



Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter
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Chapter Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 11, 2017
10:00 A.M.

A. Call to Order

The Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. met Saturday, March 11, 2017 in the C.R.E.S.T. building. Following the Ritualist opening, Madam President called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

B. Adoption of the Agenda:

Soror Brenda Freeman moved to adopt the minutes. Soror Paula Frank gave the second and the motion carried

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

A call for the adoption of the previous Chapter and Executive Board Meeting minutes was given. It was determined that the minutes were not posted to the web page in time for Sorors to have adequate opportunity to read them. After discussion it was agreed that the minutes from both meetings would be read aloud to the members present. (Note: hard copy Sorors DID receive the copy of the minutes.) Soror Sharon McNair, Assistant Recording Secretary read the minutes from both meetings to the members present.

Following the reading of the minutes, opportunity was given for Sorors to make additions and corrections to the minutes. The following corrections were made.

To: Chapter Minutes

- (Introduction of New and Visiting Sorors) Soror Torrey's service to Delta Sigma Theta is 72 years not 75 years
- (Fund Raising) The Entertainment for the "Crimson and Cream Affair" **reduced** his cost **by** \$700.00 rather than lowered his cost **to** \$700.00: Add the first initial "L." to Soror Washington to differentiate between Lila and Christina Washington

To: Executive Board Minutes

- For clarification on the raising of dues by \$65.00: that is an initiative being considered by Grand Chapter **not** FAC
- 65 Sorors **not** 66 have donated to the donation tree.
- The site for the proposed 'Divine Nine and Dine' event sponsored by the Healthy Lifestyles Committee will be held at the Clean Eats Restaurant.

Soror Miranda Monroe moved to accept the minutes as read with the stated corrections and additions. Soror Paula Frank gave the second and the minutes were approved.

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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

Soror Waddell gave the following report:

- Deposits for the Month of February to the Wells Fargo and Capital Bank accounts
- Deadline for dues is today, March 11, 2017, for the 2017-18 sorority year. Soror Robinson-Ellis questioned why the chapter deadline is different from the deadline date from Grand Chapter. Soror Waddell stated that this was HER deadline because she needed 10 days for checks to clear before sending report to Grand Chapter in time for it to arrive before THEIR deadline. Sorors still have until March 31 to pay dues before the late fees will be attached beginning April 1, 2017. She also reminded Sorors that we are not financial until cleared by Grand Chapter and the new sorority year begins July 1, 2017 which means sorors are not financial until then.

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

Soror Robinson –Ellis asked for visiting Sorors to stand. Soror Deandre Newsome, immediate past Regional Representative was recognized. She was asked if she wanted to say anything. She made mention of Honorary Member Daphne Maxwell-Reid being the guest speaker at FSU, March 30th

Sorors with March birthdays were asked to stand and the chapter serenaded them with the birthday song.

The following presentations were made to:

- Soror Rosa Torrey, a framed certificate for her 72 years of service to Delta Sigma Theta
- Sorors Debra McNeil-Teasley and Salena Staton for outstanding service as chapter photographers

G. Reflections: Soror Gwen Brown

No reflections made in Soror Brown's absence

H. Correspondence: Soror Amanda Williams

Soror Sharon McNair, in the absence of Soror Amanda Williams, read the following correspondence:

Thank-You cards received

- Sorors Debra Figgins, Ernestine Wall and Wendy McAdams-Flores for cards, gifts and visits during bereavement, health trials, and surgery.
- Soror Rosa Torrey for the gift in celebration of her 72 years of service to Delta
- Christina Washington for gift to her store as she is still recovering from the flood disaster
- Shaw University for our donation to their EPIC vision campaign

I. Committee Reports:

i. Five-Point Thrust

1. Economic Development:

a. Adopt-A-Family: Soror Shermaine Peeples

NO UPDATE.

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

NO UPDATE

2. Educational Development: Soror Miranda Monroe

NO UPDATE

a. Arts & Letters Committee: Soror Janice Robinson

Soror Robinson thanked the chapter for their support during the following events:

- Fayetteville Symphony “Wild Wild West” concert
- The movie “I Am Not Your Negro”
- The Youth Explosion
- The Play “Intimate Apparel” which was sold out

Soror Robinson also recognized Sorors Brenda Freeman, Tamara Holmes and Rene Corders as the speaker series coordinators. The final speaker in the series will be Dr. Linda Kerr Norflett, who will speak on Sunday March 12, 2017 at Cape Fear Regional Theater following the matinee performance of “Intimate Apparel.” The discussion will be on Women in the Arts.

The next book club discussion will be the book *Underground Railroad*. Soror Corders will lead the discussion.

Information for the play “Carolina, or Change,” coming in May, will be forth coming.

b. Cinderella’s Closet: Soror Jerial Bogan

NO UPDATE

c. Delta Academy: Soror Awilda Graham

NO UPDATE

d. Delta GEMS: Soror Bogan

NO UPDATE

e. EMBODI: Soror LaTasha Crutcher Murphy

NO UPDATE

f. Princess Committee: Soror Yvette Bullard

NO UPDATE

3. International Awareness and Involvement: Soror Queen Degraphenreid

NO UPDATE

4. Physical and Mental Health: Soror Sharon McNair

Healthy Lifestyles

The committee will sponsor “Divine Nine and Dine” to focus on healthy eating.

The event will be April 22, 2017 at the Clean Eats Restaurant from 10-3.

Additional details are forthcoming.

Tip for the month was on the value of Nuts for a healthy heart.

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

NO UPDATE

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. Coordinating Council: Soror McPherson

NO UPDATE

3. Finance: Sorors Willie Johnson and Tracey Glover

- Voucher form has been updated to eliminate some confusion
- The 'Pay To' and 'Requester CAN be the same person
- 66 Sorors are now on the Donor's Tree
- A form is now available to committee chairs that will allow them to keep up with the running balance of their budget
- If a committee decides to go over their allotted budget, the committee must incur the overage

4. Fundraising: Soror M. Monroe

Details for the Crimson and Cream Affair fund raiser were updated:

- Gala date is still May 20, 2017
- 3 full tables are committed so far. We need to continue to sell tickets, necessary for the fund raiser
- Entertainment cost was negotiated to reduce the price by \$700.00
- Photography will be an outside (sorority) company
- The sponsor levels and names will be printed in the program. Names of the levels , amounts and rewards will be updated by the committee
- The menu will include a choice of Chicken or Vegetarian
- Sorors will have the opportunity to select their table on a first (sold) basis
- Deadline for all checks will be May 5, 2017. After the deadline, certified check or money order please

5. Historian: Soror Graham

NO UPDATE

6. Hospitality: Soror Nubin

Prayers are asked for the following

- Soror Gwen Henderson was admitted to the hospital with chest pains and is undergoing tests
- Soror Linette Rouse had surgery for a pace maker implant at Duke Hospital. She has contracted pneumonia and will remain until it is cleared. She will go to a rehab center once released
- Soror Katrina Carasquillo is ill and is recuperating at home

7. Internal Audit: Soror Frank

The Internal Audit findings were read for information only, for the period of October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. A hard copy of the report is attached to be filed with the hard copy of the chapter meeting minutes.

8. Membership: Soror Robinson-Ellis

Soror Robinson-Ellis called for a discussion of where to hold our retreat on June 10, 2017. After a brief discussion it was decided that it would be held at the C.R.E.S.T. Building.

A separate Delta Dear luncheon is canceled this year. Delta Dears will be recognized in a special way during the retreat in June. This will help hold down costs.

Soror Ellis requested that \$1,800.00 be transferred to the Membership budget from the reserve account to help cover costs for the retreat. After discussion, Soror Sherron Evans moved to have the funds of \$1,800.000 added to the Membership Committee's budget for the purpose of funding the retreat. Soror Sylvia Parsons gave the second and the motion carried.

Soror Ellis stated that she has started to look into group rate flights to Las Vegas for the National Convention. She gave some initial quotes and dates of travel, but said she would continue to look for better prices and will give an update later.

9. Nominating: Soror Brenda Freeman

Soror Freeman gave a call for nominations for chapter officers. Some positions are still without a candidate. Deadline is March 31, 2017. Committee members to contact are Sorors Antoinette Howard, Toni Moore, and Vivian Tookes, After March 31, the Nominating Committee will transition to the Elections Committee.

10. Pan Hellenic Council: Soror Debra Figgins

NO UPDATE

11. Policies and Procedures: Soror Felder-Johnson

The vote to approve the new Policy and Procedures document could not be held due to the lack of a quorum. The finance committee did give some updates and corrections to the Finance Section of the document. Since a vote could not be held, these updates will be added to the recommendation packet and posted on the FAC website for Sorors to view. A vote on the document will be held at the April meeting. Soror Meta Coaxum suggested that we move the vote up on the agenda to assure a quorum is present. We must get the document in to the Regional Director soon to be in compliance.

12. Protocol: Soror Miller-Bernard

NO UPDATE

13. Scholarship: Soror Effie Willis

NO UPDATE

I. Unfinished Business: Soror McPherson

NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. **New Business:** Madam President

Plaques were presented to Sorors Janice Robinson and Franzetta Grandison for 50 years of service to Delta Sigma Theta.

J. **Announcements:** Soror Amanda Williams

The following announcements were made:

- Madam President announced that an invitation was received from Rocky Mount Alumnae Chapter to attend their 70th Anniversary Celebration. They also were soliciting the purchase of a chapter 'digital' ad at a cost of \$25.00. A vote could not be taken due to the lack of a quorum.
- Soror Pat Moore announced the 'one performance only' of the production "DAR HE The Story of Emmett Till" at the Sampson County Exposition Center, Friday, March 31, 2017. The production is being presented by the Sampson Arts Council, Inc. and Clinton Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta. For more information you can visit www.sampsoncenterstge.com
- Soror Meta Coaxum announced the Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Community Engagement meeting on April 11, 2017. A private meeting will be held from 2-4 P.M. with a public meeting from 6:30-8:00 P.M. Recovery efforts and plans will be discussed. This is your opportunity to be heard on how you feel funds for this community should be used in our county for recovery efforts from Hurricane Matthew. Soror Toni Moore will be presenting on behalf of the NC Department of Commerce and the \$198 million dollars allocated to the four (4) hardest hit counties in North Carolina.

L. Adjournment

Soror Clara Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Soror Sherron Evans gave the second and the motion carried

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon Smith McNair
Assistant Recording Secretary