



**Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter**  
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Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, December 14, 2019  
321 Bradford Avenue  
10:00 a.m.

**I. Call to Order**

After the Ritualistic Opening, Madam President called the meeting to order at 10:14 am.

**II. Announcement of Quorum**

Madam President asked if a quorum was present. Soror Jackie Sherrod, Sergeant-at-Arms replied that a quorum was present

**III. Adoption of the Agenda:**

Soror Sylvia McPherson moved to adopt with a second by Soror Paula Frank. The motion carried.

**IV. Adoption of Previous Chapter and Executive Board Meeting Minutes:**

Soror Gwen Henderson moved to adopt with a second by Soror Brenda Freeman. During the discussion, Soror Meta Coaxum had a correction to the Executive Board minutes: page 10, item #1: for clarity the statement should say that the Executive Committee should review any items requiring a vote prior to the next chapter meeting to decide if the item should be brought forward for a chapter vote. The motion carried with the correction

**V. Financial Secretary's Report: Soror Toni Moore**

As a matter of information, Soror Moore reported receipts for the month of November for both the Wells Fargo and First Horizon banks (formerly First Tennessee Bank).

**VI. Treasurer's Report: Soror Jerial Bogan**

Soror Myra Holloway, Assistant Treasurer, reported the receipts and disbursements for the period November 1, 2019 - November 30, 2019 for both the Well Fargo and First Horizon banks.

## **VII. Introduction of New & Visiting Sorors: Soror Awilda Graham**

Soror Graham asked if there were any new or visiting Sorors and to please stand. Sorors Chanika Crowder and Natasha Thompson introduced themselves and were welcomed with applause. December and January birthday Sorors were asked to stand and were serenaded with the Birthday song.

## **VIII. Reflections: Soror Gwen Brown**

Soror Brown gave reflections on 'Santa or Jesus'. She also read the poem 'The Greatest Gift of All'

Soror Brown reported the information on securing a bus for the statewide Founders Day in January. The company is Cross Country Coach, Mr. Al Hagler, owner. The bus will arrive at E.E. Smith in the parking lot on the Albany side of the school at 7:00 am with a departure at 7:30 am. After discussion it was decided that an email will be sent to see how many Sorors are interested in riding the bus. Madam President stated that she would personally call all hard copy Sorors. An exact count will be needed by December 20, 2019 in order to secure the bus.

## **IX. Pearls of Protocol**

Soror Mindy Howard stated that we recite the Delta Oath at every chapter meeting. "I will strive to reach the highest educational, **moral** and spiritual efficiency which I can possibly attain." She asked that we take the time to read the Delta Oath and reflect on what it means to you.

Soror Howard read the statement that was submitted to the Newsletter: *While social morals have changed drastically in the 21st century and the standard for acceptable business attire has been noticeably relaxed in the workplace and many other professional settings, business attire as defined by our Sorority remains unchanged. Just as it does at state, regional and national meetings, protocol dictates the manner in which Sorors must dress when attending local chapter meetings. Traditional business attire is not suggested; it is required.*

## **X. Correspondence: Soror Sheree Davis**

Soror McNair read the following correspondences:

- Christmas cards and Season Greetings from:
  - Dr. Paulette Dillard, President, Shaw University
  - The Organizing Against Racism board
  - St. Jude Research Hospital
  - Soror Kady-Ann, husband Scott and baby Zoey Foster
- The winter edition of 'The Mission', a newsletter from Operation INASMUCH was received.

## **XI. Committee Reports**

### **i. Five-Point Programmatic Thrust**

**1. Economic Development-Soror Malone- NO REPORT**

**a. Adopt-a-Site-Soror McLaurin- NO REPORT**

**2. Educational Development Soror Miranda Monroe NO REPORT**

**a. Arts and Letters- Soror Janice Robinson:** Soror Monroe read the report from the committee. She reminded Sorors to refer to the bookmark distributed by the committee early this year. Key events:

- ‘It’s a Wonderful Life’, Gilbert Theater, December 13, 2019
- ‘Sing Joy’ Christmas Cantata, Directed by Soror Sharon McNair December 21, 2019 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and December 22, 2019 at St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church. Both presentations are at 4:00 pm
- The Red Velvet Book Club, January 16, 2020 “In West Mills”

Volunteers are needed to assist Soror Nicole Young at Fayetteville State University in cataloging a special library collection on January 9-10, 2020 from 2:00-6:00 pm

**b. Delta Academy- Soror Awilda Graham-**

Soror Graham thanked several Sorors for their assistance in making the Food Drive a success. Five Hundred and one (501) pounds of food items were collected. That would be an approximate cost of \$811.52. This will serve approximately 410 people.

**3. Physical and Mental Health – Soror Sharon McNair**

Soror McNair shared information from the Delta Sigma Theta National Sub-Committee of Physical and Mental Health Webinar. The focus is on the Delta Care Initiative 2020. Highlights included

- The Red S.H.O.E (self-care, Healthy Options, Exercise) Challenge
- Health Related Partners
  - American Cancer Society
  - American Diabetes Association
  - American Heart Association
  - March of Dimes
  - St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
  - Sisters Network

It was emphasized the chapters are NOT expected to do programming in ALL of the areas. Rather, ask yourselves what do you want to take on and then do it WELL.

A NICU Drive was also discussed with additional information forthcoming. Chapters are expected to work directly with the March of Dimes in the area before undertaking this effort.

Soror McNair concluded her report with a stress release exercise to use during the holidays and beyond.

**4. Political Awareness and Development- Soror Meta Coaxum NO UPDATE**

## ii. Program Planning and Development- Soror Miranda Monroe-NO REPORT

## iii. Internal Committees

1. Collegiate- Soror Miller-Bernard NO REPORT
2. Communications/Public Relations- Soror McLaurin- NO REPORT
3. Delta Emergency Response Team- Soror Myra Holloway  
Soror Myra Holloway reported for the committee. She brought attention to the emergency exits in the new venue for this year. All Sorors should be aware of them. After a brief discussion it was agreed that should an emergency arise, following the exit, ALL Sorors will gather in the back of the parking lot, the furthest point away from the building. ALL Sorors should gather there, do not leave the area once you have exited because everyone will need to be accounted for.  
Soror Holloway discussed the 'Red Envelop' that is suggested by National when attending local, regional and national events. The form should be completed, placed in the red envelop and kept in your bag. It is a safety precaution in the event you should become ill. She suggested that all information be written in ink EXCEPT the Sister on Site line (SOS) which she suggests should be printed in pencil because the person may change from event to event
4. Finance- Soror Bogan  
Soror Myra Holloway distributed copies of 'Helpful Hints for payment of Dues and Fees'. Dues for FY20-21 are payable from January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020. The deadline for paying dues **through the chapter is March 25, 2020**. This will insure that payment is mailed to and received by National by the March 31, 2020 deadline. The handout also included forms to use, when paying your dues. \*\*\*This packet and additional information or questions can be retrieved from the Financial Secretary, Toni Moore or the Assistant Financial Secretary, Pat Moore.
5. Hospitality- Soror Wendy Flores
  - a. A contract has been secured with K&W Cafeteria for use by the committee
  - b. Services for the father of Soror Connie Pratt are Monday, December 16, 2019  
Viewing-9:30 am with funeral service to follow at 10:30 am at College Heights Presbyterian, 1801 Seabrook Road.
  - c. Soror Pratt's husband had a surgical procedure earlier this week and is resting at home
  - d. Soror Flores will start a monthly community prayer line via conference call beginning in January. Any Soror interested in being a part of the prayer call should send your email address and phone number to:  
[wflores0529@gmail.com](mailto:wflores0529@gmail.com).
6. Heritage and Archives- Soror Graham- NO REPORT
7. Internal Audit- Soror Freeman  
Soror Freeman gave the finding of the Audit Committee for the period July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019, Q1. The report was for information only and a copy of the report will be attached to the official minutes

**8. Membership-Soror Graham**

Soror Graham thanked all who made the reclamation event a success. She noted that we are approaching 107 years of Delta. A local Founders Day Celebration is planned for January 13, 2020 at Kick Back Jacks at 6:00 pm. After discussion it was decided that our annual worship together for Founders Day will be at St. Jude Missionary Baptist Church, home church of Soror Barbara Nubin. Service is at 11:00 am. Additional information is forthcoming.

**9. Pan Hellenic Council- Soror Sylvia McPherson**

Soror McPherson gave the following report:

- The Fayetteville Chapter of the NPHC met December 7, 2019, at the Twisted Grape, Cameron, NC, from 0930-1130 am.
- During the meeting, a scholarship was awarded to a Methodist University student.
- Officers were identified and voted upon for the next term, as follows:

President - Reginald Harvey, Iota Phi Theta  
Vice President - LaKisha Paramore AKA  
Recording Secretary - Cardell Hunt  
Financial Secretary - Samuel Jones  
Treasurer - Maria Pierce-Ford

\*\*\*The positions of President and Vice President must be held by the Fraternity /Sorority mandated on a rotations order by the National Council. All other positions may be held by any Fraternity/ Sorority as elected by the local body.

- Outgoing officers were presented with a token of the Council's appreciation for their service. A special presentation was made to the widow of the late Melvin Nelson (Iota Phi Theta).
- Donations were collected from members for the Cumberland County Baby Store. This is an initiative spearheaded by Zeta Phi Beta through Cumberland County, which the Council has agreed to support.
- Dues were remitted for our chapter in the amount of \$125.00, an increase of \$25.00 from previous years and voted upon by the Council this past year.
- Any updates to the NPHC calendar need to be submitted to the Council via email.

**10. Scholarship- Soror Willis- NO REPORT**

\*\*\* Soror Jackie Sherrod, Sargent at Arms, alerted Madam President that the time was 11:30 and would she like to call for an extension of the meeting beyond the noon closing. Madam President called for a motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Soror Myra Holloway made the motion. Soror Sylvia McPherson gave the second and the motion carried.

**XII. Unfinished Business**

- Statewide Founders Day, Raleigh, January 11, 2019 will NOT have a Rededication ceremony. The host chapter is NOT requiring a particular color but asks that attendees wear Red, Black or White. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Fayetteville Alumnae will wear Black, however, pants ARE allowed.
- Soror Patti Jordan gave requested additional information on the group 'Sharpe Make Mentoring Foundation' which is seeking financial support. The group services at risk males and has serviced the Greensboro, NC area as well. They are seeking sponsors for an event on February 1, 2020. (Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door) Soror Myra Holloway moved to NOT sponsor the event. The second was given by Soror Clara Wilson. After discussion, the motion failed. A new motion was given by Soror Teresa Wright to support the group with a \$200.00 donation. Soror Toni Moore gave the second. After a brief discussion the motion carried
- Soror La'Tiki Gray gave an updated report on involvement with Habitat for Humanity. She stated that the date selected for the chapter to help with the organization is May 16, 2020. After it was noted that the May chapter meeting was moved to that date, Soror Gray stated that she would return to the organization to reschedule the date for the chapter to volunteer.
- The MLK prayer breakfast will be January 20, 2020 at 8:00 am. The chapter has eight (8) tickets available for Sorors to purchase. The tickets are \$37.50 and must be paid for today. ( All tickets were claimed as Madam President spoke.)

### **XIII. New Business**

The 60<sup>th</sup> South Atlantic Region Anniversary Celebration will be a luncheon held on March 14, 2020. This is a conflict with our regular monthly chapter meeting. Since there are NO other Saturdays available at our regular meeting time and location during the month of March, a new location and date will need to be arranged. After discussion it was agreed that Madam President will check with the owners to see if another day of the week is available. If not, the CREST building (our former location) is available. Date, Day, Time and Location will be at the President's discretion and will be announced

### **XIV. Announcements**

- Kwanza Celebration: Sunday, December 29, 2019, Seabrook Park Smith Center, 3:00-6:00 pm
- 'It's a Wonderful Life' Friday, December 20, 2019 -9:00 pm – Gilbert Theater 116 Green Street -\$10.00
- Community Conversations, Thursday, January 16, 2020- Pate Room, Main Library 300 Maiden Lane 6:00-7:30 pm Panel Discussion: Connecting 1619, the year the first enslaved Negroes began the evolution of slavery, with racial inequities of today in education, health, criminal justice and employment. A call to Action
- The 'Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children' training will be January 6, 2020 from 10:00 am -1:00 pm. The **tentative** location is the West End Library, near Stony Point, Gillis Hill Road
- Soror Wendy Flores will start a monthly Prayer Line via conference call starting in January. All those who are interested should send your email address and phone number to [wflores0529@gmail.com](mailto:wflores0529@gmail.com)
- The 27<sup>th</sup> annual MLK Prayer Breakfast will be held Monday, January 20, 2019 at the Crown Coliseum. 1960 Coliseum Drive from 8:00- 10:00 a.m. Individual tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. The Keynote Speaker is Bishop Kenneth Monroe, Eastern North Carolina District A.M.E.Zion Church

- The Jabberwock Committee is asking Sorors to sponsor one of the 10 young ladies participating in the pageant. The \$100.00 suggested donation will be due in early March.
- The deadline for submissions and corrections to the chapter's Policy and Procedure document is January 31, 2020

**XV. Adjournment**

Soror Sylvia McPherson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Soror Brenda Freeman gave the second and the motion passed.

**XVI. Ritualistic Closing**

Respectfully Submitted  
Sharon Smith McNair  
Recording Secretary