



Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter
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Chapter Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 14, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Orange Street School
600 Orange Street

A. Call to Order

The Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was called to order, following the Ritualistic opening, by Madam President at 10:49 a.m. The opening was preceded by a Social Action "Meet the Candidates" forum.

B. Adoption of the Agenda:

Due to the absence of a quorum, the vote to adopt the agenda could not be made. Madam President stated that we would move forward for information only until a quorum is reached.

C. Adoption of Previous Chapter and Executive Board Meeting Minutes:

Adoption of the previous chapter and Executive Board meeting minutes could not go to vote due to lack of a quorum.

D. Financial Secretary's Report: Soror Judith Waddell

Soror Waddell gave the March 2018 report of Receipts and Deposits for information only.

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

Soror Howard-Glover distributed hard copies and gave the following report:

- Deposits for the month of March to the Capital Bank and Wells Fargo accounts to include checks, payments, deposits, items cleared and items that have not cleared.

Soror Howard-Glover noted that the date on the copy is incorrect and the correct date will be reflected on the web site copy.

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

Madam President asked for new or visiting Sorors to stand. The following Sorors were welcomed: Kandyce Underwood and Mindy Howard

Sorors with April birthdays were asked to stand and they were serenaded with the Birthday song.

G. Reflections: Soror Gwen Brown

No reflections were given

H. Correspondence: Soror Amanda Williams

Soror Amanda Williams read the following correspondence:

- Thank you from Soror Leslie Council for support during the loss of her father.
- Thank you from Upsilon Kappa Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated for being a sponsor for their “Jazz on Top of the Town” fundraiser.
- Invitation to support the St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer on September 29, 2018
- Invitation to attend the Greenville (NC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Red Hat Gospel Brunch. The 5th annual event will be held Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Hilton Hotel at 10:00 a.m. Contact the chapter at 252-253-3870 or email president@greenvillencalumnae.com for more information.
- A candidate profile brochure from Schwanzetta Williams who is seeking the office of Member of the 2019 National Nominating Committee
- The Spring 2018 newsletter from Operation Inasmuch and a request for financial support of their mission
- A request from the drama department of Hillside High School, Durham, NC for support in sponsoring students to travel to perform at the University of California at Santa Cruz, April 5-12, 2018

I. Committee Reports:

i. Five-Point Thrust

1. Economic Development: Soror LaTanya Malone

No Update

2. Educational Development: Soror Miranda Monroe

NoUpdate

a. Arts & Letters Committee: Soror Janice Robinson

Soror Rene Corders gave the following report and updates:

- In an effort to streamline time reporting committee sponsored events, magnetized book marks will be distributed at chapter meetings with the month’s events listed. The committee hopes this will be helpful in keeping events handy.
- Delta night at the Cape Fear Regional Theater will be May 24, 2018 to view the stage production “Crowns”
- The book, *Crowns*, by Maya Angelou is a recommended read prior to attending. A copy is available to peruse. See Soror Corders.
- Planning is underway for a pre-show Tea on May 20, 2018 tentatively set for 5:00 p.m. at the theater. There is no cost, but attendance will be limited to 50 persons.

b. Delta Academy: Soror Awilda Graham

Soror Graham reported that the young ladies made crosses to give as door prizes while attending the Easter Brunch at Village Green nursing

home. The present community service project is the March of Dimes “March for Babies Baby Bottles” fund drive. The members will carry baby bottles to collect donations.

c. Jabberwock: Soror Willie Johnson

Soror Johnson reminded the chapter that the Jabberwock is set for June 16, 2018 at E.E. Smith High School. All Sorors must purchase a ticket (\$10.00) to enter the event. She encouraged members to be sure to help sponsor one of the contestants with a \$100.00 donation.

Corporate Sponsorship letters were distributed. Members are asked to send the letters to places of business they frequent or support.

The May chapter meeting is the deadline, if you want your name/sponsor to be included in the Ad section of the booklet.

The next committee meeting is Monday April 16, 2018 in the community room at the FAST Transit Center.

d. Princess Committee: Soror Yvette Bullard

No Update

3. International Awareness and Involvement: Soror Queen Degraphenreid

Soror Degraphereid stated that Human and Sexual Trafficking is no longer a local, state or national issue. It is a global concern. We must all be aware of the problem.

4. Physical and Mental Health: Soror Sharon McNair

No Report

Healthy Lifestyles: Soror Kay Harris

Soror Harris distributed a flyer on Colorectal Cancer Screening Facts and recommended that we take a close look at the information.

The monthly Walk and Talk will be held in conjunction with the Walk to fight Cancer at Festival Park. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. This will be the only location this month.

Healthy tip for the month: Stay hydrated as the warm weather approaches. Drink plenty of fluids, especially water, and eat fruits and vegetables high in water content.

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

Soror Coaxum thanked the membership for their attendance and attention during the pre-meeting municipal candidate’s forum. She noted that some candidates were attending the similar event sponsored by a senior group which was being held at the same time.

She made the membership aware that a third political party is emerging. It is called the Green Party. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Soror Coaxum wanted the membership, particularly those in senate district 21, to be aware that the hearing for Sen. Ben Clark is set for April 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cumberland County Board of Elections office on Fountain Lane. The hearing concerns the challenge of residency.

The committee distributed a flyer with the dates and locations for the presentation of the documentary *CHOSEN*. Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter is a partner, along with Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation and the Child Advocacy Center. Remaining dates and locations include:

- Myers Recreation Center April 17, 2018
- Stedman Recreation Center April 24, 2018
- Kiwanis Recreation Center April 26, 2018
 - The time at all locations is 6-8 p.m.

Soror Degraphenreid requested an addendum to the political information and suggested that the members Google the candidates running for elected positions to find out more about them. She also suggested viewing a sample ballot for your voting precinct and location. She gave out information strips on where to find the sample: <http://www.ncsbe.gov> and select: Polling Place Lookup and follow directions. 2018 Primary Elections are Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

ii. Program Planning and Development: Soror Debra Figgins

Soror Figgins stated that we would be working on the chapter calendar during the chapter retreat in June. All committees are requested to bring their tentative dates to the retreat on June 23, 2018.

Project 13: Soror Queen Degraphenreid

Soror Degraphenreid stated that we need to decide on a month for the NAACP membership drive.

Project 13 is in line to support St. Jude and the “March for Babies”

iii. Internal Committees

1. Communication: Soror Drema Larkin

No Update

2. Coordinating Council: Soror McPherson

No Update

3. DERT: Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard

The following reminders and concerns were reported by Soror Miller-Bernard

1. Reminder- Delta ERT-**Response Ticket**-Conference and Convention, you will receive the card in your registration credentials (S.O.S.-Soror On Site, be sure to indicate who she is). Make sure you keep your clear (FAC) envelope with info in your purse, bag, etc. at all times.
2. Evacuation procedures for the meeting location was reviewed (tables are an issue of evacuating safely). Note the location of the Exit signs and in the event of an emergency move quickly but orderly toward the exit.

3. Chapter President needs to communicate to members a meeting place/location if an emergency arises during conventions, conferences and meetings for accountability of members.
4. Always check for emergency exits when you are out and about.

4. Finance: Soror Howard-Glover

Soror Howard-Glover reminded committee chairs to submit your budget request to the committee as soon as possible.

5. Fundraising: Soror Miranda Monroe

Soror Betty Herron read the following committee report submitted by Soror Monroe:

See Soror Betty Herron for your “Gala” tickets. For this to be another successful event, all Sorors are asked to sell four to eight tickets. The sale of 400 tickets will again show profit for the chapter. There were 366 tickets sold for last year’s gala. Tickets are in groups of 2, 4 and 8. This is a “Sisterly and lovingly” reminder that funds will benefit our programs; therefore, we need **everyone** to sell tickets. Please continue to share the “Gala” flyer with your friends and neighbors again, so this will be a success.

This year, there will be no controlled seating, only reserved tables for those individuals selling 8 or more tickets to include corporate sponsors. Those names will appear on the tables.

To sell 400 or more tickets is the goal this year to make this event successful.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 23, 2018 at the North Regional Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Soror Herron added that tickets can be picked up at the end of the meeting.

6. Historian: Soror Awilda Graham

No Update

7. Hospitality: Soror Barbara Nubin

Soror Nubin stated that Soror Faye Fulton’s husband has been hospitalized. She said that she would reach out to Soror Miranda Monroe on just learning of the death of her nephew.

Soror Nubin asked that members keep in touch after illness or loss of self or family to let us know how you are doing.

8. Internal Audit: Soror Paula Frank

No Update

9. Membership: Soror Melissa Robinson-Ellis

No Update

10. Pan-Hellenic Council: Soror Debra Figgins

The meeting was held April 7, 2018. The following items were discussed:

- The Pan Hellenic Picnic will be held on June 9, 2018 at Smith Lake from 12:30-6:00 p.m. Chapter Presidents will do a one minute sound off/welcome at 12:35 p.m. The picnic is for graduate chapter members and family only. No undergrad chapter members are allowed.
- Old School Party: Date is October 12, 2018 from 8:00 p.m.- 11:59 p.m. at the Ambience building on Legion Road. Tickets are \$25.00. All proceeds will go to scholarships.
- The Council is looking into a Community Service Project. The top two being considered are 1. A Fan Collection Project and 2. The WTVD food drive. The Council will also participate in Fayetteville Beautiful on May 2, 2018. The start time is 8:30 a.m. and will gather at the Green Street Fountain.
- The Pan Hellenic dues will be going up. The exact amount has not been determined.

11. Protocol: Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard

Soror Rene Corders presented the following “refresher” on the gavel RAP order

- 1 rap – attention or be seated
- 2 raps – repeat the sacred vow/trust
- 3 raps – stand (after the 3rd rap)

Soror Miller-Bernard brought attention to the posters displayed on the window sills that show proper “business attire” which is required for all chapter and business meetings.

J. Unfinished Business: Soror Sylvia McPherson

Madam President stated that the previous meeting minutes and the agenda for this meeting will be unfinished business at the May chapter meeting because no quorum was met during this meeting.

She would like for members to remain after the meeting to take a picture outside in front of this historic building. It was not possible last meeting because of the weather. She would like to have the building as the back ground for one of our chapter pictures.

K. New Business: Madam President

Soror Dorothy Fielder is compiling a book to capture and preserve the likenesses and history of the people depicted on the community wall near Fayetteville State University. The area, including the wall, will be taken over by FSU soon and the paintings will be covered over. She is seeking assistance from chapter members to help with editing text as well as submitting histories of “Local Heroes.” Please contact her if you are willing to help.

L. Announcements: Soror Amanda Williams

The following announcements were read:

- Congratulations to Soror Jasmine Bogan who received the Young Alumni Fundraiser of the Year award on Saturday, March 3, 2018, during the CIAA Tournament. Jasmine has also been accepted to the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine for Fall 2018.
- The 2016 first runner –up for Miss Jabberwock, Alyse Turner, was initiated into our wonderful sisterhood on Sunday, April 8, 2018 through the Iota Rho Chapter at UNC Charlotte.

- The Arts Council's Donors outdoor "Beer and Barbecue" will be Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Arts Council, 301 Hay Street. RSVP by Thursday, April 19, 2018.
- Cape Fear Botanical Gardens: Princess Tea Party, Sunday, May 6, 2018 12 noon-5:00 p.m. Meet the Frog Princess, the Mermaid Princess and the Enchanted Princess.
- Child Advocacy Center's "Pinwheels for Prevention" will run in the month of April, Monday –Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 222 Rowan Street. You may purchase and pick up Pinwheel Gear from the center.
- Democracy NC will hold a Poll Monitoring training April 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Light House, 1580 Yadkin Road. The training is to train poll monitors to assist in voter protection.
- Community Conversations April 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Headquarters Library Pate Room. Topic: The World Café. FAC is a co-sponsor of the event
- Pathways for Prosperity: Affordable Housing April 17, 2018 and K-12 Education April 26, 2108. Both informative discussions will be held at the Transit Center, 502 Franklin Street from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Child Advocacy Center will have a booth at the Kids Fest, Saturday, May 5, 2018 10:00-2:00 p.m. at Festival Park. A free, family, fun event. FAC will help. CAC is celebrating 25 years of caring for children in our community
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Greenville (NC) Alumnae Chapter presents the Red Hat Gospel Brunch scholarship Fundraiser Saturday, June 16, 2018 \$45.00.(flyer available for additional information)

M. Adjournment

Soror Isabella Hicks moved that the meeting be adjourned. Soror Brenda Freeman gave the second and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon Smith McNair
Recording Secretary