



Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter
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Executive Board Meeting
February 22, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Via virtual platform ZOOM

- A. **Call to Order:** President Figgins called the meeting to order.
- B. **Prayer: Soror Barbara Nubin**
- C. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard; Second by Soror Judith Waddell. There were no corrections.
- Sorors were asked to vote “Nay” if there were objections to adopt the agenda with above listed corrections. Hearing none, the agenda was adopted.
- D. **Correspondence: Soror Sheree Davis.** Thank You cards were received from the family of Ward B. Walls Sr. and the family of Soror Mildred Frazier Bonner
- E. **Financial Secretary’s Report: Soror Toni Moore** read the Financial Secretary’s Reports for February 2022. The report was for information only.
- F. **Treasurer’s Report: Soror Rayshonia Manuel** provided the Treasurer’s Reports for February. This report was for information only.
- G. **Committee reports:**
- **Five Point Programmatic Thrust**
 - **Economic Development: Soror Keshia Allen** reported the committee met on 2/21/2022 to discuss the end of year project with projected date of 5/6/2022 no time set yet (5:30-8:30 possible time frame) award ceremony with guests requiring insurance with Mexican food and desserts (27.00 cost for meal/sorors) with treasurer setting PayPal payments will hold 250 people—116 Person street (location)—3/21/2022 next meeting to discuss and finalize logistics for end of year project on 5/6/2022—purse with added features of purse providing certificate for those that participated

- **Adopt-a-Site: Soror Daphney Bunyam reported** the Adopt-a-Site Committee met for the first clean-up of 2022 on **February 19 at 8:00 am**. The request has been submitted to NC Department of Transportation (DOT), POC David Plummer, to extend the cleanup area past the Freedom Trail bridge to Bragg Blvd, to include both sidewalks and the grassy area between the two walkways. There will be 6 cleanups, annually, per Parks and Recreations, Adopt-a-Site guidelines, as well as any policies and procedures dictated by DOT once received. The following cleanup dates have been added to the Events Calendar on the FAC website.
 - Cleanups will take place on the 3rd Saturday of each even month:
 1. April 16
 2. June 18
 3. August 20
 4. October 15
 5. December 17
 - As a reminder, site is the Freedom Trail located on Bragg Blvd. Park in the parking lot on the corner of Hay St. and Bragg Blvd. Attire is comfortable Delta paraphernalia. Sanitizer, masks and clean up equipment will still be provided. We will continue to follow CDC, state, and Delta contact guidance in response to COVID-19 and the variants.
 - Emails and announcements will be sent.
 - **Foster Care Initiative: Soror Patti Jordan** reported that contact was lost with the initial point of contact regarding the foster care initiative program. Currently, Soror Jordan is waiting to hear from Soror Vivian Tookes in order to move forward with planning and implementation assisting with this initiative.

- **Educational Development: Soror Miranda Monroe.**

- **Art and Letters: Soror Janice Robinson reported.** The Youth Explosion in partnership with Fayetteville Jack and Jill, Inc. was scheduled to be held on February 26, 2022, but will be rescheduled for a new date to allow more time for the taped performances to be compiled together. A new date will be announced. Cape Fear Regional Theater invitation to FAC to attend the Launch Party on February 20, 2022 to view the renovation of the theatre was accepted by six sorors. The Red-Carpet Delta Night at CFRT partnering with Fort Bragg Area Alumnae

Chapter for the play, The Color Purple is Thursday, May 12, 2022. The tickets are \$25.68.

More information forthcoming.

- **Delta Academy: Soror Awilda Graham reported.** The Delta Academy Share the Warmth Blanket Drive was held in January. Madame President joined the committee when making the presentation to the Fayetteville Urban Ministry. The Delta Academy is celebrating Black History Month and Women's History Month by participating in a nightly Trivia Contest. The Delta Academy will sponsor a Children's Book Drive in March. The date to be announced after a donation drive thru drop-off location and time have been secured. Please go ahead and start getting your books together.

- **Delta GEMS: Soror Patti Jordan reported.** The Gems met on February 15, 2022, they participated in a physical fitness activity facilitated by Sorors Bonnie McMillian and Nadine Miller-Bernard. Soror Melanie Cooper then led them in a mindfulness exercise. The Gems were particularly impressed with the information given on tips for relaxation and daily affirmations to feel good about oneself and taking care of oneself. The Gems are continuing their motivational challenge for February and will have a flyer forthcoming about their community service project for March. Next meeting will be March 15, 2022, at 6:30pm.

- **EMBODI: Soror Salena Staton reported.**
 - EMBODI's program titled "College and Career Readiness" was held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, from 6-7:30pm. There were 8 young men and 5 committee members in attendance. Our Mentors were Gary Womble and Bobby Gay. Members gave excellent advice, and a Black History video was viewed. Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard and each of the 12 committee members sponsored an EMBODI polo shirt for the 13 EMBODI youth members. Preparation is being made for distribution of the shirts, packets and gifts to trivia members.
 - The end of the year virtual celebration will be held May 21, 2022. Preparation is being made for guest speakers. All mentors will be present, and the chapter is welcome to join.

- **Jabberwock: Soror Lynette McMillan No report.**

- **Princesses: Soror Miranda Monroe reported for Soror Yvette Bullard.** The GEMS made vision boards on Vision Boards in which they expressed their visions for careers, vocations, and vacations. The Princesses engaged in a discussion of Black History in which they watched videos about children that participated in sit ins at lunch counters in Oklahoma, inventions by African Americans and Ruby Bridges and the changes that were made within the school system. The GEMS discussed the book, Inspirational STEM Careers which is a coloring and activity book for African American Girls allowing them to think about jobs in the field of STEM.
- **International Awareness & Involvement: Soror Virginia Ware reported.** The National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day webinar event was held on February 7, 2022. The second part will be held on March 10, 2022 for the National Women and Girls HIV and AIDS Awareness Day from 5:30-7pm. This will be held virtually. The committee will partner with the Cumberland County Health Department. Soror Christina Washington served as moderator for this event. Ms. Tamara Morris with Cumberland County Public Health requested Soror Patti Jordan, chairperson of the Delta GEMS committee to speak about activities and events being offered for the participants in the Delta GEMS program on March 9, 2022. This event will be included in the FAC announcements. International Women's Day which is March 8, 2022, with this year's theme **#BreakTheBias**. The committee will take a picture together striking the pose with arms crossed to show solidarity. Sorors are asked to cross their arms in solidarity and take a picture and send to Soror Ware's text to post on social media.
- **Physical & Mental Health: Soror Renee Ellis. No report.**
- **Healthy Lifestyles: Soror Darnette Hall reported** the Healthy Lifestyles committee met Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:30pm and discussed the \$75 fee for the chef to provide the cooking class on February 19, 2022. The committee agreed to proceed with the activity. Also agreed to provide a \$25 gift card to winner of the 28-day Fitness challenge. 21 Sorors are currently participating in the challenge either in the group me and/or completing the daily activity sheet. The winner will be announced at the March Chapter meeting. Upcoming events include the Sisterhood Walk, Saturday, March 19 at Cape Fear River Trail, 8:00 am
- **Political Awareness & Involvement/Social Action: Soror Meta Coaxum reported.** Soror Bernetta McGhee White, the last living charter member of the Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter, now resides in Durham, NC. Requested members of the chapter to

- watch the Black History Month series sponsored by the International African American Museum (IAAM) located in Charleston, SC.
- The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), led by Dr. Thelma Thomas Daley, together with several NCNW Affiliates, support the ongoing U.S. Department of Justice investigation into bomb threats aimed at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The petition will be included in the FAC announcements.
 - On February 16, 2022, participants of the “Vote No to the Vote Yes Fayetteville” initiative were invited to preview the video. Participants include Soror Queen Degraphenreid, private citizen; Manuel M. Diaz, Democracy NC-nonprofit/nonpartisan organization; James E. Buxton, President Fayetteville Branch NAACP; Devon Newton, private citizen; Valencia “Val” Applewhite, past Fayetteville City Councilwoman; Karla Alston, private citizen from the Hispanic community; Mario Bervante, past member of the Millennial Advisory Commission; and Gerald Falls, private citizen. The video has a disclaimer that it cannot be used for any political benefits. The video has been approved by DST’s Nation Social Action Commission, a new process that all Social Action committees must submit activities for approval.
 - Social Action chair and co-chairs-Sorors Amanda Williams and Toni Morris attended the virtual NC Social Action statewide meeting 2/15/2022. This meeting will be held monthly, every second Monday.
 - The committee continues to finalize plans with the Millennials from FSU, Methodist University and Hope Mills Mayor’s Youth Council.
 - The NC General Assembly passed on the redrawn redistricting maps (congressional and legislative maps) 2/18/2022 and sent them to the NC Supreme court for review. Candidates filing resumes 8am on Thursday, February 24, 2022 to 12pm pm Friday March 4, 2022. Primary is scheduled for May 17, 2022. Offices open for filing include the 4th US Congressional District, NC General Assembly, Cumberland County Board of Commissioners (At-Large and District 1), sheriff, Clerk of Court, District Attorney, District Court Judge, City of Fayetteville Mayor and City Council.
- **Program Planning & Development/Internal Committees: Soror Sharon McNair. No report-will contact committee chairs for March meeting.**
 - **Armed Forces: Soror La’Tiki Gray reported** the AFC held its first cemetery cleanup of the Gilmont Cemetery on the February 19, 2022. The committee picked up all debris like trash, pulling small weeds and sweeping off approximately 100 veterans head stones. The Adopt a Site committee collaborated with this effort. The month of March, the committee will be participating in the festivities planned for the FAC Sisterhood month. In April, the AFC will be making 120 toiletry bags for the local VA Nursing Home located on Ramsey Street. There are 120 residence members with a total 17 women and 103 men. The VA Nursing

home will accept all items. Items that are in need the most are Velcro shoes from Walmart. (Sizes for men 7-12 and Women 7-10). Soror Dr. Annette Skinner-Coleman students at Poole Elementary will handwrite letters to each Veteran. Soror Dr. Annette Skinner-Coleman will teach each student the meaning of being a Veteran. Our next meeting is scheduled to take place on March 1, 2022.

- **Communications/IT: Report submitted by Soror Erin White.** The CPRT committee facilitated the Digital Citizenship Workshop, on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at 10:00am. This workshop was for FAC members only - with special attention given to the Delta DEARS. 37 participants registered and 28 participated.
- **Delta Emergency Response: Soror Melissa Lomas for Soror Teresa Wright reported.** February 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2022 the committee hosted N95 mask giveaways at the Order of the Tent parking lot from 4-5pm. February 10th, one hundred (100) masks were donated to the Economic Development committee for their community service project, SIP: Success in a Purse. Dr. Sheila Cannon was presented with eighty (80) masks to be distributed to 32 pre-nursing students at Fayetteville State University. Thursday, February 24th two hundred masks will be donated to the Care Clinic on Robeson Street for the underserved seeking health care services. On Sunday, March 27, the committee members are invited to attend church services at the Mt Zion, AME Zion Church in Eastover where masks will be distributed to church and community members afterward. A date for distribution is to be determined for Church of Refuge near Cedar Creek Rd. The Delta Emergency Response Team will complete part two of its **Fire Safety Response** with a 2-minute video of how to correctly use a fire extinguisher at the March Chapter meeting.
- **Delta Lites: No report.**
- **Finance: Soror Rayshonia Manuel reported.** The committee reviewed budget/programs for the chapter. Discussed the \$500.00 line item for Delta Xi discussed which in P&P states must stay in place as line item until it is figured out how to utilize the funds

otherwise. March 1, 2022 budget request will be open for 2022-2023 sorority year. PayPal flat fee (reinstatement/late fee for dues). The general liability insurance no longer 60.00 it is 1,160.00 new insurance company and must be paid March 31 for 2022-2023 budget year (Homes and Murphy)—per National's report.

- **Fundraising: Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard reported.** Update on the fundraiser previous total (Brick by Brick) is \$8, 900.00 with goal of \$15,000. Ideas for new fundraisers next Sororal year (top 3): Double Good Popcorn, Cup Cake Party, \$70 for 70th FAC Chapter Anniversary (each Soror gives \$70 dollars in honor of the 70 years of FAC. Other ideas suggested by the committee and other chapter members: On-Line Silent auctions, Birthday Monthly Fundraiser, fruit sale (oranges) and Shero Luncheon. Committee discussed refraining from in person fundraisers at this time.
 - **GwG (Grow with Google): No report.**
 - **Habitat for Humanity: Soror La'Tiki Gray reported.** All volunteer opportunities in the Oakridge Estate and downtown Maloney areas will be cancelled until further notice due to the lack of supply chain distribution, transportation, materials, and funding from local sponsors. Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity (FAHFH) Annual FY22 Women Build is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2022, from 9 am - 12 pm. There are 5 slots available for sorors to attend. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on March 3, 2022, to discuss April's collaboration with Gang Free, Inc and Soror Keisha Allen of the Economic Development
 - **Heritage and Archives: Soror Awilda Graham reported.**
 - Committee chairs are requested to provide pictures with captions of committee's activities. Flash drives will be provided to members in need of one.
 - Picture of the charter members on the FAC chapter website needs to be updated. Assistance of the chapter is requested.

Hospitality: Soror Barbara Nubin reported. The Committee discussed proposed changes submitted to the Policies and Procedures Committee for Hospitality and discussed the need for get well cards to be designed. Soror Paula Frank and Soror Wendy McAdams Flores will design the cards. Soror McAdams Flores will coordinate with K &W when meals are needed for Sorors who have a death in the immediate family. Next meeting will be held March 17, 2022.

- **Internal Audit: Soror Brittany McLaurin. No report.**
- **Membership: Soror Amanda Williams reported.** The committee is working with Sorors Eva Williams and Vivian Melvin-Salas to identify charter members in a picture to be included in the FAC Redbook. Final copy will be re-sent to members of the chapter. Delta Dear Activity will be held May 21, 2022. FAC retreat will be held June 24-25, 2022. Sisterhood Paint Party will be held on March 5, 2022, at College Lakes Recreation Center from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Fifteen invitations for FAC Virtual Reclamation Dinner, “We See You, We Love You, We Want You Back” were sent by Madam President. The event will be held on March 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Sisterhood Brunch will be held on March 26, 2022, at VFW Post #6018 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Additional information regarding the cost and caterer will be confirmed by the March chapter meeting.
- **Pan Hellenic Council: Soror Sylvia McPherson reported.** HBCU college fair scheduled for 9/17/2022—discussion of members of the chapter to formulate a team to stroll.
 - **Policies and Procedures: Soror Willie Johnson reported** the committee reviewed the proposed amendments submitted as of January 31, 2022, to prepare for presentation at the February Executive Board and March chapter meeting for voting at the April chapter meeting. The committee will continue to work on the transition to the new template and prepare items that will require a vote. We are targeting to vote at the June chapter meeting.
 - **Protocol and Traditions: Soror Jackie Sherrod/Soror Sonya Edmonds reported.** New constitution and by-laws available.
- i. The Preparation for the Memorial Observance at National Convention and Regional Conference and the Lighted Candle Tribute pages 53 and 54, respectively includes updated verbiage concerning the usage of battery-operated candles on the ceremonial table. The updated verbiage states, “*Sorors must simulate the lighting of the candles.*” (Reference page 53-54 of revised 2021, 13th edition of ritual)
 - The attire for the Memorial Observances at National Convention and Regional Conferences was updated to state that Sorors are to be “appropriately dressed in red, white or black dresses/suits (no pants) (*“solid colors, no combination of the colors”*)). (Reference page 54 of revised 2021, 13th edition of ritual)

- The music at the Memorial Observances at National Convention and Regional Conferences “**may now be recorded**” per the updated verbiage. (Reference page 54 of revised 2021, 13th edition of ritual)
 - During the Memorial Observance after the “appropriate music is played as Sorors remain seated and silent during the recessional of the participants”, a notation has been added for “**Sorors to exit silently.**” No other changes to the Memorial Observance. (Reference page 62 of revised 2021, 13th edition of ritual)
 - The color of the attire for Sorors for the Omega Omega Service remains black (may wear the Sorority Pin and purple violets); however, the option of wearing **robes** (no pants) was added. A notation was added that “**Hats are not appropriate for ceremonial participants.**” (Reference page 64 of revised 2021, 13th edition of ritual)
 - The Protocol section of the Preparation for the Omega Omega Service contains multiple changes to include: (Reference pages 64-65 of revised 2021, 13th edition of ritual)
- a) Every Soror initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is entitled to the third Rite of Passage, the Omega Omega Service **unless she has been expelled or has withdrawn from the organization.**”
- b) This service is not secret, should not be viewed as a religious rite and is intended for use in the home, church or funeral parlor, **prior to or after the public funeral.**”
- c) The current ritual allows for “**Non-financial Sorors can also participate in the ceremony but only in specific areas of the service, as determined by the Presiding Officer, Past National Presidents in attendance at a chapter’s Omega Omega Service are invited to participate if they desire.**”
- The optional section under Procedures in Preparation for the Omega Omega Service on page 66 now includes specific instructions on how to position Sorors “**If adequate spacing is available the position of participating Sorors is as follows: to the right of the bier (head) stand the Presiding Officer, Assisting Soror, Eulogist, and Chaplain.**”

To the left of the bier (foot) stands each Chosen Soror 1-6.” Further, there is instruction on where to place the red and white candles, *“The White candle is held or placed at the head with the Red candle at the foot.”* No changes to the actual Omega Omega service. (Reference page 66 of revised 2021, 13th edition of ritual)

- In both the Preparation for the Installation of Grand Chapter Officers Ceremony and the Preparation for the Installation of Regional Officers Ceremony, pages 74 and 78, respectively, the ritual includes additional verbiage which states when using battery operated candles on the ceremonial table, *“Sorors must simulate the lighting of the candles.”* No changes to the actual Grand Chapter or Regional Officers Ceremonies. (Reference pages 74 and 78 of revised 2021, 13th edition of ritual)

- **Scholarship: No report**

- **Step Team: No report**

H. **Unfinished Business: Madame President reported.**

- Distribution of mask discussed previously discussed in report submitted by the Delta Response Team with reporting by Soror Melissa Lomas

I. **New Business: Madame President reported**

- Constitution and Bylaws on national website and can be downloaded. Regional Conference will be held 8/4/22-8/7/2022 in Richmond, VA. Call to conference on South Atlantic Region website on 2/21/2022 released able to be downloaded. Registration available on 3/16/22 will open at 12pm. Sorors need to be financial for current year 20 21-2022 and next year 2022-2023. The registration cost for alumnae members 385.00. Information available on South Atlantic Region website. Delta Days at Nations Capital scheduled 3/4/2022-3/8/2022 will be virtual with one in person attendee.

J. **Announcements: Soror Sheree Davis reported.** Crop Hunger Walk will be held Sunday April 10, 2022, with registration at 2pm and step off at 3pm. This event is sponsored by the Fayetteville Urban Ministry. Location: Westminster Presbyterian

Church, 2505 Village Drive, Fayetteville, NC. You can register at www.crophungerwalk.org/fayettevillenc

- Fannie Lou documentary showing on 2/22/22 on PBS at 9pm

K. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Soror Sylvia McPherson with a second by Soror Judith Waddell. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned@ 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole D. Spivey
Assistant Recording Secretary