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Chapter Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2022
ZOOM Virtual Meeting Platform

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the chapter meeting was held via the virtual meeting application of ZOOM.

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by President Soror Debra Figgins.
- B. Ritualistic Opening** was conducted per protocol.
- C. Quorum** was affirmed by Soror Jackie Sherrod, Sargent-at- Arms.
- D. Adoption of Agenda:** A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Soror Judith Waddell. The second was given by Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard. With no discussion, corrections or objections noted, the motion carried.
- E. Adoption of Previous Chapter/Executive Board Meeting Minutes:** A motion to adopt the previous Chapter/Executive Board meeting minutes was made by Soror Virginia Ware. The second was given by Soror Paula Frank. With the following corrections noted, the motion carried: Social Action report was not included in its entirety in the previous minutes. Soror Coaxum will email report to Soror Wright for inclusion.
- F. Introduction of New and Visiting Sorors:** Soror Amanda Williams. There were no new/ visiting Sorors present. Happy birthday greetings were extended to Sorors celebrating birthdays in June.
- G. Financial Secretary's Report:** Soror Tamar Foster for Soror Toni Moore. Soror Foster confirmed receipts for the month of May. The report was for information only.
- H. Treasurer's Report:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel reported the financial status of the chapter for the period of May 1 – May 31, 2022. The report was for information only but will be posted on the Chapter's website, Member's Only Section.
- I. Reflections:** A living God and a living hope," Soror Barbara Nubin.
- J. Pearls of Protocol:** Soror Teresa Wright shared an informational power point demonstrating the updates, revisions and changes to the official Ritual, Appendix C, pp. 245-264.

- K. Correspondence: Soror Sheree Davis** reported that “Thank You” cards were received from Soror Virginia Ware for the recognition of her graduation and loss of her brother, Soror Faye Fulton for the Delta Dear Affair, a note of appreciation from the Let’s Talk Team to Soror Keshia Allen, Sarah Bingham (scholarship recipient), and from the Cape Fear Regional Theater for the \$145 donation and end of balance donation.

L. Committee Reports: (Updates only)

Five-Point Programmatic Thrust

1. **Economic Development:** Soror Keshia Allen reported. Consideration for Regional Award will be submitted by Soror Allen.
 - a. **Foster Care:** Soror Patti Jordan. No updates
 - b. **Adopt-A-Site:** Soror Daphney Bunyan. Clean up date 6/18/2022 @ 8am in collaboration with Healthy Lifestyles committee. Soror Hall will provide more details.
2. **Educational Development:**
 - a. **Arts and Letters:** Soror Janice Robinson reported.
 - a. A donation to the CFRT was made to support the youth attending summer drama camp.
 - b. The committee will host its first Red Velvet Book Club discussion on September 15, 2022 “Memphis,” by Tara M. Stringfellow.
 - c. A recommended summer reading list will be posted in the FAC announcements.
 - d. The Arts and Letters committee Retreat will be held virtually on June 15th.
 - b. **Delta Academy:** Soror Awilda Graham. No update
 - c. **Delta GEMS:** Soror Patti Jordan. No update
 - d. **EMBODI:** Soror Salena Staten reported. Three youth were sponsored for Empowerment Camp at Camp Rockfish on June 17, 2022. The committee is completing the SAR Exemplary Award application.
 - e. **Jabberwock:** Soror Lynette McMillan. No update
3. **International Awareness and Involvement:** Soror Virginia Ware. No update
4. **Physical and Mental Health:** Soror Renee Ellis. No update.
 - a. **Healthy lifestyles:** Soror Darnette Hall reported.
 - a. Volunteers are requested for the Juneteenth 5K Freedom Run water station to pass water. Volunteers will gather at 6am at N. Cool Spring Str. The race starts

at 7am. Contact Soror Beofra Butler if you would like to volunteer.

- b. Following the race, the committee will join the Adopt a Site committee for the clean-up on Freedom Trail. All Sorors are asked to participate.

5. **Political Awareness and Involvement/Social Action:** Soror Meta Coaxum reported that the committee continues to meet 1st Tuesday of the month. Ongoing activities:

- a. Medicaid Expansion Bill. Sorors are asked to call Representative Diane Wheatley's office requesting her support for Medicaid expansion. Soror Toni Morris is the POC; send an email to her when your call is complete:

Antoinette.morris45@gmail.com. Please be reminded the General Assembly's "short session" ends early July.

- b. Vote "NO" to the "Vote Yes Fayetteville" initiative/referendum. Soror Toni Morris is the POC. A "Vote No" video is expected to be shared after the July 26 local elections.

- c. Soror Amanda Williams applied for, and the Chapter received, a \$10,000 Redistricting mini grant from the NC Black Alliance. We will be partnering with the Fayetteville Alumnae Delta Foundation (FADF), grantee of the funds. Also, a \$3,000 Black Voters Matter grant was received. The committee's goal is to work with chapter members, the PanHellenic Council, local NAACP, and other like-minded organizations in building a coalition for mobilizing, advocating, informing, and educating citizens in our service area about issues affecting their livelihoods and to increase participation in local decision-making processes.

- d. Future participants in the 2030 Census, the Chapter was awarded a \$1,250 Census grant from the NC Counts Coalition to continue census work. Please look for a Survey Monkey survey to identify workshops tailored to our needs.

- e. The committee will be preparing for the 2022 Candidate's Fair, to be held prior to the November 8th General Elections.

ii. **Program Planning and Development:** Soror Sharon McNair. Committee chairs were thanked for submitting their proposed calendars this Sororal year.

- Chairs are also asked to send a list of what was completed by their respective committees during the past year.

- Committee membership sign-ups will be available for Sorors via email and at the Retreat.
- Chairs are to prepare a short synopsis of committee purposes to be presented at the Retreat.
- If any Chair is leaving their position, please prepare a packet for the next Chair and submit their name so they can be announced at the Retreat.
- Risk Management Training will be held Aug 20, 2022. This is **required** for all Sorors working with youth. The plan is to have two meetings.
- Twenty-two (22) Points of Light – Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard reported. She, Soror Jacobs, and Soror Edwards will be compiling information Chapter recognition. Two Sorors who attended Delta Days and three Sorors who attended workshops at the National Convention are asked to send meeting information to Recognitions.FAC@gmail.com.

iii. **Internal Committees:**

1. **Armed Forces Committee:** Soror LaTiki Gray. No update
2. **Communications/IT/:** Soror Willie Johnson. Committee requests presentations be sent prior to the Retreat.
3. **Delta Emergency Response Team:** Soror Teresa Wright. No update.
4. **Delta Lights:** Soror Sharon McNair. No update
5. **Finance:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel. No update
6. **Fundraising:** Soror Judith Waddell reported that Building Pyramid Brick by Brick has now raised \$13, 012; goal \$15,000. Donations will be accepted until June 30,2022.
8. **Hospitality:** Soror Barbara Nubin. No report.
9. **Internal Audit:** Soror Brittany McLaurin. Confirmed that a new chapter Auditor has been hired, Mr. Clarence Grier, from Burlington, NC.

M. Membership: Soror Amanda Williams thanked the Delta Dear Subcommittee for and excellent activity. The 2022-2023 proposed P&P requires Mentorship program. A poll was obtained to see which Sorors would like to be a Mentor (3 years or more experience) or Mentee. **Mentor 73%** (41 members) and **Mentee 27%** (15 members).

N. Pan Hellenic Council: Soror Sylvia McPherson. No update

O. Policy and Procedure: Soror Willie Johnson. No update.

P. Protocol: Soror Jackie Sherrod. No update

Q. Scholarship: Soror Effie Willis. No update

R. Unfinished/New Business: Madame President:

- a Regional Conference: There will be a Virtual Attendance registration 2 weeks before the conference. The cost will be \$175, and it will not include a

conference bag. Payments will be made through PayPal. There is a hotel wait list at this time. Three additional hotels are to be added.

- b Sorors were thanked for completing applications for awards, which were due by June 15th. More information will be posted on the Regional website.
- c On July 1, 2022 the Regional website will have a password for entry.
 - i Log onto DeltaSigmaThetaSouthAtlanticRegional.org
 - ii Check the Members Only portal
 - iii Sign up for a password
- d Election Runner will be used next Sorority year for the election of new officers. Sorors are asked to ensure their email information is correct on the National website. Ballots will be sent to emails listed. The 2021-2022 completed membership list needs to be sent.
- e Sorors are asked to consider how they would like the June meeting to be conducted next sororal year: regular meeting, have a chapter brunch or chapter dinner, special activity, etc.... Sorors McNair, Williams, and President Figgins will meet and bring ideas back to the chapter.
- f Potential meeting venues for next year include, but are not limited to:
 - i Cape Fear Regional Theater. Cost is free. Parking may be an issue
 - ii Fuller Recreation Center. Cost is \$170/hr; \$4,590 for 9 mos; \$3, 570 for 7 mos.
 - iii VFW-Chance Street. Cost pending
 - iv Military Retirement Association-Old Elizabethtown Rd. Cost pending.
 - v Order of Tents. Cost \$100. Limited area to accommodate social distancing
- S. **Announcements:** Soror Sheree Davis. Soror Delores Ingram is at Whispering Pines Nursing Home and Rehab Center. She is not receiving visitors unless cleared/authorized by her husband.
- T. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Soror Judith Waddell. A second was given by Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard. Meeting was adjourned at 11:50pm.
- U. **Ritualistic Closing** was conducted per protocol.

**Respectfully Submitted by Recording Secretary,
Soror Teresa Wright**