

Eta Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi
November 3, 2011
Evanston, WY

The meeting was called to order shortly after 7:00 AM by President Mary Martin.

Old business:

- Cole Ehmke and Chris Pasley will check to see if we are registered as a non-profit 501c3.
- Mary Martin reported on the national meeting
 - Jan Scholl gave an interesting program on the History of Extension
 - Bob Kidd had been present to receive the national Friend of Extension Award
 - Glen highlighted some of Bob's achievements, saying that he had been a CARAT representative for WY for 17 years, beginning in 1989 or 1990.
 - Tina Russell, Patti Griffith and Phyllis Lewis received the Western Region Diversity Multi-Cultural Team award; Mary Martin received Continued Excellence.
- A discussion was held on what is the value of being a member but no committee was assigned the task of defining it and no action was taken.
- Members who are eligible to become life members can pay \$200 (5 times the yearly dues). They are Phil Rosenlund, Stella McKinstry, Arlo Hewlett, and Jim Gill. Chris Pasley will contact them and will send a list of current life members to Phyllis Lewis. Cole Ehmke moved, Bill Taylor seconded and the motion to pay half the life member dues (\$100) passed. Treasurer Chris Pasley will contact the potential life members.
- A discussion was held on supplying pictures for the Centennial Smith Lever calendar. No action was taken.
- Members were encouraged to apply for national committees.

New business:

- Bill Taylor moved and Vicki Hayman seconded to accept the slate of nominees as this year's Eta Chapter award winners. Motion passed.
 - ✓ They are:
 - Distinguished Service Ruby Award – Glen Whipple
 - Friend of Extension – Western Dairy Council
 - Administrative Leadership – Duane Williams
 - Distinguished Service – Duane Williams
 - Diversity/Multicultural Team Award – no one nominated
 - Diversity/Multicultural Individual Award – Tina Russell
 - Early Career Service – Anowar Islam
 - Mid-Career Service – Phyllis Lewis
 - Distinguished Team – CDE Board Training
 - Distinguished International Service – Kim Reaman, Warren Crawford
 - Continued Excellence – Chris Pasley
 - Visionary Leadership – Mary Martin (Quilting in the Tetons)
 - Meritorious Support Services – Unita County Extension
 - Retirement Recognition – Randy Anderson
 - 25 Years Service – Doug Hixon
 - Excellence in Teamwork – 4-H Volunteer Development Issue Team
 - Motion made, seconded and carried to elect the following officers:
 - President – Bill Taylor
 - Vice President – Kim Reaman
 - Secretary – Phyllis Lewis
 - Treasurer – Chris Pasley
- The question about what we can do to improve our membership numbers/retain members was discussed.
 - Cole Ehmke suggested that people be assigned to help new Educators by walking them through the packet procedure. There will be an on-line webinar on this topic.

- A committee was formed to address this concern. They are: Tina Russell as chair, Julie Daniels, Warren Crawford and Chris Pasley.
 - Cole Ehmke moved, Vicki Hayman seconded, motion passed to budget \$200 to pay to have county historical documents scanned for the archives (definition of what to be scanned: anything not already electronically available i.e. old pictures, bulletins, etc.). Cole Ehmke volunteered to chair this project.
- Please get your information to Bill Taylor for the ESP Chapter of Merit Award.
 - Mary Martin has been asked to run for VP of the Western Region

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis B. Lewis, Secretary