



Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter
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Chapter Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 10, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Orange Street School
600 Orange Street

A. Call to Order

Prior to the official call to order, Sorors Willie Johnson, chair and Brittany Cooper, co-chair of the Jabberwock Committee gave introductions of 7 of the 9 Miss Jabberwock contestants and the 2 Miss Princess contestants. Each young lady introduced herself with information on school, grade, activities and future plans.

Madam President called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

B. Adoption of the Agenda:

Soror Miranda Monroe moved to accept the Agenda as printed. Soror Jonette Quenum gave the second. The motion was approved.

C. Adoption of Previous Chapter and E-Board Meeting Minutes:

Soror Katrina Carrasquillo moved to accept the previous Chapter and E-Board minutes to include minutes from the November and December Chapter and E-Board meetings as well. Soror Stephanie Sampson gave the second and the motion carried.

D. Financial Secretary's Report: Soror Judith Waddell

Soror Waddell gave the receipts for December 2017 and January 2018 for information only.

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

Hard copies of Capital and Wells Fargo bank transactions for December 2017 and January 2018 were distributed and discussed for information only.

A revised budget based on the new total of financial Sorors (204) was presented. A brief discussion on the use of the calling post and the funds allotted there was held. Also a clarification was made on the funds generated from the recent fund raiser. Funds raised

during the sorority year are for the next sorority year; therefore, they are not reflected in the present year. Soror Brenda Freeman moved to accept the new budget. Soror Clara Wilson gave the second and the motion carried.

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

Madam President recognized the new and visiting Sorors by having them stand and introduce themselves.

- Soror Andrea Taylor, initiated into Mu Omicron Chapter at NC State University
- Johnnie Harris, initiated into Theta Delta Chapter at Illinois State University
- Cheryl Grant, initiated into Kappa Omicron at UNC-Chapel Hill

Sorors with birthdays in the months of January and February were asked to stand and were serenaded with the birthday song.

G. Reflections: Soror Gwen Brown

Soror Brown read the inspirational poem "Mountain Moving." Author unknown.

H. Correspondence: Soror Amanda Williams

The following Thank You cards were received for kindness during bereavement:

- Soror Gail McDowell and the McDowell Family
- Soror Wendy McAdams-Flores and Family
- Soror Volnetta Jackson
- Sorors Grace G. Edward and Jonette W. Quenum

A Thank You card was received from Soror Sandy Monroe for kind thoughts during her illness.

The Greenville, NC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sent a Thank You card for the chapter's participation in the 2018 Founders Day event hosted by them. A letter of thanks was received from the Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation for the chapter's support of their Community Giving campaign.

A card of invitation to Woodlands Nursing and Rehabilitation Center announcing their open house on February 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The facility is located at 400 Pelt Drive.

A letter of invitation to attend the 9th annual Big Hat Brunch Scholarship Fundraiser hosted by the Fort Bragg Area Alumnae Chapter was received. The event will be held Saturday, March 24, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Iron Mike Conference Center, Fort Bragg, NC. Tickets are \$45.00. This year the theme is 'Big Hats, Brims and Bowties.

I. Committee Reports:

i. Five-Point Thrust

1. Economic Development:

a. Adopt-A-Family: Soror Doris Williams

NO UPDATE

b. Adopt-A-Site: Soror Nicole Spivey.

NO REPORT

Reminder: Next clean up date is February 17, 2018, at the Amtrak station at 7:45 a.m.

2. Educational Development: Soror Miranda Monroe

a. Arts & Letters Committee: Soror Janice Robinson

The following update was given by Paula Frank:

> Help is needed at Medical Arts Pharmacy to collect monies for movie tickets:

Monday - Friday, February 12 - 16, 2018, Times - 12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please text Soror Janice Robinson the time you are available.

> Donations of Door Prizes (in bag) needed. Bring to the theater on Sunday.

> Help needed Sunday, February 18 to pass out tickets.

A & L members should arrive at 2:50 p.m. to set up for ticket distribution.

b. Delta Academy: Soror Awilda Graham

NO UPDATE

c. EMBODI: Soror Toni Moore

NO REPORT

d. Jabberwock: Soror Willie Johnson

The location of the Jabberwock has been confirmed. The event will be held at E.E. Smith High School, Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Sorors are asked to please support at least one of the 9 Sweethearts with a \$100.00 donation. Sorors with businesses or if Sorors have business contacts, are asked for their support through the purchase of ads in the booklet. The Jabberwock Committee will meet on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at the Headquarters Library in the computer room.

e. 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 gave information on "5 Tips to Improve Your Sleep Habits"

- Stay on Schedule
- Relax
- Comfortable bed
- Stop napping
- Exercise more

(Tips will be placed in the next FACE newsletter)

a. Healthy Lifestyles: Soror Kay Harris

Soror Harris distributed brochures, pamphlets and booklets with tips on healthy eating.

A healthy lifestyle involves the mind (social interaction) body (exercise, get up and move) and spirit (meditate, take time to find joy).

The winners of the "Walk to Founders Day and Back" Challenge were recognized: Sorors Nadine Miller-Bernard, Willie Johnson, Kady-Ann Davy-Foster, Sylvia Moore and Deborah Figgins. Each Soror was presented a Delta Logo water bottle and socks.

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

Soror Coaxum reported the following items:

1. South Atlantic Region leadership is asking for each chapter to identify members that are in the legal profession as attorneys. All chapter members that are attorneys please contact her.
2. South Atlantic Region leadership is asking for each chapter to identify members that are elected officials. If any member is an elected official please contact her.
3. "Chosen" the Human Trafficking and Sexual Abuse film will continue to be presented at local recreational centers this year. Our chapter continues to be partnered with the Child Advocacy Agency. A total of 22 members of the chapter took the training in 2016. The Social Action Committee is asking now that these trainees step forward to help serve as facilitators for the film showings and discussions. The April dates will be announced soon and fall mostly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with each location running from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The committee will plan to show the film during a future chapter meeting.
4. The chapter is one of the cosponsors for the Community Conversations Coalition which holds "Pathways for Prosperity" presentations throughout the year. The next conversation will be on Thursday, February 15, 2018, in the Pate Room of the Cumberland County Headquarters Library. Mr. Kirk deViere will be the guest speaker.
5. The Committee will continue the "Civics 101" initiative. Soror Amanda Williams will head this effort to bring awareness and understanding of city government.

ii. Program Planning and Development: Soror Debra Figgins

NO REPORT

Project 13: Soror Queen Degraphenreid

NO REPORT

iii. Internal Committees

1. Delta Emergency Response Team: Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard

Soror Miller Bernard stated that because of technical difficulty, the committee would have to postpone the short film presentation on "Saving Your Life" until the next chapter meeting. The film was tied to February being AMERICAN HEART MONTH and would give information of helping yourself in a heart emergency. The committee distributed "red dress" lapel pins in honor of American Heart Month.

2. Finance: Soror Howard-Glover

NO REPORT

3. Fund Raising: Soror Miranda Monroe

Soror Monroe gave an accounting of the proceeds from the "Old School Dance" fundraiser: 185 tickets were sold. After expenses, \$3,860.00 was the amount raised.

Flyers for the upcoming "Crimson and Cream Affair" are forthcoming. Tickets for the event will be ready for pickup at the February Executive Board meeting. The cost per ticket is \$65.00. The committee hopes to exceed last year's successful ticket sales. If 100 Sorors sell 4 tickets, it would not only exceed last year's sales, but would be a great fundraising success as well.

4. Internal Audit: Soror Paula Frank

Soror Frank gave the committee findings for the period October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. Information was for information only. A copy of the report will be placed with the hard copy of the chapter meeting minutes.

5. Membership: Soror Melissa Robinson-Ellis

NO REPORT

6. Pan-Hellenic Council: Soror Debra Figgins

Soror Figgins gave the following report

- The meeting was held February 3, 2018
- The Pan-Hellenic Council wants to have a fundraiser for scholarships again. The date is to be determined
- The Council is considering raising the dues to \$150.00 per chapter. Currently dues are \$100.00 per chapter with the following expenses taken per chapter:
 - \$40.00 for the MLK parade
 - \$50.00 for the annual picnic

This leaves only \$10.00 left per chapter for operating expenses. National Pan-Hellenic dues are \$350.00 and \$400.00 is allocated for the Annual Breakfast.

For the last three years, the MLK committee has charged \$40.00 per organization walking with the Pan-Hellenic Council because of the size of the group. If dues are not raised, each organization will have to start paying the \$40.00 entry fee to march in the parade with the Pan-Hellenic Council.
- The proposed date for the annual picnic is June 2, 2018. The picnic site is confirmed to be at Smith Lake this year.
- The two major events planned for the Council this year are the Picnic and the Old School Dance Fundraiser.
- Flyers for Chapter and committee events should be submitted to Soror Figgins to be given to the Pan-Hellenic Council for placement on the Council calendar.

7. Policies and Procedures: Soror Andrea Felder-Johnson

The next committee meeting is planned for Friday, February 23, 2018. The meeting will be held at 842 Cartman Drive. Soror Felder-Johnson is seeking a Soror who is an attorney to please join the committee.

J. Unfinished Business: Soror McPherson

A letter was received from Mr. Alphonso Haigler, VIP, INC/Cross Country Coach. This is the company that was secured for transportation to Founders Day East in Greenville, NC in January 2018. Mr. Haigler apologized for his oversight in not providing the bus in a timely manner. He included a refund check as a **"token of good faith, and we would also like to offer you an additional \$100.00 credit toward your next trip booked with us."**

Madam President informed Sorors who attended the event, paid for travel on the bus, but took alternate travel, should contact the finance committee to receive the \$18.00 refund.

K. New Business: Madam President

The following items were presented for Chapter vote:

- Request for an ad in the annual Mardi Gras booklet hosted by the Beta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The ball will be Saturday, March 10, 2018. During the brief discussion, Soror Rene Corders suggested that we, as a chapter, should look at recurring/annual events we hold and ask groups to reciprocate purchasing ads. Soror Brenda Freeman moved that we purchase a full page ad for the \$100.00 asking price. Soror Sherron Evans gave the second. The motion carried.
- The Fayetteville Branch of NAACP has requested the chapter purchase an ad for the 77th Annual Founders Day Freedom Gala program booklet. Treasurer Tracey Howard-Glover stated that NAACP is a line item and no vote is necessary.
- UNCF of Durham is also a line item and does not need a vote to fund the request.

- St. Jude is requesting a donation of any amount. Soror Andrea Felder-Johnson moved that we donate \$100.00. Soror Stephanie Sampson gave the second. The motion carried. It was noted that St. Jude is on the list of Project 13 organizations. The line item for Project 13 in the budget is for the committee's programs.
- The American Red Cross has requested a donation. After a brief discussion, Soror Andrea Felder-Johnson moved that we do NOT offer a donation. Soror Paula Frank gave the second and the motion FAILED. After additional discussion, Soror Brenda Minor moved that we donate \$100.00 to the American Red Cross. The second was made by Soror Stephanie Sampson. The motion carried.
- A request from the Arts Council for support of their programs and services was received. After a brief discussion, Soror Andrea Felder-Johnson moved that we donate \$50.00 offering to make up the deficiency in the contingency fund. Soror Wendy McAdams-Flores gave the second and the motion carried.
- The Charlotte Alumnae Chapter is offering chapters an opportunity to purchase Chapter Banners for the upcoming Reginal Conference. This is a fundraising effort in support of them hosting the Regional Conference. After discussion that we already have a chapter banner, Soror Jackie Sherrod moved that we DO NOT purchase a banner. Soror Andrea Felder-Johnson gave the second and the motion carried.
- The South Atlantic Regional Conference, hosted by the Charlotte Alumnae Chapter has given a chapter challenge. The challenge is for each Chapter to donate an amount set by the Conference Committee. The funds would help pay for the Regional Conference estimated to cost \$80,000.00. The amount of the donation is based on chapter size. Fayetteville Alumnae falls in the 201-501, which sets our donation amount at \$2,500.00. Several ideas were presented as to how we could meet the challenge.
 - Divide the total by the number of members (would be \$12.25 per Soror)
 - Ask Sorors to give and make up the difference from the reserve account
 - Take the full amount from the reserve account. (there are so many activities and events already planned that will cause Sorors to give)

After discussion, Soror Jackie Sherrod moved that we take the entire \$2,500.00 from the reserve account to give to the challenge. Soror Paula Frank gave the second. With the oral vote too close to determine, President McPherson called for the voting cards and a physical count of the votes by the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. The motion carried with the votes **65 FOR** and **17 OPPOSED**.

Other items:

- A letter and receipt was received from the American Cancer Society for our \$200.00 donation in November, 2017.
- South Atlantic First Annual Prayer Breakfast will be held in Raleigh, NC February 24, 2018. Registration is still open and Madam President noted that those desiring to attend can go on line to pay and register.

L. Announcements: Soror Amanda Williams

The following announcements were made:

- “Who will Judge?” The “Red Army” is asked to be aware and vigilant in the Republican Legislators’ desire to pass laws that would change voting districts and phase out judicial elections. The changing of districts would cause African American Judges to run against one another and would let legislators appoint friends as judges.
- Soror Wendy Flores is putting together inspirational bags for the homeless on Valentine’s Day. She is starting out with 25 bags. If any Sorors would like to donate items for the bag or would like to help distribute the bags, please see Soror Wendy at

the conclusion of the meeting. She is collecting items such as Hershey Kisses, bread, turkey lunch meat, mayo/mustard packets, napkins, peanut butter, jelly and bottled water. Red construction paper is also needed to print inspirational words.

- FACE-2-FACE Regional Women's Conference, sponsored by Covenant Love Church, will be held March 16 & 17, 2018. Guest speaker is Mercy Lokulutu. The church is located at 420 Dunn Road, Fayetteville, NC.
- The Cinderella's Closet Committee is seeking donations for the closet. Gently worn, clean and ready to wear formal attire or prom dresses are needed. Full-figured sizes are especially needed. Please contact Soror Jerial Bogan for information.
- Male and Female Initiative-Bridge Builders' Program for the Fayetteville State University Student Affairs is sponsoring "So It's For the Culture," a Social Entrepreneurship Mini-Conference Saturday, February 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the RJSC. Presenters are Dr. Fashola Mitchell and Dr. Sarah Chung. Guest Speaker is Trudy Baidoo of 4 C Hair Chick.
- Pathways for Prosperity will hold workgroup meetings throughout the month of February. Areas of focus are K-12 education, Work Force, Pre-K education, Life Skills and Mentorship, and Affordable Housing. See the website for details. The workshops are held at the Transit Center in downtown Fayetteville, 502 Franklin Street. Soror Vivian Tookes is the POC for information.
- National Organization for Women will hold the Susan B. Anthony Birthday Celebration February 22, 2018, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The event will be held at VFW Post 6018, located at 116 Chance Street, Fayetteville, NC. The group will be recognizing "Champions for Women's Issues." Tickets are \$30.00 per person and \$15.00 for students. Sponsor levels are \$100.00 (2 tickets and recognition) and \$250.00 (4 tickets and recognition).
- Fayetteville Area Section, NCNW announces the Annual Rainbow Tea, Saturday, April 21, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Iron Mike Conference Center, 2658 Reilly Road, Fort Bragg, NC. The Keynote Speaker will be Chief Gina L. Hawkins. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. Attire will be elegant Sunday rainbow colors (Hats are encouraged).
- Community Conversations, Thursday, February 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the Pate room of the Cumberland County Headquarters Library, 300 Maiden Lane. Kirk deViere is the guest speaker. Topic is on initiatives to increase economic mobility and decrease poverty in Cumberland County.
- HBCU College Fair: March 3, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Smith Recreation Center, 1520 Slater Avenue, Fayetteville, NC. The event is sponsored by John Wesley United Methodist Men in partnership with the Fayetteville Cumberland Parks and Recreation Department.
- The Fayetteville Senior Federation Club: Annual Women of Distinction Luncheon, Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 12:30 P.M. The event will be held at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 118 Johnson Street, Fayetteville, NC. Donation \$15.00. RSVP by April 3, 2018.
- The sister-in-law of Dr. M. L. King, Jr. will be the featured speaker at Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Sunday, February 11, 2018. She will be speaking at the 8:00 and 11:00 services as part of the celebration of Black History Month.
- Sunday, February 11, 2018, is FSU Day at John Wesley United Methodist Church.
- The chapter picture will be taken following today's meeting.

L. Adjournment

Soror Jeanette Jordan-Huffam moved to adjourn the meeting. Soror Pat Heath gave the second and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Soror Sharon Smith McNair
Recording Secretary