

KDASC Meeting Minutes For 1/13/22, Winter Retreat

I. Call To Order at 12:46 pm at the First Christian Church of Tuscola

II. Officer Reports

<u>President:</u>	Kyle Meccoli	SJO
<u>Vice President:</u>	Ava Eckley (absent)	Mahomet-Seymour
<u>Secretary:</u>	Paige Siegmund	SJO
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Sophia Darnall (absent)	Unity
<u>Virtual Historian:</u>	Izzy Hoth	Shiloh
<u>Historian:</u>	Elise Johnson (absent)	Unity
<u>Webmaster:</u>	Elle Jones	Tuscola
<u>Convention Secretary:</u>	Sydney Reitmeier	SJO

III. Roll Call

- Armstrong, Oakwood, SJO, Shiloh, Tuscola, and Villa Grove were in attendance.

IV. Reading of the Minutes

- Minutes were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

V. Old Business

- Our continued outreach to inactive schools in our district has included Mrs. Ashcraft contacting Hoopston and Bismarck-Henning and Mrs. Rominger reaching out to Arthur. We hope that these schools will consider becoming involved participants in our district again, as we would love to receive the insight and contributions they have to offer so that our combined efforts may result in achieving goals we could not accomplish separately. We hope to see all councils in our member area represented at our upcoming District Convention!
- District Convention Planning
 1. Though nothing has been finalized yet, SJO is proceeding with plans to hold the District Convention at the I Hotel. Updated communications with the hotel have shown that the previous quote of \$1900 is accurate to the price of renting their conference rooms, but that price does not include catering and other expenses nor the cost of convention supplies.
 2. We will be supporting the Mills Breast Cancer Institute at the convention, and though a main guest speaker has not been suggested nor selected yet, the recommendation was made to have a representative from the Mills Institute speak at convention like they have in years prior. A suggestion was also made to have making fleece tie-blankets for the institute as an activity offered at the convention, possibly during registration/prior to the start of convention, which would require someone to be appointed to buy fabric.
 3. A theme has been selected for the convention: "A New Chapter." We also hope to showcase each of our member schools at convention, with plans for a picture slideshow and a school flag ceremony; we are asking our councils to please send in photos from their year to Mr. Jeff Kieffer and secure a council or school flag for the convention.
 4. Kyle will be sending out the script from a previous convention to the KDASC officers to collaborate on updating for this year's convention. All board members must also present an officer report at the convention, detailing what they've accomplished this year.
 5. We plan to lower the cost of attending District Convention from around \$30 per person to around \$20 per person by making up the deficit from the KDASC treasury, to make going to convention more accessible to our members.

VI. New Business

- Applications for KDASC 2022-2023 Executive Board officer positions will be sent out to all advisors and posted on the [KDASC website](#) shortly. Applications will be due February 15th, before the next district event (the Hospitality Night, now on February 17th, which will be hosted by Oakwood and benefit Cunningham Children's Home); registration for District Convention will be due at that time as well, so please be checking emails and our website. Advisors, *please* make this known to your members—being a KDASC board member is an incredible opportunity that allows you to build leadership, interpersonal, and organizational skills; meet like-minded people from different schools; do good for the wider community; and have fun! Continuing to recover from the effects of the pandemic will require a team of dedicated people who want to improve the KDASC, so we are looking for those people. The responsibilities of and qualifications for running for an officer position can be found in articles VI and VII of the [KDASC Constitution](#) on our website. Please look over all requirements carefully before submitting an application. It was also suggested that current and possibly former board members make some form of presentation to share both a description of what they do as an officer in the KDASC as well as what inspired them to run for a position and why they'd recommend it to others.
- We are glad to hear that the majority of our active member councils will be attending the Illinois Association of Student Councils State Convention on May 5th-7th, 2022! Everyone who can is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn valuable information to take back to your home council as well as meet others from around the state and participate in electing state officers for 2022-2023. The KDASC is planning on having a display for the State Convention, created by our Historian Elise, which will be on display at our District Convention as well. Please continue sending in your photos from KDASC events this year! More information about State Convention can be found on the [IASC website](#).

VII. Upcoming Deadlines

- The deadline to register for District Convention or run for a KDASC officer position is February 15th.
- The deadline to [apply](#) to become an honor council or a 2nd VP honor delegate at State Convention is February 1st.

VIII. Adjournment at 1:13 pm