

Rowan Public Library

President Gerri Blackwelder presided over the meeting, welcoming all those in attendance.

A loving tribute was given in memory of Alice Martin, a devoted Epsilon member since 1961. Catherine Hall shared evidence of the lifelong service and caring attitude displayed over the one hundred-six years of her life. Alice Martin was devoted to her family, friends, and her little dog, Mollie. She was truly an inspiration to those who knew her and will be greatly missed. Roses from this chapter's members will be sent to her memorial service.

Members report Mary Anna Faust has been spotted, playing the pipes in the High Point Presbyterian Home Band. She sends warm greetings to all Epsilon ladies.

Ruby Knox has been ill and expects to transfer to the Lutheran Home soon. An encouraging medical update was given on Joan Ashley. Members sent their well wishes to her, written on the day's agenda page.

Betsy Rich gave the treasury report. She anticipates the chapter will soon purchase a new CD in addition to the four already held. There is also scholarship money available to members. Dr. West made the motion to follow the state's lead in allowing a portion of this money to be awarded to members seeking initial and renewed National Board status. This motion was approved after some discussion. Members then discussed creating special scholarships to honor or memorialize Epsilon educators. It was decided that future contributions could be earmarked in this regard by donors and all contributions would remain together in one fund.

Virginia Booth was nominated for honorary membership in appreciation of her loyal mentoring and support of those who work with the chapter's treasury. This nomination was accepted. The chapter will contribute the \$50.00 membership fee to the state. Flo Peck, who was previously welcomed as an honorary member, was invited to sign the membership book.

Pat Whitley welcomed Dr. Rhonda Truitt of Catawba College. Dr. Truitt plans to transfer her membership to the Epsilon Chapter.

Members were reminded that note cards are still available for purchase at \$12.00.

A dair Doran introduced the afternoon's special guest, Lillian Morgan. Mrs. Morgan leads the E S O L/Migrant program for students in Rowan County. S he reports that the migrant population has decreased dramatically in recent years in our area because immigrants are establishing permanent residence here. Knollwood E lementary is the local school supporting the largest E S O L population. T here are currently twenty-nine full-time E S O L teachers serving thirty-four schools. Mrs. Morgan emphasized the impact of this population on No C hild Left B ehind and the needed changes in our legislature to adequately address this impact.

T he meeting was then adjourned until March 6, 2008.