

**Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, May 15, 2021**

**10:00 am-via ZOOM**

1. The **Call to Order** was made by the President, Soror Debra Figgins, at 10:00 am
2. The **Ritualistic Opening** followed the Call to Order.
3. Madam President called for the announcement of a **Quorum**. Soror Jackie Sherrod, Sergeant-at-Arms, responded that there was a Quorum present.
4. Prior to the call for the **Adoption of the Agenda**, Madam President made a correction to item P: Transition of Officers. It should read Installation of Officers. Soror Judy Waddell requested that the Fund Raising Committee report be moved to a position prior to the Election Committee. After a brief discussion it was decided that the Fund Raising Committee report would be placed just before the Five Point Programmatic Thrust committee reports. Soror Jackie Sherrod moved to accept the Agenda with the stated correction and adjustments. Soror Virginia Ware gave the second. There were no NAY votes and the motion carried.
5. Soror Miranda Monroe moved to accept the **Previous Chapter/Executive Board Meeting minutes.** Soror Myra Holloway gave the second. There were no NAY votes and the motion carried.
6. **Financial Secretary’s Report**: Soror Toni Moore, financial secretary, gave the report for the period of April 1-30, 2021. The report was from the First Horizon Bank. The report was for information only. Soror Moore gave the following reminders:
* The committee is still collecting dues for the 2021-2022 sorority year. Payments may be sent to P.O. Box 403, Fayetteville 28302. The form is located on the chapter’s web page.
* Grand Chapter has waived the reinstatement and late fees. However, Sorors who have paid these fees prior to the waiver will NOT receive a refund. Regular membership is $345.00 and for Soros who have lifetime memberships $155.00.
* Sorors are asked to please update personal information in their profile. This is how contact information is verified and information is retrieved to send receipts and other information from the committee.
1. **Treasurer’s Report** was given by Soror Jerial Bogan for information only. The report covered the period of April 1-30, 2021 from First Horizon Bank.
2. Soror Gwen Brown gave the **Reflections**: God has given us many things; everything has its purpose.
3. **Pearls of Protocol**: Soror Effie Willis gave definition and reflection on the Jewel-Purity.
4. **Correspondences:** Soror Sherree Davis, corresponding secretary, read the following:
* Thank-you notes and cards from: Sorors Yvette Bullard, Gale McDowell, Aisha Wilson and Melissa Lomas,
* Thank you letters from: Cape Fear Regional Theater, Care Fear Center Violence Program

**Fund Raising Report**: Soror Judith Waddell gave the Donation Tree presentation as an introduction to and information of the fund-raiser to new Sorors. The power point presentation noted that the donations are for $100.00 and may be given either as the full amount or in installments and the deadline for final payment is (postmark) June 15, 2021. As of today the total is $9,468.30.

1. **Committee Reports**

**FIVE POINT PROGRAMMATIC THRUST**

1. **Economic Development: Soror Keshia Allen:** The S.I.P. (Success in a Purse) initiative collects a purse filled with personal items for women to assist them in presenting themselves in a way that does not reflect her circumstances. The twenty-two (22) completely filled purses were presented by the committee to the Crisis Center Domestic Violence division of The Department of Social Services. Since the presentation, Soror Allen has received eight (8) additional purses and Soror Kim Lewis, Co-Chair, has received 10 additional purses. The committee will still collect completely filled purses. For questions and the list of items please contact the committee at: facdstedc2@gmail.com. The committee used $198.42 of its $200.00 budget to supplement some of the items in the purses. Madam President read the thank you email from Soror Brenda Reid Jackson, director of the Cumberland County Department of Social Services. Soror Jackson was grateful to the different committees that have made donations to various sections of the Social Services Department to include the Economic Development and Foster Care Committees.

**Foster Care:** Soror Patti Jordan gave the update: One of the recipients in the program sent a thank-you note expressing how much she appreciated the package and notes. She loved all the items. Soror Jordan gave special thanks to Sorors Jenny Jones and Victoria Rush for their help.

1. **Educational Development:** Soror Miranda Monroe had no updates. She invited the newly initiated Sorors to consider serving on one of the Educational Committees.

**Arts and Letters**: Soror Renee Corders read the following report for the committee:

Arts and Letters Committee replaced its April monthly meeting with the Red Velvet Book Club Discussion.  The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2021.

April 15, 2021 the book SILVER SPARROW was the topic of discussion

at the last Red Velvet Book Club of this sorority year. The Zoom event was
attended by 29 Sorors and community guests with a spirited discussion of a book
which had some historical references of events that we experienced during
1970's and 1980's. This session ended with fantastic door prizes that
related to happenings in the book and were given out during a COVID safe drive thru.

A list of recommended readings for the summer will be distributed in May.  The

October Red Velvet Book Club selection for discussion is CAUL BABY by Morgan Jerkins.
The committee will make a donation to Cape Fear Regional Theater to sponsor four African American youths to participate in its Summer Camp.

Cape Fear Regional Theater will sponsor the play, MURDER FOR TWO from

May 20 - June 5 as an open air experience at 5419 Raeford Road.  Call the box office for further details.

A & L remain committed to promoting the arts with the chapter and the community.

**Delta Academy**: Soror Awilda Graham NO UP DATE

**Delta GEMS**: Soror Patti Jordan stated that the next meeting will be Thursday May 27, 2021. The speaker will be Soror Shermaine Peeples. Soror Peeples will speak on Mental Health.

**Princess**: Soror Yvette Bullard stated that the committee is still working on the planning of an end of year cooking event for the young ladies.

1. **International Awareness & Involvement:** Soror Virginia Ware NO UPDATE
2. **Physical & Mental Health:** Soror Sharon McNair: Soror McNair had no report but reminded the chapter that May is Mental Health Month. She encouraged Soros to revisit the DELTA CARE initiative and to check on their care partner and other Sorors that they have not seen in a while.

**Healthy Lifestyles:** Soror Jeanette Jordan-Huffam: Soror Jordan-Huffam stated that she has checked with Cross Creek Mall and they are now opening the mall at 9:00 am. She will check again to see if we will be able to resume our monthly walks and at what time.

1. **Political Awareness & Involvement:**

**Social Action:** Soror Meta Coaxum- Soror Coaxum reminded the chapter of the next COVID town hall: COVID-19: Equity and Disparities Town Hall: The Power of Rethinking Social Justice and Mental Health. Soror Sophia Moore is leading this effort and the event will be May 22, 2021 at 4:00 pm via Zoom. The flyer with the ZOOM link will be sent to chapter members.

Soror Coaxum attended the Delta Days at the Nation’s Capital. She gave some of the highlights of the workshops:

The virtual 32nd Annual Delta Days in the Nation’s Capital (DDNC) was held April 23-25, 2021.

It is at this annual event that we are equipped with the tools necessary to implement the Sorority’s social action agenda for the communities in which

we live, work, and serve. This conference promotes leadership, advocacy

and empowerment among our members to bring effective solutions to

social challenges. This year we convened under the theme ***Power of Our***

***Voice: Policy, Advocacy, and “Good Trouble”*** As in our custom, DDNC began with our Collegiate Forum using the theme ***‘Let’s Get in “G.O.O.D” Trouble’***. The acronym is for Galvanize Organize, Optimize, and Deliver.

Our six members of Congress, our newly appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 21st National President, the Honorable Marcia L. Fudge, various leaders of national civil rights organizations and members of our National Social Action Commission presented relevant issues such as Redistricting, Preparing for the upcoming mid-term elections, through the session called **The Ground Game: Strategies for Voter Education and Mobilization**.

Leaders of our newly formed D4 Women in Action organization presented an overview of our work to amplify our legislative presence and increase our civic engagement

Soror Coaxum stated that included in her email to the chapter will be Advocacy Tools and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Legislative Priorities. This is a list that is given to our state legislators during our scheduled meeting with them.

She noted that the North Carolina Coordinator could **not** get a scheduled meeting with our Senators Richard Burr or Thom Tillis. A complete copy of her report will be attached to the official minutes. Sorors are encouraged to read the full report.

**PROGRAM PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:** Soror Miranda Monroe: Soror Monroe

Stated that the chapter’s calendar for 2021-2022 is about one third (1/3) complete.

Committee chairs who have not submitted their calendar of activates are strongly encouraged

to please get the information in. She will submit the calendar to Madam President.

 **INTERNAL COMMITTEES**

 **Communications/IT**: Soror Erin White-NO UPDATE

**Delta Emergency Response:** Soror Teresa Wright- Soror Wright gave an overview of the purpose of the committee and invited the new initiated Sorors to consider joining the committee.

 **Finance:** Soror Jerial Bogan: Soror Bogan displayed the budget for 2021-2022. She

highlighted sections and items to familiarize newly initiated Sorors with how the budget is formatted and what items are included in the Operating Account and the Program/Project/Scholarship account. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve proposed budget for Sorority year 2021-2022.

**\*\*\*\* The report was paused at 11:00 to conduct the Election of Officers as stated in the Policies and Procedures. Soror Judith Waddell, Election Chair gave instructions for voting and noted that the ballot would be sent to the email on file for each Soror eligible to vote. Soror Willie Johnson explained the electronic process and how to handle the vote for a Soror that is on the ballot twice. Soror Teresa Wright stated that she in on the ballot for Assistant Recording Secretary and for Recording Secretary. She has chosen to run for Recording Secretary. Soror Rayshonia Manuel stated that she was on the ballot for Assistant Financial Secretary and Treasurer. She has chosen to run for Treasurer.**

**\*\*\*\* As Soror Johnson was completing sending the ballots by Email, Madam President continued with the reports.**

 **Habitat for Humanity:** Soror La’Tiki Gray: Now that restrictions have eased, Habitat

 for Humanity will begin to use volunteers to assist with building again. Soror Gray will

 begin to formulate a chapter volunteer list once she receives final notification.

 **Hospitality:** Soror Barbara Nubin- Soror Nubin gave the following updates

* Condolences to Soror Daphne Bunyan on the loss of her Uncle
* Congratulations to Soror Dr. Shawnta’ Cummings on the conferring of her doctoral degree during commencement exercises at Fayetteville State University

 **Internal Audit:** Soror Brenda Freeman: NO REPORT

**Membership:** Soror Awilda Graham: Soror Graham

* Welcomed the newly initiated Sorors and visiting Sorors.
* She gave congratulations to Sorors with May birthdays.
* A happy Mother’s Day greeting was given.
* She noted that the end of the year Delta Dear event is scheduled for June 26, 2021. It will be a drive through event.
* The annual Chapter Retreat is set for August, details will follow.
* Sorors who are Delta Dears (Age 62) are asked to please contact her if your name is not on the list on the chapter web site.

**Pan Hellenic Council:** Soror Sylvia McPherson: Soror McPherson gave the following report:

* For the next term for the Pan Hellenic Council, Fayetteville Alumnae will be responsible for the office of Vice President. The Fayetteville Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta will be responsible for the office of President
* The Fayetteville Alumni Chapter of Tuskegee University is asking for support of their Scholarship Raffle. Tickets are $100.00. First Prize is a Mercedes Benz automobile; Second Prize is $5,000.00; Third Prize is $2,500.00 and Forth prize is $1,000.00
* The Divine Nine Legislature Day was held May 12, 2021

**Policies & Procedures:** Soror Willie Johnson: NO REPORT

**\*\*\*\* Sergeant –at –Arms Soror Jackie Sherrod notified Madam President at 11:36 of the approaching time limit for the meeting. Soror Myra Holloway moved to extend the meeting to 12:30. Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard gave the second. There were no NAY votes and the motion to extend carried.**

**Scholarship:** Soror Effie Willis- Soror Willis gave the following report:

The Scholarship Committee communicated via email April 12, 2021. There were two inquiries concerning scholarships. One was from a former Jabberwock participant. She unsuccessfully tried to access the application and information on website but was not able to find the information. Unfortunately, deadline had passed when she reached out to me. The other was from a Soror who was inquiring for someone from the community. Therefore, no scholarships were awarded this year. Our goal is to make sure the scholarship information is posted to our website and is accessible to the public.

1. **Unfinished Business**: Madam President
* Project H.E.R.S. (collegiate) has been postponed
* The Call to Convention has not been sent from National yet
1. **New Business**: Madam President
2. Anyone who may be interested in Advisor Training or who may need recertification, the workshop will be held June 5, 2021 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The application deadline is May 31, 2021. An email was sent to the chapter with this information.
3. The National Headquarters Executive Director Soror Lois Elizabeth Bingham has resigned due to family obligations. Soror Dorcas Washington will serve as Acting Executive Director.
4. National web site is down from today through tomorrow Sunday, May 16, 2021
5. Condolences to Soror Honorable Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (Ohio), Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, on the passing of her husband Otto Beatty on May 14, 2021.
6. **Announcements**: Soror Sherree Davis:
* The River Jordan Council on African American Heritage is sponsoring the Freedman Bureau Transcription Project. It will be called the ***Transcribe-a-Thon***. The Cumberland County team has selected the following virtual dates: Saturday, June 16, 2021 and July 13, 2021. The time will be from 3:00-6:00 pm. June 14, 2021 is an alternate date.

 For additional information: library@cumberland.lib.nc.us

* The North Carolina Fayetteville Area of the National Council of Negro Women will launched their R.E.A.C.H project.(Restore, Empower, Advocate, Commit, Honor)

The date is July 31, 2021. For additional information please contact Soror Amanda Williams

1. **Election Results**: Soror Sylvia McPherson, presiding, gave the following report:



**\*\*\* The following announcements/reminders/completed actions were added:**

* Congratulations to Sorors Felicia Reaves, Debra Teasley and Myra Holloway on receiving their Twenty-Five years in Delta service plaque. Congratulation also to Sorors Barbara Jones, Gloria Brooks Reid and Sylvia Moore on receiving their Fifty years in Delta service plaque.
* Soror Jerial stated that her discussion of the budget was complete. Soror Willie Johnson moved to approve the budget. Soror Myra Holloway gave the second. Madam President instructed Soror Johnson to launch the poll for voting. The budget was approved at 100%
* Chapter members are asked to look for and complete the MIT survey sent from the Regional Director Soror Trish Johnson on behalf of Soror Hickman. Information collected will help in the reimaging/revamping of the Membership intake process.
* Soror Jerial Bogan reminded Sorors and Committee Chairs that ALL vouchers are due by June 15, 2021. This allows time for checks to be written, disbursed, signed and cleared through the bank by June 30, 2021. ANY vouchers received after the June 15, 2021 deadline will have the funds deducted from the committees’ 2021-2022 budgets
* Soror Gwen Henderson questioned the posting of Chapter and Executive Board Minutes. She is asking that there be notification when these documents are posted and available. Madame President stated that she will follow-up to be sure they are posted.
* Soror Keshia Allen invited members to join the Economic Development’s ‘Ask B.O.B. ‘series today at 12:45 pm. The guest speaker will be Soror D’Shawn Faison, CEO of Southern Elegance Candles. Meeting code is placed in the chat box
* Soror Barbara Nubin will be the Acting Chaplain through the end of the year. She may be contacted at 910-988-1459 or barbaranubin77@gmail.com

1. **Installation of Officers:** Soror Sylvia McPherson presided over the installation of the newly elected officers. The Installation of Chapter Officers Ceremony. The Official Ritual Ceromony was used.
2. **Motion to Adjourn:** Soror Sylvia McPherson moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 pm. Soror Sherron Evans gave the second. There were no NAY votes and Madam President adjourned the meeting.
3. **Ritualistic Closing:** The Ritualistic Closing followed immediately.