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Chapter Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2021
ZOOM Virtual Meeting Platform

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the chapter meeting was held via the virtual meeting application of ZOOM.

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Soror Debra Figgins.
- B. Ritualistic Opening** was conducted per protocol.
- C. Quorum** was confirmed by Soror Jackie Sherrod, Sargent-at- Arms.
- D. Adoption of Agenda:** A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Soror Sylvia McPherson. The second was given by Soror Paula Frank. With no corrections or objections, the motion carried.
- E. Adoption of Previous Chapter/Executive Board Meeting Minutes:** A motion to accept the previous Chapter/Executive Board meeting minutes was made by Soror Miranda Monroe. The second was given by Soror La'Tiki Gray. The following corrections was made to the E-board minutes: the International Awareness committee met via Zoom, rather than email. With the correction noted, the motion carried.
- F. Financial Secretary's Report:** Soror Tamar Foster confirmed receipts for the month of August and September. The report was for information only.
- G. Treasurer's Report:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel reported the financial status of the chapter for the period of August 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021. The report was for information only.
- H. Reflections:** "A Never-the-Less Life," Soror Barbara Nubin.
- I. Pearls of Protocol:** Soror Jackie Sherrod reported Pearls of Protocol: Attire at Convention.
 - a** Sorors were reminded to dress in white dresses/suits (NO PANTS).
 - b** If wearing a wrap, it must be white for formal opening.
 - c** Always be wise and bring red, white, and black business attire.
 - d** Hats are inappropriate and not permitted at the Formal Opening or Memorial Observance unless they are for medical or religious purposes.
 - e** Flip-flops and shower shoes are inappropriate. This does not apply to sandals or open toe shoes.
 - f** Denim (all colors) and khaki must not be worn to any formal ceremonies or business sessions. Leggings and jeggings are inappropriate.
 - g** Paraphernalia jackets/sweaters are inappropriate for formal ceremonies and business sessions.

h Blazers, sweaters, wraps or shawl must be worn over tops or dresses without straps during sessions or ceremonies.

i Closing session attire is usually formal/semi formal or whatever attire is suggested.

j Sorors, attending virtually, must follow the appropriate attire.

k Cameras must be on during the Ritualistic opening and closing.

References: Protocol and Traditions Manual, 2021 edition and Call to Convention page 53-Attire Reminders.

J. Correspondence: Soror Sheree Davis reported “Thank You” cards were received from Sorors Toni Moore, Paula Frank, Erin White and the Williams family.

K. Committee Reports: (Updates only)

Five-Point Programmatic Thrust

1. **Economic Development:** No update

a. **Foster Care Initiative:** No update

b. **Adopt-A-Site:** No update

2. **Educational Development:** No update

a. **Arts and Letters:** On October 28 from 6-8pm, the Red Velvet Book Club will read “Caul Baby,” by Morgan Jenkins. A flyer will be posted with contact information to notify Soror Janice Robinson for participation. A donation of \$100 will be paid to sponsor a Black female for participation in the Youth Symphony. Sorors are encouraged to support Soror Dorothy Fielder by sharing information about her book WALL OF HONOR: A CELEBRATION OF FAYETTEVILLE'S EVERYDAY HEROES. Book orders can made directly from Soror Fielder.

b. **Delta Academy:** Soror Miranda Monroe reported that the Comfort Kit Drive will be held at the Order of Tents on October 30th from 9am – 2pm. Toiletry items will be accepted. A flyer will be sent to the Chapter in the “Announcements” email.

c. **Delta GEMS:** Soror Patti Jordan reported that the committee will meet October 12th. On October 19th the committee will meet with the parents and GEMS participants.

d. **EMBODI:** Soror Salena Staten reported that the group of 11 participants will meet today at 1:30 for orientation.

e. **Jabberwock:** Soror Lynette McMillan reported Jabberwock group will meet today at 4:00pm. Soror McMillan made a motion to reduce the fee for Princesses from \$50 to \$25 to participate in the Jabberwock pageant. A second was given by Soror Miranda Monroe. The motion carried without objection.

f. **Princess:** Soror Yvette Bullard reported the committee will meet the 3rd Saturday of each month.

3. **International Awareness and Involvement:** Soror Virginia Ware reminded Sorors to make free will donations to the Cynthia Marie Butler McIntyre Delta School Haiti in response to the National request from Headquarters. Soror Ware asked if donations could be sent to the Chapter and a Chapter check be submitted for Haiti. Madame President agreed to

this process and asked Sorors to send checks by a specific deadline. Soror Ware will send the deadline for donation receipts to go out to members. Soror Moore, Financial Secretary, confirmed the checks can be mailed to the PO Box or by PayPal.

4. **Physical and Mental Health:** No update

a. **Healthy lifestyles:** No update

5. **Political Awareness and Involvement/Social Action:** Soror Meta Coaxum reported the Candidate's Fair held on October 2nd was a success. The after-action report has been completed. The committee is committed to the goal of increasing community awareness, support, and engagement. Sorors were asked to support World Homeless Day from 2-4pm at Main Library downtown, October 10, 2021, by bringing hotel/travel size toiletries.

ii. **Program Planning and Development:** Soror Sharon McNair reported all committee chairs should have received a calendar of events and activities. Committee chairs are asked to submit quarterly meeting dates, calendar events for 1st quarter as soon as possible. A future Risk Management training date will be set for parents, volunteers, and Sorors. Certified trainers will be announced.

iii. **Internal Committees:**

1. **Delta Emergency Response Team:** Soror Marian Jordan narrated a powerpoint presented to the Chapter on Emergency Preparedness: Safety Tips for Traveling.

Halloween Safety Tips will be sent to chapter members. Delta Emergency Red Envelopes will be distributed to Sorors on October 30th, at the Order of Tents.

2. **Finance:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel asked that Sorors have requests for reimbursements sent by Monday every week, as she and President Figgins meet on Tuesday to reconcile vouchers. Sorors with outstanding checks from the Retreat refunds are asked to cash them.

3. **Fundraising:** Soror Renee Corders reported that an electronic pledge card will be emailed to Sorors concerning "Building FAC Pyramid Brick by Brick." The pledge amount, increment in which donations will be made, and portal through which pledged amounts will be received (mail or PayPal) will be captured on the pledge card and uploaded to the Financial Secretary. "Hard Copy Sorors" will receive their card in the mail and can mail their responses to the PO Box.

4. **Hospitality:** Soror Barbara Nubin reported that the next committee meeting will be 10/21/21 at 6:30pm. This is a time change.

5. **Membership:** Soror Amanda Williams reported Sorors whose last names begin with P-Z will have their photos taken on 11/13/2021 at Crossroads Church on McArthur Rd. Membership committee members will assist Sorors with picture prep. The 2022 FAC Retreat planning process has begun. The Membership subcommittee will try to implement recommendations submitted after the 2021 virtual retreat. Sorors were asked to vote their preference for the month the retreat should be held next year: June or August. Soror Gwen Henderson asked if consideration could be given to assisting Sorors without transportation, to get to the picture venue. Madame President and Membership Chair will brainstorm to get transportation assistance to these Sorors.

6. **Pan Hellenic Council:** Soror Sylvia McPherson reported tickets are being sold for a Spa Day Raffle as a fundraiser. The Chapter that sells the most tickets will receive a

\$100 gift certificate to The Cove. Chapters are also asked to sale 30 tickets for the Valentine's Day Old School Party for \$40 each. The party will be held in February at the Ramada Inn on Owen Drive from 7pm-12am. Each chapter is also asked to provide a Silent Auction basket. Funds will be used for Scholarships and Community Support. A motion was made by Soror McPherson for the Chapter to support the Panhellenic raffle contest by selling at least thirty (30) \$5 tickets. A second was given by Soror Sherron Evans. A virtual poll was conducted: Yes 95%, No 5%. The motion carried for the Chapter to participate in ticket sales for the raffle. Soror McPherson made a motion for the Chapter to support the Panhellenic Valentine's Day Old School Party by selling at least thirty (30) \$40 tickets. A second was given by Soror La'Tiki Gray. A virtual poll was conducted. The motion carried for the Chapter to participate in tickets sales for the Party. Soror Judith Waddell did ask for clarification that if 30 tickets are not sold, would the Chapter be responsible for making the difference to equal \$150 for the raffle and \$1200 for the Old School Party. After discussion, President Figgins confirmed that Chapter would provide the difference if all tickets were not sold but felt convinced the Chapter would meet the stated goal.

7. Protocol: No update

L. Unfinished/New Business: Madame President

- i New Membership Intake (MIT)** vote can now proceed. FAC Policy & Procedure requires we vote annually. As we have to provide a 10-day notice, a call meeting is needed. The Regional Director has approved a called meeting for October 23, 2021 at 10am. MIT vote notice along with the changes and updates to the Membership Intake process will be mailed to Sorors.
- ii Congratulations** were extended to Soror Meta Coaxum for her community service recognition.
- iii South Atlantic Region(SAR) Regional Director** has requested all chapters support SAR for gifts that will be given to the outgoing National Leadership team at the 55th National Convention. Alumnae Chapters are asked to support with a \$100 donation and Collegiate Chapters with a \$50 donation. As this donation is not mandatory, a motion was called for. Soror Gwen Henderson made a motion to support the SAR with a \$100 donation to provide gifts for the outgoing National Leadership. A second was given by Soror Barbara Nubin. A virtual poll was conducted: Yes 96%, No 4%. The motion to support SAR carried. Donations must be received by 10/30/21.
- iv Soror Vashti McKenzie** will appear at Simon Temple AME Zion Church on 10/17/2021, at the 9am service. The exact number of Sorors allowed to attend has not been determined at this time. Madame President will get this information and let the Chapter know.
- v New Rituals (13th Edition)** are now available for bulk order by chapters. Orders received before 11/8/2021 for \$20/copy will be processed and received before Convention. Orders placed after 11/8/2021 will be filled in December. Soror Helen Nelson, acting Parliamentarian called for a motion. Soror Judith Waddell moved that the Chapter purchase 160 Rituals in bulk for Sorors to purchase. A second was given by Soror Patti Jordan. After discussion, a virtual poll was conducted: Yes 95%, No 5%. The motion carried for the Chapter to purchase a bulk order for 160 Rituals.

vi **Sargent-at-Arms**, Soror Jacquelin Sherrod, made a motion at 1155 to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. A second was given by Soror Sharon McNair. Motion was carried

M. Announcements: None

N. Motion to Adjourn was made by Soror Sylvia McPherson. A second was given by Soror Miranda Monroe. Meeting was adjourned at 11:57am.

O. Ritualistic Closing was conducted per protocol.

Respectfully Submitted by

Soror Teresa Wright

Recording Secretary