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Chapter Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2021
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 10:04 am by President Soror Debra Figgins.
- B. Ritualistic Opening** was conducted per protocol.
- C. Quorum** was confirmed by Soror Jackie Sherrod, Sargent-at- Arms.
- D. Adoption of Agenda:** A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Soror Sylvia McPherson. The following corrections were noted: none. The second was given by Soror Paula Frank. 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 Sylvia McPherson. The second was given by Soror Barbara Nubin. With no discussions, corrections or objections noted, the motion carried.
- F. Introduction of New and Visiting Sorors:** Soror Shermaine Peeples. There were no visiting Sorors present.
- G. Financial Secretary's Report:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel confirmed receipts for the month of November. The report was for information only.
- H. Treasurer's Report:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel reported the financial status of the chapter for the period of November 2021. The report was for information only but will be posted on the Chapter's website.
- I. Reflections:** "Sisterhood Matters," Soror Gwen Brown.
- J. Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Scholarship.** Soror Jerial Bogan reported that the external FAC scholarship, established 2/24/2021 through the Cumberland Community Foundation (CCF), has launched for fiscal year 2022. The scholarship amount awarded will be \$2000. The Community Scholarship Program opens 2/16/2022. Seniors with a 3.0 un-weighted GPA or a 3.5 weighted GPA, who have been accepted to a not-for-profit school, are eligible to apply. Specific eligibility requirements can be found on the CCF website: www.cumberlandcf.org.
- K. Pearls of Protocol:** Soror Jackie Sherrod reported Pearls of Protocol: The Code of Ethics. Believing in the worth and dignity of each human being, Delta expects each Soror to recognize the supreme importance of the pursuit of truth, devotion to excellence, and

commitment to social responsibility. Each Soror is expected to live up to these ideals by embracing and adhering to the following ethical principles:

- a **EACH SOROR SHALL REGARD** as primary the bond of Sisterhood and the giving of public service.
 - b **EACH SOROR SHALL UPHOLD** the Constitution and Bylaws of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.
 - c **References:** Protocol and Traditions Manuel, 2021 edition, page 22 and Code of Conduct, revised 2019, pages 2-3.
- L. **Correspondence: Soror Teresa Wright** reported a “Thank You” card was received from Sorors Vertie Hinton.
- M. **Committee Reports: (Updates only)**

Five-Point Programmatic Thrust

1. **Economic Development:** Soror Keshia Allen reported the committee volunteered to serve breakfast and re-established the relationship with the new leadership at Operation In As Much. The Chapter is on their calendar to volunteer as needed.

a Operation In As Much is in need of wash cloths. If Sorors are interested in donating any, please drop them off at 531 Hillsborough Street Fayetteville, NC 28301.

b On December 10th, the committee had breakfast at JK’s Restaurant, and a wonderful time was had by all.

c The December Spa event has been cancelled.

d The January meeting has been rescheduled for January 17th.

e The end of the year SIP event will be held May 6, 2022.

f Madame President announced that the Economic Development Committee won a \$500 award at National Convention for the Dfree Billion Dollar Chapter Challenge.

a. **Foster Care:** Soror Patti Jordan reported that children’s gifts to be donated to Social Service will be accepted at Crossroads Church form 3-4:30 pm today. Also, Sorors who have not picked up their previously purchased rituals are asked to go to Crossroads Church from 3-3:30 pm today as well to pick them up.

b. **Adopt-A-Site:** No update

2. **Educational Development:** Soror Miranda Monroe. No update

a. **Arts and Letters:** Soror Franzetta Grandison reported.

a. The committee held its monthly meeting November 18, 2021.

b. The second Red Velvet Book Club selection will be “**Wedding Gift,**” by Marlen Suyapa Bodden. The book club meeting will be on January 20,, 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom. Soror Evelyn Shaw will lead the discussion. Door prizes will be presented. More information on how to RSVP to follow.

c. Sorors are encouraged to support Soror Dorothy Fielder by purchasing her book WALL OF HONOR: A CELEBRATION OF FAYETTEVILLE'S EVERYDAY HEROES. Book orders can be

made directly from Soror Fielder, 910-483-6152. The book is \$20.

- d. **Red Carpet Movie: “King Richard,”** premiered November 19th. Thirteen Sorors viewed the movie at the IMAX AMC 14 on November 20th. Sorors are asked to please complete the survey sent out by the National Arts and Letters Committee.
- e. The committee’s next meeting is 12/16/2021 via Zoom.

b. **Delta Academy:** Soror Awilda Graham. No update

c. **Delta GEMS:** Soror Patti Jordan. No update

d. **EMBODI:** Soror Salena Staten reported that the first program had 13 participants.

e. **Jabberwock:** Soror Lynette McMillan reported that the program has officially started. The participants will be introduced at the January Chapter meeting.

f. **Princess:** No update

3. **International Awareness and Involvement:** Soror Virginia Ware thanked Sorors who supported World Aids Day on December 1st by wearing red ribbons. If desired, pictures can still be submitted to post onto the FAC archives. FAC donations to the Haiti relief fund, supporting the Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre School was \$865. The Chapter was asked if volunteers would like to donate an additional \$135 dollars, to round our contribution to \$1000. Soror Lila Washington volunteered to donate the entire amount.

4. **Physical and Mental Health:** Soror Renee Ellis. No update.

a. **Healthy lifestyles:** Soror Darnette Hall reported Soror Melanie Shorter will be presenting “Mindfulness with Melanie,” Saturday 12/18/2021 via Zoom at 10am.

5. **Political Awareness and Involvement/Social Action:** Soror Meta Coaxum reported that several events are scheduled January 2022, Human Trafficking Awareness Month:

a Jan 13, 2022, from 6-8pm, Human Trafficking Awareness program in collaboration with Child Advocacy Center at Snyder Memorial Church

b Jan 20, 2022, Speaker’s Series on Human Trafficking at Methodist University, Physician Assistant Auditorium

c Jan 25, 2022, Community Café, at Methodist University Alumni Dining Hall

d Jan 31, 2022, at 6:30pm Speaker’s Series, Methodist University Physician Assistant Auditorium

e Volunteers are being sought to be trained on Domestic Violence/Minor trafficking by viewing the video, “Chosen,” around Feb. 2022. For more information, contact Social Action chair.

ii. **Program Planning and Development:** Soror Sharon McNair asked that an update of committee events be sent to her as soon as possible. She reported that she attended a Community needs assessment meeting. Information will be shared with Thrust Chairs, December 12th at 4pm.

iii. **Internal Committees:**

1. **Armed Forces:** Soror LaTiki Gray. No update.
2. **Delta Emergency Response Team:** Soror Bre Jones and Soror Courtney Banks presented a powerpoint on Fire Safety.
3. **Finance:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel. No update.
4. **Fundraising:** Soror Judith Waddell thanked Sorors for supporting the Building Pyramid Brick by Brick. A presentation was shown of the Sorors/bricks purchased at the different levels thus far. Donations will be accepted until June 2022.
5. **Hospitality:** No update
6. **Internal Audit:** Soror Brittany McLaurin the 4th quarter 2021 and 1st quarter 2022 audits yielded no deficiencies.

N. Membership: Soror Shermaine Peeples recognized the December birthday Sorors by singing "Happy Birthday." Trivia question winner was Soror Cheryl Black.

Red Book: last and final call for Sorors to complete informational form to ensure accurate information is posted with the pictures. Forms must be submitted by 12/12/2021.

FAC Founders Day Celebration will be held January 15th from 2p-5p at the VFW, Post 6018 on 116 Chance Street Fayetteville. The cost is \$12.00. The meal will be catered by Comfort Zone Kitchen. Payment by PayPal or mail is due by 12/21/2021.

- A. A poll was taken for potential participation:
 - a. Sorors in favor of attending = 79%
 - b. Sorors not in favor of attending = 21%
- B. Meal preference:
 - 5, 2022.Vegan = 7%
 - a. Regular = 93%

FSU basketball: Women's and men's teams will play February 5, 2022, in Capel Arena. Tickets are \$20 to attend both games. Family members are allowed to attend. A poll was conducted to see how many Sorors would be interested in attending:

- a. Interested = 58%
- b. Not interested = 42%

FAC Community Service Project: Gently used suitcases and/or travel bags, food, or gift cards are being collected to give to the Care Center for Domestic Violence. Items can be dropped off January 15 at the Department of Social Services or brought to the VFW during the Founders Day Celebration.

- O. **Pan Hellenic Council:** Soror Sylvia McPherson reported tickets are available for the Spa Day Raffle. The tickets are \$5. Funds will go to Scholarships and Community Support.
- P. **Policy and Procedure:** Soror Willie Johnson reported that submissions for amendments are due by January 31, 2022. The new template transfer has begun.
- Q. **Protocol:** Soror Jackie Sherrod. No update.
- R. **Unfinished/New Business: Madame President**
 - a. The names of the newly elected national committee chairs/members and officers were read to the Chapter.
 - b. The proposed amendment to Article 10, section 9 of the National Constitution and Bylaws was the only proposal, of the several received, not approved.

c Beginning Jan 1, 2024, the Sorority year will change to calendar year status January 1 – December 31. This will affect how dues are paid. Soror Manuel will provide more clarification on how and when dues will be collected at next Chapter meeting.

d During the Convention's Public Meeting, the pastor of Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria Va. Was the speaker. Donations over \$100,000 were made to DREF for students attending HBCUs

e Convention attendance was over 7000 in person and over 18,000 virtually

f The next national convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana

g Delta Xi. The Regional Director Johnson stated that the FAC Advisors were not listed in the Red Zone as such, so technically they were not advisors to Delta Xi. Given that, Soror Monique King was named temporary advisor. The FAC can continue to support Delta Xi, if so desired, in all ways except advisory. Delta Xi votes for their advisors. Soror Johnson said it's possible for Delta Xi to select members from both FAC and FBAAC as advisors.

h Chapter meetings in 2022: Soror Jackie Sherrod made a motion for Chapter meetings to remain virtual until March 2022 and be reconsidered at that time. A second was made by Soror Veronica Langston. A poll was conducted.

i Sorors in favor of continuing virtual meetings = 99%

ii Sorors not in favor of continuing virtual meetings = 1%

i Madame President will assemble a special committee of health care professionals within the Chapter to determine in person protocols for such a time that face-to-face meetings resume.

j NC Founders Day celebration will occur Jan 21-22, 2022 at the Greenville Convention Center. The host Chapter is Kinston Alumnae. The cost is \$67.57 via PayPal. FAC will not sponsor a bus.

k The MLK Brunch is scheduled for 1/17/2022 at 10am at the Crown Coliseum. The speaker will be Darryl Allison, Chancellor of Fayetteville State University. Sponsorship levels are Silver \$500, Bronze \$300, and individual tickets \$25. Soror Willie Johnson made a motion to donate the \$100 MLK Parade entry fee line item towards the Brunch instead of the parade. A second was made by Soror Sylvia McPherson. A poll was conducted:

i Sorors in favor = 96%

ii Sorors not in favor = 4%

S. Announcements:

a The American Red Cross will host a Blood Drive on December 14, 2021 10am-2:30pm at St Joseph's Episcopal Church 509 Ramsey Street Fayetteville. Volunteers are needed. Contact Soror Sharon McNair if interested.

b *'Christmas in His Presence,'* a Christmas cantata directed by Soror Sharon Smith McNair, will be presented Sunday, December 19, 2021, at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church (corner of Moore and Ramsey Street) at 4:00 pm. Performers will be the St. Joseph's church choir and members of local churches. The performance will also be live streamed on the St. Joseph's - Fayetteville Facebook page.

c Delta Lites: Please look for a meeting link following the Christmas holiday for a meeting and possible rehearsal. Please pencil in Wednesday December 29, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Please have the new ritual available for reference.

d From Social Action: December 8th, the North Carolina Supreme Court suspended candidate filing for all offices for the 2022 primary election and moved the 2022 primary elections to May 17th, 2022, as a result of ongoing redistricting litigation. Below is what we know about the suspension:

- i** The ruling temporarily applies to all offices.
- ii** Dates for a new filing period have not been set yet.
- iii** Any individual that has already filed for office will be considered for the same office in May 2022.
- iv** A notice of appeal of the decision can be filed within two days.
- v** The Court instructed the trial court to try and reach a resolution on the pending litigations by January 11, 2022.
- vi** For more information, visit the SBOE website.

e On November 9th the Cumberland County School Board voted 5 to 4 to lower the current 2.0 GPA requirement so more students can participate in extracurricular activities, including sports. The current policy requires a student-athlete to have 2.0 to participate in sports, if removed students would be required to have at minimum 3Ds and an F on a 4.0 scale. This translates into a 0.75 on a 4.0 scale. It is unacceptable! Alicia Chisolm, Chair of the Board of Education voted with Greg West, Susan Williams, Donna Vann, and Nathan Warfel to pass the removal of the 2.0 GPA. It is our sincere desire that the Board of Education and CCS administration are responsive to the concerns that have been raised within the Black community and take the time to address/respond clearly to these concerns about any student placing too much emphasis on athletics alone. We need EVERY FAC member to email their representative

Dr. Connelly and List of Board Members:

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- viii** Judy Musgrave 910-678-2312 judymusgraveboe@ccs.k12.nc.us

f Cumberland County Schools/Social Work Services Department's National Association for Education of Homeless Children and Youth Annual conference held November 14, 2021. Soror Pamela Story, CCS Social Work Coordinator was chosen as the 2021 National Homeless Liaison of the Year. Soror Story was initiated into FAC in 1994. She has worked with the Cumberland County School System for 23 years. CONGRATULATIONS TO SOROR STORY!

g The Child Advocacy Center has asked the Chapter to join their fundraiser of protecting children and stopping abuse by supporting the annual **Lip Sync Showdown** to be held April 9, 2022. Sponsorship levels: Platinum Entertainment Sponsor \$5000, Rock Star \$3000, Celebrity \$1500, and Groupie \$750. Madame President asked that discussion of sponsorship be tabled until the January Chapter meeting. Soror Sylvia McPherson moved to table the discussion. A second was made by Soror Patti Jordan. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

h Soror Judith Waddell classified the process for determining if Sorors have paid for their Pyramid Brick: Sorors are verified the previous month.

i Soror Debra Teasley thanked Sorors for supporting her son in his first year at FSU, especially Soror Darnette Hall.

j Soror Teresa Wright announced the graduation of her daughter, Iris Wright, former Miss Jabberwock 1st Runner Up, from NC State University.

T. Motion to Adjourn was made by Soror Lila Washington. A second was given by Soror Judith Waddell. Meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.

U. Ritualistic Closing was conducted per protocol.

Respectfully Submitted by

Soror Teresa Wright

Recording Secretary