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Chapter Meeting Minutes
Saturday, December 10, 2016
10:00 A.M.

A. Call to Order

The Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. met Saturday, December 10, 2016, in the C.R.E.S.T. building. Following the ritualist opening, Madam President called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

B. Adoption of the Agenda:

Madam President made an addition to the agenda. She asked that we insert the Delta Emergency Response Team report before the Delta Lites Committee report. A call for adoption was given. Soror Jackie Sherrod made the motion to adopt the agenda with the 2nd given by Soror Yvette Carson. The motion carried.

C. Adoption of Previous E-Board Meeting Minutes:

A call for the adoption of the previous Executive Board Meeting minutes was given. Soror Pat Heath moved to adopt with a second by Soror Marion Jones. The motion carried.

D. Treasurer's Report: Soror Tracy Howard-Glover

The treasurer's report was given for information only.

E. Financial Secretary's Report: Soror Judith Waddell

The financial report was given for information only. Soror Waddell announced that dues for the 2017-2018 sorority year will be taken beginning in January 2017. The deadline for submitting them will be the chapter meeting in March. After that deadline, late fees will be incurred. Beginning in April, the fee will be \$5.00 and beginning in July 2017, the reinstatement fee will be \$15.00. She also reminded the chapter that today's chapter meeting is the deadline for Founders Day East registration. However, the cost does NOT include the bus and as of now the bus is full with a waiting list.

F. Introduction of New & Visiting Sorors: Soror Melissa Robinson-Ellis

Soror Robinson –Ellis recognized visiting collegiate Soror Jalita Johnson from the Delta Xi chapter of Fayetteville State University.
December birthdays were recognized and saluted with the birthday song.

G. Reflections: Soror Gwen Brown

Soror Brown gave reflections on the story of the *Traveling Angels* and the moral is “things are not always as they seem.” She wanted all to let the word of this season be “encourage” and charged us all to be an encouragement to each other.

H. Correspondence: Soror Amanda Williams

Soror Sharon McNair read the following correspondence:

- St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- Thank you cards from Sorors Brenda Reid-Jackson and Vivian Tookes,

I. Hazing Prevention Summit Presentation: Collegiate Soror Jalita Johnson

Soror Johnson attended the S.T.O.P. Hazing (Sisters Taking On the Perils of Hazing) Summit in Kissimmee, Florida. She stated that it was a most informative conference. She gave a power point presentation of the highlights of the conference sessions she attended.

J. Committee Reports:

i. Five-Point Thrust

1. Economic Development:

a. Adopt-A-Family: Soror Shermaine Peebles

The committee adopted two (2) families for Thanksgiving. One Hundred Fifty dollars (\$150.00) was used to help the families for Thanksgiving. They met with the families at the VFW to issue gifts, toys and food. She asked the chapter to assist in providing donations such as food, clothing and gifts for the two families. A sheet with the specific needs of each family was distributed along with a sign-up sheet for donations. The Christmas presentation will be held at the VFW on December 22, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. Sorors will give the selected families their presents for the children and a meal will be provided by the VFW.

**b. Adopt-A-Site: Soror Nicole Spivey.
No Update**

2. Educational Development Soror Miranda Monroe

a. Arts & Letters Committee: Soror Janice Robinson

- Encouraged attendance at the book club discussion of Forsaken on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Sammio’s Restaurant on Raeford Rd. at 6:30 P.M.

- The annual Youth Explosion will be held on March 4, 2017 at the Arts Council, downtown Fayetteville. The committee is seeking talented youth and youth groups to perform. The art exhibit “Reflections” will be on view during that time.
- The chapter is invited to view the movie *Fences*, as a group, on New Year’s Day at 4:30 P.M. We will attend the movie at the Patriot Movie Theater. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door for \$5.75. Those who plan to attend are asked to sign the form. An estimated number is needed to give to the theater manager.

b. Cinderella’s Closet: Soror Jerial Bogan

No Update

c. Delta Academy: Soror Awilda Graham

No Update

d. Delta GEMS:

No Update

e. EMBODI: Soror LaTasha Crutcher-Murphy

The following report was given by Soror Toni Moore.

EMBODI will hold the event “Hoops for Hope’ (formerly named ‘Wigin’ Out for Cancer’) on Saturday, December 17, 2016. The event will be held at the Walker Spivey recreation center on Wilmington Road. Sorors are encouraged to attend and to bring items to donate, such as head wraps, and other items for cancer victims and their families.

f. Jabberwock:

Madam President stated that a Soror has been identified to chair this committee. The chair will be announced following confirmation.

g. Princess Committee: Soror Yvette Bullard

The princesses met at Whispering Pines Nursing Home on December 9, 2016 to do caroling for the residents. They have also held a canned good collection drive.

3. International Awareness and Involvement: Soror Queen Degraphenreid

No update from the chair. Madam President reported that 4 Sorors did attend the World Aids Day event held on December 1, 2016, at the Westover Recreation Center.

4. Physical and Mental Health: Soror Sharon McNair

Soror McNair briefly talked about the level of stress from all facets of life during this season. She gave a relaxation 'de-stress' exercise to the entire chapter.

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

The following points were reported:

- FAC and Child Advocacy Center will sponsor an event at the Kiwanis Recreation Center on January 30, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.
- Applications for the NAACP House Page opportunity are available. This opportunity is for students 15-18 years old to work in and with the NC house of Representative.
- An application is also available for pick up for a scholarship from the Silver Square Lodge No. 791 Prince Hall Affiliation. The application is for males and the deadline is January 3, 2017.

ii. Program Planning and Development: Soror Debra Figgins

No Update

Project 13: Soror Queen Degraphenreid

No Update

iii. Internal Committees

1. Collegiate: Soror White

No Update

2. Communications/Public Relations: Soror Larkin

No Update

3. Coordinating Council: Soror McPherson

No Update

4. Delta Emergency Response Team: Soror Miller-Bernard

The committee met on December 6, 2016, at 1:00 P.M. in the North Regional Library conference room. Three members were present. The committee chair spoke to the National chair to gain a better understanding of the application process and other pertinent

information. A draft of the application was shared with the chapter. During the committee meeting the following points were discussed and noted:

- Apply through DREF, chapter president, then RD
- If the chapter handles... guidelines must be in place and follow information from National DELTA Emergency Response Team
- Application is a process and has to be verified
- **GESTURE OF Courtesy-\$250.00**
- Disaster area must be declared by the Governor or President of the United States
- Chapter cannot cover full scope of damage, it would be a financial burden
- Once we start, how long will this continue?

Madam President noted that the DERT initiative was a tabled item from the previous Chapter meeting. Soror Gwen Henderson moved to remove the tabled discussion. Soror Brenda Freeman gave the second and the motion carried.

After discussion, it was agreed that the chapter accept this initial report and that further work will continue and some areas will have to be considered on a case by case basis. Sorors who are presently affected by Hurricane Mathew may apply to DERT as well as DREF for assistance.

5. Delta-Lites: Soror McNair

No Update

6. Finance: Soror Willie Johnson

Soror Johnson reported that 50 Sorors have donated to the Project, Scholarship and Programs account. This includes those Sorors who had their donations to the building fund transferred to the PS&P account. Donations are still being accepted.

7. Fundraising: Soror M. Monroe

The following report was submitted by Soror Monroe and read by the Asst. Recording Secretary

Save the Date Flyer was done by Soror Tracey Howard-Glover

1. Committee is making changes/and or will do the flyer for approval
2. Committee discussed mailings to include all chapter members financial and non-financial
3. Mailing to various businesses and organizations
4. The tickets will be available after Christmas
5. Ticket distribution will be in various locations
 - a. C Washington
 - b. Greek Shop
 - c. Willie Bradley's website with a surcharge to the customer
 - d. Chef Judy
 - e. Phat Daddy's
 - f. Speedi Print
 - g. Pat Capel (will contact)
 - h. Artistry Hair Salon

i. Cali's Hair Salon
Theme-- Premier Crimson and Cream Affair
Time: 8:00 P.M. – 1:00 A.M.
Guest Artist—Mr. Willie Bradley and the Soul Decree Band
Tickets-\$65.00 includes a plated dinner and dance
Venue—Baymont Inn (The old Bordeaux Convention Center)

8. Historian: Soror Graham

No Update

9. Hospitality: Soror Nubin

Soror Nubin made a presentation to Soror Myra Holloway on her retirement.

10. Internal Audit: Soror Frank

The Internal Audit findings were read for information only. A hard copy of the report is attached to the filed hard copy of the chapter meeting minutes.

11. Membership: Soror Robinson-Ellis

The following information was given

- The deadline for paying for the Chapter Christmas dinner is this chapter meeting.
- The dinner is set for December 15, 2016, at Chris's Steakhouse on Raeford Rd.
- A joint Founders Day Celebration will be held on January 7, 2017 with Fort Bragg Area Alumnae, Fayetteville chapter of Zeta Phi Beta and the Fayetteville Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha. It will be held at Beans Gone Wild Coffee Shop in Raeford, North Carolina. The event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 P.M.
- FAC Founders day dinner will be January 12, 2017 at Logan's Steakhouse. This is a Chapter only celebration.

12. Pan Hellenic Council: Soror McPherson

The December meeting of the council was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2017.

13. Policies and Procedures: Soror Felder-Johnson

Soror Felder-Johnson thanked the chapter for the opportunity to serve and recognized the committee members. She stated that the chapter is in compliance with the 2013-3014 P&P manual and the committee is completing the manual for the 2017-2018 sorority year. The committee distributed copies of the draft of the new manual. Sorors were asked to please read the document thoroughly and make recommendations to the committee. A form to submit those recommendations was also distributed. Recommendations should be submitted by January 15, 2017. It is the desire of the committee that the new manual will be ready for a chapter discussion and vote at the February chapter meeting.

Soror Felder-Johnson asked the following Sorors to serve on a sub-committee for editing the manual: Rene Corders, Franzetta Grandison, Evelyn Shaw and Pat Heath. All of the Sorors agreed to serve.

14. Protocol: Soror Miller-Bernard

In the interest of time, Soror Miller- Bernard deferred her presentation.

15. Scholarship: Soror Willis

No Update

I. Unfinished Business: Soror McPherson

There was no unfinished business

J. New Business: Madam President

The chapter needs to decide where we will worship during Founders Day weekend. After discussion, two churches were chosen. It was decided that the chapter would worship at College Heights Presbyterian Church for Founders Day on January 15, 2017. We will worship for Sisterhood Month at John Wesley United Methodist Church on March 19, 2017.

K. Announcements: Soror Amanda Williams

- The bus for Founders Day to Goldsboro, NC will begin boarding in the parking lot of E.E. Smith High School at 6:30 A.M. The bus will depart at 7:00 A.M. We will return immediately following the program.
- Soror Delores Ingram thanked the chapter for the love shown during her recent car accident
- St. Joseph's Episcopal Church announces the performance of the Christmas cantata "Let There Be Christmas" on Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. in the church sanctuary. The 35 voice choir, representing 15 local church choirs, is directed by Soror Sharon Smith McNair.

- Soror Meta Coaxum alerted the chapter to be aware of the outgoing Governor's meeting on December 13, 2016. He is looking to add 2 more Republicans to the Supreme Court.
- December 19, 2016 is the meeting date for redistricting of congressional lines. Soror Coaxum encourages members to write/send emails to your representative to have them follow through on the redistricting of the lines.
- Fayetteville and Cumberland County representatives will be doing neighborhood canvassing during the week of December 11-17, 2016. The neighborhoods include: Haymount, B Street, Murchison Road, Shaw Heights, Cape Fear River, Deep Creek Road and Old Wilmington Road. Data taken will be used to develop a comprehensive plan for the community.
- Mayor Pro Tem Mitch Colvin and Councilmen Kirk DeViere and Chalmers McDougald will host a Real Solutions Community Meeting on December 13, 2016 at Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, 1217 Murchison Road, beginning at 6:30 P.M.
- Meetings inviting the public to comment on the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan of the Fayetteville Community Development Department begin December 15, 2016.
- Project 13 Partner: Sisters Network, Inc. meets at 5:00 P.M. at various locations. It is a support group primarily for African-American women with breast cancer. The contact number for information is 738-3175.
- The 24th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast is Monday, January 2, 2017 from 8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M. at the Crown Complex.
- Swan Davis, President of "Let's Make it Happen Together" announces a march with the theme: Moving Forward Together: Continuity to Strengthen Relationships Between Citizens and Law Enforcement. The march will be December 10, 2016, at Walmart on Skibo Road beginning at 2:00 P.M.
- The UMOJO Group will hold its annual KWANZAA celebration on Saturday, December 31, 2016, at Smith Recreation Center from 5:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

L. Adjournment

Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard moved that the meeting be adjourned. Soror Myra Holloway gave the second and the motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted
 Sharon Smith McNair
 Assistant Recording Secretary