is next Tuesday at 8pm via zoom. If you need the zoom link please reach out to Kary.

#### Chapter Announcements and Raffles

- Wine basket – winner JC Peak with ticket 3676428
- Alpha Delta Snack Basket – 615507-winner Cindy Norman
- Purple Basket - winner Brandy Small with ticket 615381
- Craft Basket – Winner Maddie Kerr with ticket 615434
- Prize Mystery – winner Debbie Frasier with ticket 615409
- Beta Phi Basket – winner Roseann Gary
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Basket – Cindy Murphy
- Disaster Fund: winner Peggy with ticket 630565
- Sue Bigler announced there were no winners of the Eta Pi lockbox
- Gift Card Tree Basket – winner 548410
- Gamma Pi thanked all attendees and wishes everyone safe travels!

#### Important Dates:

- State Convention 2025: June 20-22, Hilton Garden Inn, Indianapolis Airport, hosted by Eta Pi, Fishers
- IC Convention 2025: July 13-20, Cary, NC
- MARC Conference 2025: October 10-11, Brookfield, WI

Closing Thought

Elaine Chaney

Chaplain



- The body doesn't know the difference between forced and natural laughter. So, keep on laughing. Thanks, and love you.

Closing Ritual

All

Here we close, may we guide and direct each other so that we remain steadfast in our hearts and faithful to our pledge. May we be reminded of our goals and as we go our separate ways, may we ever hold aloft the ray from the lamp of learning that those who follow in our footsteps may be guided by its light.