



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter

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The Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. met at the C.R.E.S.T. Building Saturday, December 12, 2015. President Sylvia C. McPherson called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Adoption of the Agenda:

President McPherson called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Soror Patti Jordan made a motion to adopt the agenda. It was seconded by Soror Frank. The motion carried.

Adoption of Previous Chapter/Executive Board Meeting Minutes:

President McPherson called for a motion to adopt the previous chapter and Executive Board minutes. Soror Felder Johnson made a motion to adopt the minutes and it was seconded by Soror Pat Fairley. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Soror Tracy Glover

The treasurer's report was presented by Soror Glover via a power point. It can be viewed on the chapter web site.

Introduction of New/Visiting Sorors: Sylvia Parsons

There were no visiting sorors. Soror Parsons acknowledged sorors who celebrate birthdays in December. We sang Happy Birthday. Soror Robinson-Ellis thanked all sorors for their attendance at the Chapter Christmas Party. It was a huge success. In celebration of Founders Day, we will meet for dinner at Logan's Roadhouse Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Reflections: Soror Gwen Brown

Soror Brown reminded us all to be loving towards one another. Give love and hugs.

Correspondence: Soror Amanda Williams

Thank you cards were received from David and Susie Pugh and Erin White. Christmas cards were received from Williams Printing and Office Supply, Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard, and Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy.

Five-Point Thrust Committee Reports

Economic Development: Soror Malone

Adopt-A-Family: Soror Rouse

Soror Rouse thanked everyone who donated gifts for our adopted families. They will be delivered to the families Saturday, December 19th at 1:00 p.m. at Golden Corral on Skibo Road. Our Thanksgiving baskets were a success. We picked up one family, a gentleman with five children who had just lost his job. We had enough left over goods to make another box that we gave the family. He sent a thank you

card. One of our adopted mothers sent a text thanking the sorority for helping her family for Christmas. We are still trying to get bunk beds, mattresses, etc. for these families. We are working with a company to try to get furniture in their homes.

Adopt-a-Site: Soror B. McMillian

No update

Cinderella's Closet: Soror Bogan

No update.

Educational Development

Arts and Letters: Soror Grandison

Soror Robinson reminded us of the upcoming play, *The Wiz*. One of our sorors, Gigi Ritchey, will be in the play. Our date is January 28, 2016. The reception is at 6:30 p.m. and the play is at 7:30. The cost is \$16.05. Tickets need to be purchased today. If you can't, you can mail your payment to our mailbox, but it must be received by January 6, 2016. Remember that the mail goes to Charlotte first and then back to Fayetteville. Checks are to be made out to the sorority. Also, if you ordered a badge, you may pick it up after the meeting.

Delta Academy: Soror Graham

Soror Graham thanked everyone who helped with their food drive, Dream Catchers, and with drop offs at the Kiwanis Center. There was a memo asking members to donate tie blanket kits for the Child Advocacy Center. Dream Catchers will cut and sew them together and deliver them. If you don't have them today, if you give Soror Graham a call at 336-870-8291, she will come by and pick them up. The kits can be purchased from Hancock Fabrics and Jo-Ann's Fabrics. There, you can get the discounts, but you can probably find the kits in Walmart and other places. They would like to start giving them out in January.

Delta GEMS: Soror D. Johnson

No update.

Jabberwock: Soror Bogan

No update, but just a reminder that there are flyers and tickets for Jabberwock. It was called to the committee's attention that the flyer failed to state that all contestants would receive a portion of their proceeds.

Princess: Soror Bullard

No update.

International Awareness and Involvement: Soror Degraphenreid

We did participate in The World Aids Day on December 1, 2015. At E- Board meeting it was discussed how we can better promote knowledge of Human Trafficking in the community. It was thought that we might be able to do it in conjunction with the Martin Luther King breakfast. It was discussed about a women's organization supporting the M.L.K. breakfast. Due to a conflict of interest, we cannot discuss the Human Trafficking issue during the breakfast. So it was decided at Executive Board Meeting that we present to you for consideration, sponsoring a table for the M.L. K. Breakfast for \$300.00 and ask eight individual sorors to pay \$37.50.

Physical and Mental Awareness: Soror Crutcher-Murphy

No update.

Political Awareness and Development: Soror Coaxum

Social Action

The program with the Child Advocacy Center is moving along well. To recap the program, Parks and Recreation, Child Advocacy, and Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta are partnering to present "Chosen," which is a documentary on minor sex trafficking. It is a DVD presentation for mixed audiences; boys, girls, and parents, to educate them about risk factors pertaining to human trafficking. This is an ongoing problem in Cumberland County, North Carolina, and the world. To make the efforts more consistent, this will begin during the month of April as it is Child Abuse Month. The presentations will be at four recreation centers at no cost to the chapter. The recreation centers thought this was a great idea. The presentations will be at the recreation centers from 6-9 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

April 5—College Lakes

April 12---J.S. Spivey

April 21---E.E. Miller

April 28---Kiwanis (Honeycutt)

Channel 7 will host a promo program on Sex Trafficking. We would like diversity, so we want to inform our youth groups. We need at least one male from Embodi. We need to look at the numbers.

On January 21, 2016, at 6:30, there will be training at the Child Advocacy Center. They will provide the materials and equipment for us as we, Fayetteville Alumnae, will be doing the community presentations. Sorors are being solicited, four to ten, to take the training and be presenters. Two persons will present together. There is a sign-up sheet. Parks and Recreation will help us advertise by placing the information in their activity books which are found in each recreation center. We are also trying to get the information into churches and to school counselors. This is an investment for the entire chapter and this investment is a continuous endeavor.

The Board of Elections is in need of poll workers. Early voting hours have been extended. The committee will meet Thursday, December 17, 2015, at Headquarters Library from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Posters are available to take and place in businesses, churches etc., to acquaint voters on the required and accepted IDs for voting. Also, please contact Jimmy Buxton, president of the Fayetteville Branch of the NAACP, 707 Murchison Road, if you know people in your community who may need rides and/or information for voting. This will aid him in being aware of the areas he may need to cover.

Program Planning and Development: Soror Figgins

No update.

Project 13: Soror Frank

No update.

Internal Committees

Building: Soror McNair

No update.

Collegiate: Soror White

No update.

Communications/Public Relations: Soror Larkin

A picture was shown of our Charter Members for Fayetteville Alumnae. Pictures will not be taken of members today. Committees were reminded to take pictures of their activities and send these to the committee so that they can be placed in the newsletter, on our web site and to regional and national.

Coordinating Council: Soror McPherson

HBCU Initiative: Ft. Bragg, Fayetteville Alumnae, and Delta XI, are collaborating to come up with a fund raiser for Fayetteville State University. Save the date, March 12, 2016. The event details have not come to fruition yet, but the council is working on it.

In Executive Board meeting, it was discussed how sorors will get on base for Founders Day. It is suggested that sorors car pool where possible. Sorors will have to use the Randolph St. gate. The name of everyone who has registered will be at the gate. Sorors will need proper ID.

The tickets for *The Wiz* are \$16.05 because Ft. Bragg is the lead for the play and they have already started selling tickets.

Delta Lites: Soror McNair

There will not be any organized Christmas caroling this year as Soror McNair was unable to work out a rehearsal or location into her schedule. Thanks to Soror Coaxum for the idea and hopefully we can do better moving forward.

Finance: Soror Howard-Glover

No update.

Fundraising: Soror M. Monroe

No update.

Historian/Journalist: Soror Graham

No update.

Hospitality: Soror Nubin

Soror Corders's son was in a car accident. Please keep him in prayer. Soror Corders says he is doing ok, but has to have more surgery. Prayer changes things.

Soror Corders reported that Soror Joyce Moreaux's son was no longer in UNC Hospital. This is a powerful example that prayer works.

Soror Jeanie Jones's husband is resting after surgery.

Internal Audit: Soror Frank

No update. Just waiting for the finance committee meeting.

Membership: Soror Robinson-Ellis

No update, just a reminder to sorors who had not seen her to get their tassels, to get them after the meeting.

Pan Hellenic Council: Soror Figgins

No update. Thanks to all who came out to help with the Heart of Carolina Food Drive. We were also featured the next day on the morning news.

Policies and Procedures: Soror Coaxum

No update.

Scholarship: Soror Willis

No update.

Unfinished Business:

Soror Gwen Henderson made a motion that sorors wear their Chapter stoles for Founders Day. (Those who have them). It was seconded by Soror Frank. The motion carried. Stoles are worn on the left side. Soror Ingram asked that we inquire about getting more stoles for those sorors who wish to get one. It will be looked into.

Ticket prices for *The Wiz* will remain the same. It will not be used as a fundraiser.

A motion was made by Soror Felder-Johnson that the Chapter assist the Omegas with selling tickets to support St. Jude. The tickets are \$10.00. They are raffling off a 2016, 5 series BMW, \$10,000, and a 65-inch 4K TV. The drawing will be August 3, 2016. If the chapter does agree to do this, \$2.00 from every ticket we sell will come back to our chapter. The motion was seconded by Soror Brenda Freeman. The motion carried. Funds will be used to support St. Jude's Research Hospital, Smithsonian Nationwide Community Action Program, and other worthy causes.

The Dr. M.L. King Prayer Breakfast will be held January 18, 2016. We considered getting a table but there was not any money in the budget for this. So President McPherson asked if there were eight sorors who would be willing to split the table fee by paying \$37.50 and reserve a table for the breakfast. The following sorors volunteered: Sorors Meta Coaxum, Paula Frank, Miranda Monroe, Katrina Carrasquillo, Pat Heath, Lila Washington, Bettie Burton and Sylvia McPherson.

We will serve at Operation In-As-Much January 29, 2016, from 7-9 a.m. Soror Malone has a sign-up sheet.

The South Atlantic Region has an initiative, Eradicating Hunger. They want chapters to submit action shots, such as serving at Operation In-As-Much or anything dealing with food. Soror Miller-Bernard works with the VFW and Soror Latonya Malone works with Operation-In-As-Much already on this.

New Business:

President McPherson asked for suggestions of churches at which the Chapter could worship for Founders Day. Suggestions were: Simon Temple, Lewis Chapel, Falling Run, Mt. Olive, Refuge Community Church, and Savannah Missionary Baptist. A vote was taken and Simon Temple received the most votes. Soror Carrasquillo made a motion that we vote on a church at which to worship January 17, 2016, for Founders Day. The motion was seconded by Soror Hicks. The motion carried. Simon Temple was selected. We will wear red/red and white for the 11:00 service. Soror Degraphenreid will coordinate with the church.

It is mandatory that the Foundation change its name. It will be voted on after the close of the Chapter meeting.

Announcements:

Founders Day attire is black.

Spring State Meeting will be in Charlotte, NC, April 23-24, 2016. We will register as a Chapter. You can pay at the February Chapter meeting. Registration is \$65.00. **The attire for the meeting is all white and no pants.**

The South Atlantic Regional Conference will be held in Virginia Beach, VA, June 8-12, 2016. Registration is \$295. It is \$270.00 for Delta Deans. There will be a variety show for a cost of \$40.00 and a Social Action luncheon for \$65.00.

NAACP open house is December 13, 707 Murchison Rd. from 1-4 p.m.

Unity March December 12, 2015, Stop the Violence, will be held at 2 p.m. at the Walmart on Skibo Rd.

The Umoja Group Inc. and Fayetteville Cumberland County Parks and Recreation presents, "Kwanza," Friday, January 1, 2016, from 5-8 p.m. at Seabrook Park and Smith Center. Bring your favorite dish. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call 910 485-8035 or 527-2460.

Kudos to Soror Brenda Jackson, Director of the Cumberland County Department of Social Services staff. They received the 4 Best Practices Award at Social Services Institute recognizing DSS initiative in 2014-2015.

Cumberland County Board of Elections is seeking precinct workers for the North Carolina primaries on March 15. Unaffiliated voters and those registered for both political parties are needed to work at the county's 77 precincts. Anyone interested may apply by contacting the Board of Elections at 678-7733. The application is online. Look for poll workers interest application. Applications are also available at the Board of Elections office, E. Newton Smith Center and Fountain Lane. Citizens are reminded of the changes in laws for elections in 2016. Registered voters are required to show acceptable photo IDs at the polls. There are options available for citizens who do not have or aren't able to get an ID. For more information go to voterid.nc.gov or call 866-522-4723.

Soror Willie Johnson celebrated her 32nd Delta anniversary on December 10th with Alpha Lambda at North Carolina Central University.

Soror Coaxum said Social Action will be informing you of some of the persons running for some of the positions so you can make an informed decision as you vote. Robert Wilson, a frat brother, is running for Lt. Governor. Additional information will be coming.

Soror Miller-Bernard said the following sorors have not picked up their clocks that have been paid for. Please let them know, the clocks will not be coming to chapter meeting again. If you wish to sign and pick up their clock for them, you may do so, or let them know to contact me and we'll make arrangements for them to get theirs.

Soror Grandison told about a course offered by Cumberland County called Citizens Academy. She encouraged sorors to take it. It's a 7 week program.

Soror Andrea Slade announced that trainers were needed to teach "Darkness to Light." Training begins January 14, 2016. The cost is \$350.00.

HBCU scarves are in.

The 50/50 raffle was conducted. We raised \$121.00. The winner was Soror Janice.

Adjournment:

The motion was called to adjourn the meeting. Soror Brenda Freeman made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Soror Gwen Brown. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Ritualistic Closing

The ritualistic closing was conducted.

Katrina Carrasquillo, Recording Secretary
Sylvia C. McPherson, President