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Chapter Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2018
Orange Street School
600 Orange Street
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- A. Call to Order
Madam President called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.
- B. Adoption of the Agenda
Soror Meta Coaxum asked that the following items be added to the New Business section of the agenda: 1. National Program Initiatives 2. Mentoring 3. Policies and Procedures and then moved to adopt the agenda. Soror Myra Holloway gave the second with the added items and the motion was approved.
- C. Adoption of the Previous Chapter/Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Madam President asked for a motion to approve the following previous minutes: August Executive Board Meeting Minutes, September Chapter Meeting Minutes, and the October Executive Board Meeting Minutes. Soror Clara Wilson moved to approve the three (3) previous meeting minutes. The second was given by Soror Jackie Sherrod. The motion was approved.
- D. Financial Secretary's Report
Soror Judith Waddell gave the Financial Secretary's Report for the months of September and October 2018. She gave information on the number of receipts and deposits for those months for the Wells Fargo and Capital Bank accounts.
- E. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Soror Tracey Howard-Glover distributed the Treasurer's report for the months of September and October 2018. The hand out included the reconciliation summary from both the Wells Fargo Operating Account and Capital Bank.
- F. Introduction of New/Visiting Sorors
With no new or visiting sorors present, Soror Melissa Robinson-Ellis, Chair of Membership, led the birthday song for sorors whose birthdays were in the months of October and November.
- G. Reflections
Soror Gwen Brown gave reflections entitled "Time for Counting Blessings," voice your gratitude and thanks to God.
- H. Correspondence
Soror Amanda Williams read the following correspondence:
A thank you card was received from Soror Betty Herron for support during the passing of her niece.

I. MIT Video and Vote

The chapter viewed the required MIT video from the National President and CEO Beverly Smith. Following the video, Soror Myra Holloway moved that we NOT do membership intake this year. Soror Tammy Phippen gave the second. Discussion ensued. The result of the vote was: **54 in favor** of the motion **NOT** to have membership intake and **40 against** the motion. The motion carried to **NOT** have membership intake for the 2018-2019 sorority year.

J. Committee Reports

i. Five-Point Thrust

1. Economic Development- Soror Malone

NO UPDATE

a. Adopt-a-Family- Soror Williams

NO UPDATE

b. Adopt-a-Site- Soror Spivey

NO UPDATE

2. Educational Development- Soror M. Monroe

Soror Debra Figgins, reporting for Soror M. Monroe, stated that there will be NO Youth Initiative Kick-Off this year. However, the chapter MUST have Risk Management Training as required by National. We must also conduct Risk Management training for ALL volunteers who will work with the youth groups. It is suggested that with the short time line, that committees use members of the chapter as volunteers. Also, those working with youth groups MUST have a background check done. November 15, 2018 is the deadline to submit name and payment for all members who have not had a background check done within the last 3 years. The fee of \$25.00 should be paid today. The Risk Management Training will be held on December 15, 2018 at the North Regional Library at 10:00 a.m.

a. Arts and Letters- Soror Robinson

Soror Paula Frank, reporting for the committee, said that bookmarks were distributed which contain all the proposed events for this sorority year. There may be changes and updates as the year proceeds.

b. Delta GEMS- Soror Carson

NO UPDATE

c. EMBODI- Soror T. Wright

NO UPDATE

d. Jabberwock- Soror Phippen

NO UPDATE

e. Princess- Soror Bullard

NO UPDATE

3. International Awareness and Involvement- Soror Degraphenreid

NO UPDATE

4. Physical and Mental Health- Soror McNair

Soror McNair gave the following highlights for the National Webinar held on October 25, 2018. Physical and Mental Health is one of six (6) subcommittees of the comprehensive 2018 Program Initiatives of the National Program, Planning and Development Committee.

DELTA CARE

Mental Health Across the Lifespan

Self-Care and Emotional Wellness

National Physical and Mental Health Sub-Committee of
Program, Planning and Development

- New initiative from the National Program, Planning and Development Committee
- Focus on the ABCs of Self-Care
 - Awareness
 - Balance
 - Connectedness
- Surrounding Self-Care
 - Physical Wellness
 - Emotional Wellness
 - Advocacy and Awareness
- Hour long presentation. You may view the slides on the National Web site by visiting:
 - Membership Area
 - National Area
 - Program Planning and Development
 - Physical and Mental Health
 - Webinar 10-25-18
- Committee will continue to work through the presentation and additional information as it is received to decide how and what information to bring to meetings and /or move forward on through our own events.
- “If I am not good to myself, how can I expect anyone else to be good to me?” Maya Angelou
- When Black Women are WELL, all is well in the world

Healthy Lifestyles- Soror Harris

Soror Kay Harris reported on the Healthy Lifestyle focus from the Webinar:

- The committee will focus on the S.H.O.E initiative: Self-care, Healthy Options and Exercise
- **Self-Care:** it is Flu season, take all precautions
- **Healthy Options:** the committee will offer healthy eating options at meetings.

- Exercise:
 - A sign-up sheet is available for volunteers to assist with the Red Apple Run, November 17, 2018. Volunteers are asked to meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Medical Arts building, downtown, to receive assignments. The race begins at 8:00. Soror Doris Williams is the contact person.
 - The Walk and Talk exercise will begin December 15, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. Assemble at the Cross Creek Mall food court. The walks will continue to be held every 3rd Saturday of the month.
 - More information to come on other possible walk incentives.

5. Political Awareness and Involvement- Soror Coaxum
NO UPDATE

ii. Program Planning and Development –Soror Figgins

Soror Figgins reminded Committee Chairs to turn in their planning Calendars.

iii. Internal Committees

1. Collegiate- Soror White

NO UPDATE

2. Communications/PR- Soror McLaurin

NO UPDATE

3. Coordinating Council- Soror McPherson

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for December 11th

4. Finance- Soror Howard-Glover

NO UPDATE

5. Fundraising- Soror M. Monroe

Soror Tammy Pippen reported for the committee. She stated that the Gala is moving ahead. The event will be at the Iron Mike Center on Fort Bragg. Tickets are \$75.00 and will be available at the November Executive Board meeting. There will be two (2) citizen awards given at the Gala.

6. Membership- Soror Robinson-Ellis

Soror Robinson-Ellis gave the following information:

- Today is the final day to pay for the December trip to see the play “Black Nativity” in Greensboro.
- The committee has decided to look into a blazer with the Chapter logo and make it available for members to purchase. An initial contact has been made with the company Three Sisters. Additional information is forthcoming.
- More information will be given on a community service project of “Thirteen Acts of Kindness” for the month of January as we approach the Sorority’s Anniversary, January 13th.
- Retreat 2019 is the scheduled year to have the annual chapter retreat in a location out of Fayetteville. The committee is suggesting that we consider that 2019 is

also the year for National Convention. The committee suggests that to help keep costs down for sorors, that we hold the retreat in Fayetteville again this year. She asked if there was any opposition to that suggestion. With no opposition, the committee will begin to look for in city locations for the June retreat.

- Hygiene bags will be a community service project. Information of what will be needed and when to bring the items will be given soon.

7. Hospitality- Soror Nubin

NO UPDATE

8. Nomination- Soror Wright

NO UPDATE

9. Pan-Hellenic Council- Soror Figgins

Soror Figgins reported the following:

- The Council met on November 3, 2018
- The new President of the council is Artreese Adams from Alpha Phi Alpha
- Dues are \$100.00 per chapter and are due December 1, 2018. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed after that.
- Our chapter fell short of selling the requested 25 tickets for the Council's scholarship fundraising "Old School Dance" held October 12, 2018. Soror Figgins suggested that we pay for the remaining tickets since it was a scholarship fundraiser. The balance is \$500.00. It was suggested that some funds were available from the FSU parade account and the October Hostess account and could be allocated to the balance. After a brief discussion, Soror Figgins moved that we use the \$100.00 from the FSU parade and the \$190.00 from the October Hostess account and apply the total of \$290.00 to the balance of the ticket cost. Soror Patti Jordan gave the second and the motion was approved. That left a balance of \$210.00. Soror Zandra Peele donated \$100.00 and Soror Isabella Hicks donated \$25.00. ****For the now remaining balance of \$95.00, it was suggested that we "pass the hat." Ultimately, the needed amount was donated, except for \$35.00, which Soror Figgins donated.
- The council decided to participate in the Heart of Carolina Food Drive this year. More information to come on this event.

10. Protocol- Soror Miller-Bernard

NO UPDATE

K. Unfinished Business

1. AD HOC Committee: Madam President
 - The committee continues to plan and coordinate events and activities in conjunction with the yearlong Celebration of Service for our chapter's 65th anniversary year.
 - November is Diabetes Awareness Month and the committee will pair with Healthy Lifestyles and the Red Apple Run.
 - The committee has chosen to donate to Catholic Charities. They are holding a drive to collect baby diapers. Donations of any size can be taken to St. Ann Catholic School on Cool Spring Street, Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
 - The committee arranged to collect the needed items to donate a meal to the Care Clinic for November 28, 2018.
2. Sorors who are veterans were asked to stand. They were recognized and thanked for their service.
3. Any Soror who is a Delta Dear and did not receive a bag should see Soror Melissa Robinson-Ellis following the meeting.
4. Soror Evelyn Shaw asked for and received permission to speak on the Cease and Desist order. She stated that she had heard from a NON Delta about the order and reminded Sorors that Delta business is DELTA business and should NOT be shared with Non Deltas.
5. Soror Gwen Henderson suggested that the Financial Secretary and the Internal Audit committee needed computers to handle Chapter business so that personal and business computers do not have to be used. She made the motion that funds be allocated for the purchase. The motion was seconded by Soror Jonette Quenum. After discussion, it was recommended that funds to purchase the computers be moved from the Reserve account, since there are no funds in the budget. It was also suggested that the Treasurer would need a computer as well, along with printers for all. Soror Henderson amended her motion to include the treasurer and printers for all. Soror Quenum gave the second on the amended motion. After additional discussion, it was decided that the Treasurer would bring back quotes on costs and a final vote made to purchase would be made. It was noted that the purchase of a computer was already in the budget for the Treasurer. The motion carried.

L. New Business

1. Program Initiatives- Soror Meta Coaxum

Soror Coaxum reported that the National Program and Planning Committee has begun several sub-committee initiatives. She suggested that the 1st Vice President call an All Committee Chairs meeting to discuss the initiatives and how they can use the initiatives in their committee work. It was also suggested that during that meeting, the group should take a look at the responses and suggestions given during the Chapter retreat. Soror Coaxum moved that the 1st Vice President set the meeting with Committee chairs. Soror Myra Holloway gave the second and the motion carried.
2. Sorro Coaxum stated that all changes in Policy and Procedure must be amended in the P&P document and submitted to Regional on the Rules of Order form. Most recently, the change in the meeting date for

chapter meeting in May. Also, a change in the wording in the P&P on requirements for running for a Chapter Office. The request is to change **'and'** to **'or'** when listing the attendance to Regional and National conferences. Soror Meta made the motion for the change with a second by Soror Myra Holloway. After a discussion, it was agreed that the information should be sent back to the P&P committee for review with a report to the Executive Board and then brought back to the chapter. The motion was amended by Soror Coaxum along with the second by Soror Holloway. The motion carried.

M. Announcements

- Founders Day celebration will be February 2, 2019 in Raleigh. The speaker will be National First Vice President Soror Cheryl Hickman
- Soror Vivian Tookes recognized the following sorors for their outstanding help during the processing of persons affected by the recent Hurricanes. They assisted her and the Department of Social Services in serving senior citizens and the physically challenged at St. Luke AME Church
 - Sorors Bettie Burton, Amanda Williams, Carolyn Gomez, Christina Washington, Delores Ingram, Vera Bell, Gwen Brown, Judith Waddell, Nadine Miller-Bernard, Sarita Mallard, Sylvia Moore and Yvette Bullard
- Madam President recognized the following Sorors on receiving their plaques for milestone membership years in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
 - Soror Awilda Graham – 25 years
 - Soror Danita McDonald- 25 years
 - Soror Jones- 25 years
 - Soror Doris Brown – 50 years
 - Soror Lorraine Wheeler- 50 years
 - Soror Gwen Brown- received her 50 year pin (previously received plaque)
- Community Conversations: Tuesday, November 13, 2018, Pate Room, Headquarters Library 300 Maiden Lane. The Honorable Gregory A. Weeks will give a presentation on his experiences in the justice system and his perspective on racial disparities within the system.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Salute to our veterans- Thank you for your service! “Red, White and Blue Celebrating You” sponsored by the Fort Bragg Area Alumnae Chapter: Monday, November 12, 2018 from 2-6:00 p.m. Crown Fried Chicken 201 Spring Avenue, Spring Lake, NC. This is a free event.
- John Wesley United Methodist Church celebrates 95 years, Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

N. Adjournment

Soror Clara Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Soror Veronica Langston gave the second. The meeting was adjourned.

O. Ritualistic Closing