



Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter
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Chapter Meeting Minutes Saturday, October 1, 2016 3:00 pm

Call to Order

The Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. met at C.R.E.S.T. Building on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Following the ritualistic opening, President Sylvia C. McPherson called the meeting to order at 3:28 p.m.

Prayer was given by Soror Barbara Nubin.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Madam President called for the adoption of the minutes. Soror Miranda Monroe moved to accept the agenda with a second by Soror Stephanie Sampson. During the discussion, Soror Meta Coaxum noted that a candidate for City Council, Mr. Paul Taylor, would like to speak to the Chapter at the end of the meeting. Soror Monroe amended the motion to include the speaker. Soror Sampson gave the second and the motion was carried.

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:

The motion was made by Soror Jackie Sherrod to adopt the previous chapter and E- Board Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Soror Brenda Freeman. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Soror Tracey Glover stated that since the Chapter meeting had to be moved up to the first Saturday, that the bank statements have not been received. A full report will be given at the next meeting.

Introduction of New & Visiting Sorors

With no visiting or new Sorors in attendance, Soror Melissa Robinson recognized the October birthday Sorors and the ladies were serenaded with Happy Birthday by the chapter members.

Reflections:

Soror Gwen Brown brought great reflections and an inspirational message on "Sincere Love" and "Let My Light Shine."

Correspondence:

Soror Amanda Williams reported no correspondences have been received.

MIT Video and Vote:

The chapter viewed the video from National President Paulette Walker, on what to consider when voting to hold membership intake for your chapter. Following the video, Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard moved that Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter NOT proceed with the MIT process this year. The second was given by Soror Paula Frank. After a brief discussion, Soror Awilda Graham spoke in favor of having the intake, as we need new members. Soror Andrea Felder-Johnson pointed out that we must be sure there are enough Sorors willing to take on the time consuming process and Sorors Paula Frank and Myra Holloway spoke on concentrating on reclamation. The chapter voted 61 for and 10 against the stated motion to NOT hold MIT this year. There will be NO MIT this year.

Committee Reports:

FIVE-POINT THRUST COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development: No Update

Adopt-A-Family: Soror Shermaine Peeples

No Update

Adopt-A-Site: Soror Nicole Spivey

No Update

Educational Development

Thrust Chair Soror M. Monroe thanked the chapter for their support of the Youth Services Kick Off and Orientation at Fayetteville State University's School of Business and Economics. It was held at 10:00 am this morning. She said it was a great success.

Arts & Letters Committee: Soror Robinson:

Soror Robinson reminded the chapter that the next Red Carpet event will be the movie *Birth of a Nation*. It will be held at the Cameo Theater in downtown Fayetteville on Sunday, October 9, 2016. The cost will be \$8.64 and Sorors are asked to purchase tickets from the theater prior to the viewing date. This will be open seating to the public so pre purchase is strongly encouraged.

She also reminded everyone of the Red Velvet Book Club's selected reading, *I Almost Forgot About You* by Terry McMillan as its first book discussion meeting. The meeting will be October 20, 2016, at Scrub Oaks, 5780 Ramsey Street, Suite #108, Fayetteville, at 6:00 pm. The discussion will be led by Soror N. Rene Corders.

Cinderella's Closet: Soror Bogan

No Update

Delta Academy: Soror Graham

No Update

Delta GEMS: Soror Bogan

No update.

EMBODI: Soror Crutcher-Murphy
No Update

Jabberwock:

Princess Committee: Soror Bullard
No update.

International Awareness and Involvement: Soror Degraphenreid
No Update

Physical and Mental Health: Soror McNair

Soror McNair recognized the committee members and gave special recognition to Soror Kay Harris for the “Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away” tips and treats for this meeting. She invited Sorors to give reasons the apple is beneficial to our health. The Committee will be presenting tips and/or treats at each Sorority meeting and on our social media outlets.

She reminded the chapter of the upcoming “Run for the Pink” for breast cancer awareness on October 15, 2016, and encouraged members to participate. She stated that Soror Melissa Robinson –Ellis has volunteered to be the contact person for information and participation on the 5K run/walk.

Political Awareness and Development/Social Action Committee: Soror Coaxum

Soror Coaxum made the chapter aware that the following materials and information are available for pick up on the committee’s table: absentee balloting, posters of candidates, one stop voting sites, newspaper article on polling sites, poster from the Immediate Past Regional Representative, Deandrea Newsome, on the 6 African American candidates for state offices. She will pass the volunteer sign-up sheet sent by Soror Newsome who is asking for volunteers from our chapter to assist in her office on Hay Street.

She stressed the need for all Sorors to get a sample ballot. Your ballot is specific to your voting district.

Early voting begins on October 20, 2016.

Program Planning and Development: Soror Figgins
No Update

Project 13: Soror Degraphenreid

Soror Degraphenreid reminded Sorors that the link to donate to the St. Jude initiative was sent via FAC DST. The link to the St. Jude Team Page for Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter (FAC) of Delta Sigma Theta is: http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?company_id=2055&pg=national_company

A goal was set at \$1,000.00 under FAC DST. The St. Jude team is set using facwebupdates@gmail.com as the user name with the password of 9PearlsDST.

Internal Committees

Collegiate: Soror White
No Update.

Communications/Public Relations: Soror Larkin
No Update.

Coordinating Council: Soror McPherson
No Update

Delta-Lites: Soror McNair
No Update

Finance: Soror Howard-Glover
The finance committee will be distributing a letter to the Sorors who have contributed to the “building fund” with options as to how they would like their donation distributed.
Soror Howard-Glover said the finance report will now be presented in the format suggested by the sorority. The report will reflect “Actual” and “Projected” income and balances.

Fundraising: Soror M. Monroe
Soror Monroe announced that the date for the Gala has been moved to May 20, 2016. Our previous date was found to conflict with another major community event already on the calendar.

Historian: Soror Awilda Graham
No update.

Hospitality: Soror Nubin
Soror Nubin reported the following events:

- The passing of Soror Shawnta’ Cummings’s father
- The birth of girls to Sorors Kim Rouse Hall and Tramaine Orellana and a boy to Soror Kendra Brown Tucker
- Congratulations to the following Grandmothers: Sorors Gwen Brown and Sylvia McPherson, and Great Grandmothers: Sorors Isabella Hicks and Clara Wilson
- Congratulations to Soror Myra Holloway on her upcoming retirement October 31, 2016
- Congratulations to Soror Bianco Holmon on being named Loyal Lady of the year for

Internal Audit: Soror Paula Frank
Soror Toni Moore reported. The report is for information only. The report is for the time period July 1, 2015- June 2016. The overall rating is a B. All supporting material and recommendations have been forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Membership: Soror Robinson-Ellis
Soror Robinson-Ellis reported that the committee will be focusing on reclaiming Sorors. She asked the membership to provide the committee with names and contact information of Sorors they know who may not be financial or perhaps financial but not active. She read the letter that will be sent to the Sorors. Soror Felder –Johnson asked if the letter could have a follow up phone call. The answer was yes. That was the intention of the committee and perhaps a “Delta Round-up” event. Soror Myra Holloway stated that a more in-depth plan needs to be in place for reclamation to include goals. Soror Holloway agreed to chair a reclamation committee after being asked by Madam President. The committee would work with the Membership Committee. Soror Robinson-Ellis encouraged all members to be involved in the reclaiming of our Sorors.
She gave the web site ACTIVE.COM for Sorors to register for the Run for the Pink 5K or to contact her for assistance in signing up. The run/walk is October 15, 2016.

Pan Hellenic Council: Soror Figgins

No Update

Policies and Procedures: Soror Andrea Felder-Johnson

No Update

Protocol: Soror Miller-Bernard

No Update

Scholarship: Soror Willis

No Update

Unfinished Business: Madam President

Madam President asked Soror Judith Waddell to make her comments on the process of being a financial Soror

- Pay Local and national dues to financial secretary
- Financial secretary has 30 days to submit to National. Secretary must be sure checks have cleared before sending information forward
- National receives the information. It is recorded and posted. There is no set time limit for this to happen
- UNTIL National has posted the name, a Soror is NOT considered financial
- Said Soror may, however, attend meetings as a visiting Soror, may attend events, but may NOT vote, chair, or be a member of a committee

Soror Waddell said she is available for any questions anyone may have.

Madam President reminded Sorors that Founders Day East will be January 14, 2017 in Goldsboro, NC hosted by the Goldsboro Alumnae Chapter. Cost to attend the event is \$65.00. Checks must be made out to Fayetteville Alumnae and must be paid to Soror Waddell by November 9, 2016. Soror Waddell said that this is NOT a postmark date. Any payments mailed must be IN the P.O Box by November 9, 2016. You do not have to be financial to attend, so you may invite other Sorors you know to attend the event.

Soror Gwen Henderson stated that we need to really move forward on our P&P because so many decisions are based on that document. Soror Felder-Johnson, chair of the committee, assured her that the committee is working hard to scrub and align the document.

New Business:

No New Business

Announcements:

- St. Luke AME church Women's Day October 9, 2016 @ 2:30
- The NC Dental Society, The CARE clinic, Better Health and Operation Inasmuch are seeking dental and non-dental volunteers for the free Adult Dental Clinic scheduled for Oct. 28-29 at the Crown Arena. (set up will be Oct. 27th) For more information, visit: ncdental.org and look for the NCMOM tab.

- Michelle Obama will campaign for Hillary Clinton in North Carolina on Tuesday, October 4 at public events in Raleigh and Charlotte. Public Raleigh RSVP and Public Charlotte RSVP can be used for information.
- 8th Annual Cancer Benefit Concert October 15, 2016, will be held at 1420 Hoke Loop Road, Fayetteville, NC doors open at 3:30 with concert starting at 5 pm. Tickets are \$15.00.
- One-Stop Voting begins October 20 and runs through November 5, 2016. A card with the site locations is available at the Social Action table along with “Hot Tips for Voting.”
- Soror Pat Moore announced that she has current year stickers for pick up.
- FSU will hold *Cotton Club II* to benefit the College of Performing and Fine Arts. The theme for the event is Harlem Renaissance. Attire from that period is encouraged. It will be held at the Rudolph Jones Student Center on Saturday, November 5th at 7pm. Cost is \$75.00 per person. Tables of 8 may be purchased together. Soror McPherson is encouraging Sorors who attend to turn in the payment to the Financial Secretary and that we purchase a table(s) as a group.
- Soror Christina Washington’s Pharmacy business sustained heavy damage and loss during the recent flooding in Fayetteville. Prayers are asked for her and her business. Please contact her, if you would like to help.

Soror Melissa Robinson-Ellis mentioned a family in Hope Mills who was completely devastated by loss during the flood. She will get more information on how we could help them and bring the information back to the next chapter meeting. Soror Drema Larkin suggested that we could make them our Adopt-a-Family for this year. It was agreed to look into that possibility.

Soror Patty Jordan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Soror Myra Holloway gave the second and the motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted
 Sharon McNair
 Assistant Recording Secretary