



Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter
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Chapter Meeting Minutes Saturday, November 12, 2016 10:00 pm

A. Call to Order

The Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. met at C.R.E.S.T. Building on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Following the ritualistic opening, President Sylvia C. McPherson called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

B. Adoption of the Agenda:

Madam President called for the adoption of the agenda. Soror Delores Ingram made the motion to adopt with a second by Soror Gwen Brown. The motion carried.

C. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Madame President called for the adoption of the previous meeting minutes. Soror Meta Coaxum brought attention to a correction. The "r" was left off of the word "chair." Soror Jackie Sherrod moved to adopt the minutes with the stated correction. Soror Coaxum gave the second. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Assistant Treasurer Willie Johnson gave the report for September and October. The report was received for information.

E. Introduction of New & Visiting Sorors

Soror Melissa Robinson-Ellis recognized visiting Soror Nicole Lucas. She also recognized Sorors with November birthdays and all Veteran Sorors.

F. Reflections:

Soror Gwen Brown brought reflections for Thanksgiving. Soror Gwen Henderson also brought reflections and thoughts on a quote by James Clyburn as we began to proceed with the business meeting.

G. Correspondence:

Soror Amanda Williams stated that we received the following Thank you cards from Sorors: Katrina Carrasquillo, Kendra Brown Tucker, Brenda Jackson, The Hinson Family, Jeannie Jones, and Christina Washington.

H. Committee Reports:

i. Five-Point Thrust

1. Economic Development:

a. Adopt-A-Family: Soror Shermaine Peebles
No Report

b. Adopt-A-Site:

Soror Nicole Spivey reminded the chapter that the next clean-up is November 19, 2017 and to report by 7:45 am.

2. Educational Development

a. Arts & Letters Committee:

Soror Janice Robinson thanked the members for their support of events thus far. A reception for departing Artistic Director of Cape Fear Regional Theater Tom Quaintance will be held Sunday at 4:30 PM at the theater. The Arts and Letters committee will present a gift to Tom. She also reminded any Soror who has ordered a name badge to please pick it up before leaving today.

b. Cinderella's Closet: Soror Jerial Bogan
No Report

c. Delta Academy: Soror Awilda Graham
No Report

d. Delta GEMS:

Soror Jerial Bogan announced that the Princess and Miss Jabberwock will ride in the annual Fayetteville Christmas Parade December 10, 2016.

e. EMBODI: Soror LaTasha Crutcher Murphy
No Report

f. Jabberwock: N/A

g. Princess Committee: Soror Yvette Bullard
No Report

3. International Awareness and Involvement: Soror Queen Degraphenreid
No Report

4. Physical and Mental Health: Soror Sharon McNair

Soror McNair reminded the chapter of the upcoming event: Better Health's Red Apple Run, and to please see her to sign up to help along the route. The event is November 19 and volunteers should report by 8:15.

5. Political Awareness and Development/Social Action Committee: Soror Meta Coaxum

A pocket copy of the US Constitution was given to members present in order to assist members to become more vigilant of policy changes and our constitutional rights. I have solicited assistance from others in the community for complimentary copies of our NC State Constitution for the same reason. We have to stay engaged as to the partisan efforts that are presently consumed by power and money. We have to be able to write our representatives in an educated manner and voice our objections against injustices locally, statewide, and nationally. One example, could possibly be the partisan controlled state

legislature to add two additional justices in an effort to reestablish the Republican majority (the election of Democratic Mike Morgan (Omega Man) makes it now a 4-3 Democratic control). We need to stay engaged in 2017 (some local elections), 2018 (some congressional elections with redistricting concerns), and in 2020 (new census count and presidential election).

Grand Chapter encourages us to “move forward” with the Social Action agenda:

- Enhance and advance access to quality education and economic opportunity for all Americans
- End the school-to-prison pipeline (need Sorors to attend School Board meetings and engaging/supporting African American male and female mentoring programs)
- Protecting voting rights (focus on the Civil Rights Act/voter suppression tactics)
- Create stronger relations between citizens and law enforcement agencies (local citizen boards; use of police camera information availability to citizens; supportive connection with human trafficking law officials)
- Expand access to quality health care (proposed disbandment of Affordable Health Care and increase in Medicare (Paul Ryan’s position))

Special thanks to those Sorors who participated in community get out the vote activities as poll monitors, phone banking or just encouraging citizens to vote by providing them with information so that they could be informed.

ii. Program Planning and Development: Soror Debra Figgins

Soror Figgins reported that the Risk Management Training is required for all Sorors working with youth. She stated that anyone who needs the session should see her after the meeting.

Project 13: Soror Queen Degraphenreid
No Report.

iii. Internal Committees

1. Collegiate: Soror White
No Report

2. Communications/Public Relations: Soror Larkin
No Report

3. Coordinating Council: Soror McPherson
The Council met on October 26, 2016. FAC asked to be notified by the Fort Bragg chapter when they have events along with an MOU (memorandum of understanding) and an invitation to attend. It was agreed that there would be a written schedule of events. The sharing of the Hope Mills attendance area is still pending a MOU.

4. Delta-Lites: Soror McNair
No Report

5. Finance: Soror Willie Johnson
The committee will meet on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM

6. Fundraising: Soror M. Monroe
No Report

7. Historian: Soror Graham
No Report

8. Hospitality: Soror Nubin
Soror Nubin Reported the following information on Sorors:

- Lynnette Rouse is at Duke
- Vivian Tookes's mother has passed
- The husband/father of Emma and Jennifer Allen is hospitalized
- Teresa Wright's husband is hospitalized
- Sandy Monroe's sister is hospitalized
- Stephanie Sampson will have surgery on December 1, 2016 (she welcomes calls at 257-8900)

9. Internal Audit: Soror Frank
The committee will participate in the Webinar on Wednesday and Thursday November 16 and 17, 2016.

10. Membership: Soror Robinson-Ellis
The Christmas dinner is December 16, 2016 at 6:30 at Chris's Steakhouse. The December Chapter meeting is the absolute deadline to pay the \$35.00 per person cost.
The local Founders Day dinner will be held January 12, 2017 at Logan's Restaurant. FAC will be the only local chapter in attendance.

11. Pan Hellenic Council: Soror McPherson
The funds raised for scholarship from the recent event have been designated for a male and female attending Fayetteville State University.

12. Policies and Procedures: Soror Felder-Johnson
The committee is completing the manual and the copy will be sent out to chapter members. Sorors are strongly encouraged to read the completed copy and give input. Soror Evelyn Shaw will serve as "Parliamentarian Emerita." The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at the Fire Station on Langdon Street.

13. Protocol: Soror Miller-Bernard
The committee gave a power point and fashion show on "What NOT to Wear" to Chapter Meetings, Executive Board Meetings, State, Regional, National Meetings, and other events.

14. Scholarship: Soror Willis
No Report

I. Unfinished Business: Soror McPherson

- Reminder of Founders Day East in Goldsboro. Today is the deadline to register.
- Soror Gwen Brown gave the following information on securing a bus for the trip to Goldsboro for Founders Day :
 - Cross Country Coach is the suggested carrier
 - We will depart from the parking lot of E.E. Smith High school at 6:30 am Jan. 14, 2017
 - Total cost will be \$850.00 and with a full capacity would be a cost of \$16.00 per person

After discussion, it was approved to use Cross Country Coach and each person would pay \$20.00 to ensure the cost of the bus would be covered.

J. New Business: Madam President

Madam President recognized Soror Pat Fairley who then thanked the chapter for all the calls and prayers during her time of bereavement. Madam President reminded members to keep all our Sorors, experiencing difficulty, in prayer.

K. Announcements: Soror Amanda Williams

- Any Soror receiving hard copy information needs to please see Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard
- The Hospitality Committee will meet following today's chapter meeting
- The Child Advocacy Center of Fayetteville announced approval of the appointment of Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard to their board of directors.
- Soror Felder-Johnson was recognized. She was concerned about the chapter giving a donation to the three (known) Sorors who experienced catastrophic damage during Hurricane Mathew. She wanted to know how the chapter felt about making a monetary donation to these ladies. After much discussion, Madam President decided that, taking all the comments and discussion under consideration, a study will be made so that we will not rush into a decision and invariably set an improper precedent. Going forward, a disaster relief Ad Hoc committee will be formed to set the policy on giving during these unforeseen tragedies. A disaster relief team is in place and has a chair. She suggested that we table the decision on giving at this time. Soror Paula Frank rescinded her motion with a second by Soror Gwen Henderson. Soror Vera Bell moved that the discussion be tabled until the December chapter meeting. With only 1 nay, the motion carried.
- Soror Vera Bell recognized Soror Dr. Patrice Barber for her tireless work during the recent Free Dental Clinic held at the Cumberland County Crown Complex.

L. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Soror Paula Frank with a second by Soror Isabella Hicks. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon Smith McNair
Assistant Recording Secretary