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Chapter Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 10, 2021

10:00 am

Via ZOOM Platform

- A.** The **Call to Order** was made by Madam President Soror Debra Figgins at 10:00 am.
- B.** The **Ritualistic Opening** following immediately.
- C.** Soror Jackie Sherrod, Sergeant-at-Arms, announced, at the request of Madam President, that a **Quorum** was present. Madam President stated that if voting is required, she will call for the NAY vote first.
- D.** Soror Miranda Monroe moved to **adopt the Agenda**. Soror Pat Heath gave the second. During discuss, Soror Willie Johnson asked for the Policies and Procedure report be move to the top of the Internal Committees section of the agenda to ensure that a quorum is still present for voting.
- E.** Soror Miranda Monroe amended her motion to include moving the Policies and Procedures report to the top of the Internal Committees reports. Soror Pat Heath gave the second. There were no NAY votes and the motion carried.
- F.** Soror Pattie Jordan moved to adopt the **Previous Chapter and Executive Board Meeting Minutes**. Soror Toni Moore gave the second. There were no NAY votes and the motion carried.
- G.** The **Financial Secretary's Report** was given by Soror Toni Moore, Financial Secretary, for information only. The report was for the month of March, 2021.
- H.** Soror Jerial Bogan, Treasurer, presented the **Treasurer's Report** for information only. The report was for the period March 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021.
- I.** **Reflections** were brought by Soror Virginia Ware. Her topic was 'Free your Muse'
- J.** Soror Teresa Wright reported that National has announced that the 2021 edition of the Protocol and Traditions manual is now available on the National website. Limited editions will be available in printed form. Soror Wright proceeded with **the Pearls of Protocol**. The Jewel Justice was presented.
- K.** Soror Sherree Davis read the following **Correspondences**:
- A thank you card from Soror Peggy McAlister-Davis
 - A thank you letter from Operation Inasmuch for the donation
 - A thank you letter and receipt from Cape Fear Regional Theater for the chapter's first installment toward the purchase of the chair in the renovated main theater and becoming a member of the 'Seat Squad'.
- L.** **Committee Reports**

FIVE POINT PROGRAMMATIC THRUST

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Soror Keshia Allen

Soror Allen gave the update to the 'Success in a Purse' (S.I.P.) drive. The following Sorors contributed to the full purse drive:

Sorors: Patti Jordan, Mashella Jordan-Hampton, Genevieve Melvin, Sharon McNair, Rene Corders, Emily Chapman-Grimes, Vivian Melvin-Salas, Nadine Miller-Bernard, Yvette Carson, Amanda Williams, Keshia Allen, Angelita Marable, Anntoniette "Toni" Wright-Harris, Judith Waddell, Dorothy Bell, Paula Frank, Soror Kimberly Lewis, Wendy Flores, Barbara Nubin, Virginia Ware - (155 Mask), Jerial Bogan, Soror Amanda Williams – (1) Purse to fill, Soror Miranda Monroe – (1) Full Purse and two (2) of Soror Allen's Sisters.

Soror Allen stated that the goal of 22 purses was achieved. The committee will still accept donations. The committee meets every third (3rd) Tuesday. The next meeting will be April 20, 2021. The Bosses of Business (B.O.B) and the Ask the Expert events will continue. Scheduled dates and times can be found on the committee page.

Adopt –a-Site: Soror Nadine Miller- Bernard: No Updates

Foster Care: Soror Patti Jordan: Soror Jordan reported that she met with the contact person at the Department of Social Services and delivered three (3) comfort bags. The bags contained several items to include the Amanda Gorman book "The Hill We Climb" along with an inspirational journal, pen, popcorn water and Easter candy. The contact stated that the young ladies were so appreciative that someone is thinking of them. They (the young ladies) would like to set up a ZOOM meeting via Microsoft Teams so they can meet us. We are looking forward to setting that up.

2. EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Soror Miranda Monroe: No Update. Soror yielded to Soror Franzetta Grandison for the Arts and Letters report. She also noted that there are no Updates for the Delta Academy, Delta GEMS or Princess committees.

Arts and Letters: Soror Franzetta Grandison

The update for Arts and Letters committee:

On April 15 from 6pm - 8pm, Sorors and community guests are invited to attend the Red Velvet Book Club discussion led by Soror Rene' Corders via Zoom. The book is Silver Sparrow by Tayari Jones. Please RSVP by Sunday, April 11 by texting your name and email address to 910-578-5551 to receive the Zoom Link. If you are an author, please text your name, title of your work(s) and email address to 910-578-5551. The South Atlantic Region Delta Authors on Tour held March 20, 2021 via Zoom, was attended by Sorors Janice Robinson and Christina Washington. Coming in May - A recommended list of readings for the summer.

- 3. INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS & INVOLVEMENT:** Soror Virginia Ware:
Soror Ware stated there was No Update
- 4. PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH:** Soror Sharon McNair: Soror McNair reported
My Why: A COVID 19 Vaccine Town Hall and information session
Host Soror Markesha Henderson, Chair, of the National Physical and Mental Health Committee. She is a member of the Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter, Atlanta, GA
'My Why' is the reason you are/will take the vaccination shot.
Points from the webinar:
- Trials and research indicate this may be an annual vaccination with a booster shot each year (like a Flu shot)
 - The 2nd dose is most important for maximize protection. The vaccine invokes the immune response from the body by producing antibodies. The 2nd dose can be taken up to 45 days after the 1st and still be effective.
 - Children younger than 16 –no shot yet, maybe late summer/fall for 12 and up: there are no studies yet on ages younger than 12. (This is why adults must take the vaccine, to protect the children
 - The National Pan Hellenic Council is in the process of rolling out a website for resources on the vaccine and vaccinations along with other issues and resources : NPHCHQ.org
 - Madam President stated that she will not open Delta activities until ALL can open. Even though some states are opening up, Delta will not. She hopes this will be by the fall. Even though the convention will have some face-to-face activities, there will be social distancing in meeting and fewer workshops
 - PPD@deltasigmaheta.com
- 5. POLITICAL AWARENESS & INVOLVEMENT:** Soror Meta Coaxum reported:
The Social Action committee did not meet in April. The next committee meeting will be the first Tuesday in May, which is May 4, 2021 at 6PM. via zoom. The COVID-19: Equity and Disparity panel has been rescheduled to May, date to be arranged. If any chapter members have questions that they would like to have asked on the challenges affecting our Black and Brown people in the areas of Social Justice, Physical and Mental Health, please send them to: metaj9@yahoo.com no later than 11:59 PM May 7, 2021.

PROGRAM PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: Soror Miranda Monroe: Soror Monroe stated there are no Updates. She is, however, still accepting 2021-2022 Proposed Committee Calendars. Committee chairs are asked to please send them to her so she can get them to Madam President for the regional calendar in a timely manner.

INTERNAL COMMITTEES

Policies and Procedures: Soror Willie Johnson: Soror Johnson stated that the votes would be taken today on the recommendations for amendments to the

Policies and Procedures document. The recommendations will be voted on by Group

******The complete document is attached to the official minutes and can also be found on the chapter's web page under the Policies and Procedures tab. Only the results of the vote are written here. The votes will be taken by the election runner Poll system.**

1. Soror Willie Johnson read the opening amendment. Soror Jackie Sherrod moved to accept the amendment as printed. Soror Sharon McNair gave the second.

Poll Results 100% yes 0% no

Group A: Corrections/Changes Soror Vera Bell Presenter: 8 items.

Soror Paula Frank moved to accept all the recommendations and changes to Group A. Soror Judith Waddell gave the second.

Poll results: 99% yes 1% no

Group B: Alignment/Removal Soror Rene Corders Presenter: 8 items

Soror Keshia Allen moved to accept the changes as stated in Group B. Soror Teresa Wright gave the second.

Poll results: 100% yes 0% no

Group C: Process/Change Soror Jackie Sherrod Presenter: 8 items

Soror Sylvia McPherson moved to accept the changes in Group C. Soror Barbara Nubin gave the second. After discussion and noted changes the poll was taken.

Poll Results: 100% yes 0% no

******Soror Jackie Sherrod, Sergeant-at Arms, reminded Madam President of the time. Soror Sherrod moved to extend the meeting past the 12 noon time. Soror Miranda Monroe gave the second. There were no NAY votes and the motion carried.**

****** Soror Gwen Henderson moved that moving forward that the readers of the amendments read only the recommended change. Soror Jackie Sherrod gave the second. There were no NAY votes and the motion carried.**

Group D: Finance Soror Toni Moore Presenter: 11 items

Soror Jeanette Jordan-Huffam moved to accept the changes to Group D. Soror Veronica Langston gave the second. After a brief discussion and question the poll was taken.

Poll results: 100% yes 0% no

Group E: Scholarship Soror Rene Corders Presenter: 6 items.

Soror Salena Staton moved to accept items in Group E **with the exception** of the change for EMBODI.

Poll results 92% yes 8%no

Group F: EMBODI Soror Sharon McNair Presenter: 2 items

Soror Awilda Graham moved to NOT accept the recommendation to remove EMBODI but to keep EMBODI. Soror Danita McDonald gave the second. After discussion Soror Graham withdrew her motion and yielded to Soror Willie Johnson. Soror Johnson moved to **disapprove all changes** to Group F. Soror Lila Washington gave the second.

Poll results 91% yes 9% no

2. **Communications/IT:** Soror Erin White: The Communications committee will be sending out information concerning submitting articles for the newsletter. The newsletter will capture events for this sorority year. For any question: FACDSTcommunications.technology@gmail.com
3. **Delta Emergency response:** Soror Teresa Wright: No Update
4. **Finance:** Soror Jerial Bogan: Soror Bogan stated that the Finance committee is recommending that the chapter complete the balance for the ‘Seat Squad’ purchase of a chair at the Cape Fear Regional Theater. There is money available to complete this obligation. After a brief discussion, Soror Jerial Bogan moved, per recommendation of the Finance committee, to pay the balance of \$1,500.00 for the seat at the Cape Fear Regional Theater. Soror Judith Waddell gave the second. With no Nay votes, the motion carried. Soror Bogan proceeded with the presentation and explanations of the 2021-2022 Chapter budget. No vote was taken at this time.
5. **Fundraising:** Soror Judith Waddell: The current balance for the Donation Tree fundraiser is \$9,166.55. She presented a picture of the tree with the names printed on the leaves of the tree. She thanked all who have donated. Donations are still being accepted.
6. **Habitat for Humanity:** Soror La’Tiki Gray: On March 22, 2021 the committee presented the \$1,000.00 donation check to Carol McDonald of Habitat for Humanity. This presentation (picture) is available to view on the chapter’s FAC DIVA Facebook page. Also attending the presentation and build were Madam President Soror Debra Figgins and Soror Sharon McNair. Soror Gray stated that she delivered the \$300.00 donation check to the Restore business. The Restore is an affiliate with the Habitat for Humanity
7. **Hospitality:** Soror Barbara Nubin: The hospitality committee received the following updated on Sorors:
 - Soror Yvette Bullard let the committee know that Soror Delores Ingram is continuing to improve. Her husband has been able to visit face to face.
 - Soror Joyce Moreaux and Soror Ernestine Wall are having some health challenges at this time. Please refer to the email sent out for addresses to send cards.

- Soror Wendy McAdams-Flores has experienced another death in her family.
- 8. Internal Audit:** Soror Brenda Freeman: No Update
 - 9. Membership:** Soror Awilda Graham: Soror Graham gave recognition to all April birthday Soror with a Happy Birthday greeting. She also welcomed any visiting and newly reclaimed Sorors. She thanked Sorors for their participation and support of all the March activities for Sisterhood Month.
 - 10. Minerva Circle:** Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard: Soror Sharon McNair read the following report submitted by Soror Miller-Bernard:
Forty-four candidates were inducted during the Pyramid Induction held Tuesday, April 6, 2021. They are now in the Pyramid Preparation Period (April 7-14), Odyssey Experience is April 17, and Jewels will be April 19-24. Reminders and times for the Odyssey and Jewels will be forthcoming.
 - 11. Nomination:** Soror DeLisa Crosby: The committee presented the finale slate of candidates at the Executive Board Meeting. Campaigning will be open from April 10 – May 15, 2021. According to the P & P, each candidate will be given two (2) minutes to speak prior to the May chapter meeting. This will occur from 9:00 -10:00 am. P &P also mentions a Meet the Candidates Forum will be virtual. Because there is no FACE for the candidates, each will create their own flyer and submit in a PDF document by April 23, 2021 to include your profile. Submit to:
FACDSTcommunications.technology@gmail.com
 - 12. Pan Hellenic Council:** Soror Sylvia McPherson: No Update
 - 13. Protocol:** Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard: No Update

M. Unfinished Business: Madam President reported the following:

1. 'Chapters beyond Books 'A Divine 9 initiative with the Children's Defense Fund responded that chapters that donate at least \$1,000.00 would receive 75 books. The chapter can decide where the books would be sent and the 'Chapters beyond books' committee would cover the expense of shipping them. Soror Rene Corders moved to NOT participate in this initiative. Soror Myra Holloway gave the second. There were no Nay votes. The motion carried.
2. Delta Days at the Nation's Capital – April 23-25, 2021 registration is closed.
3. No date for the National Convention. The 'Call to Convention' will be May 1, 2021. Registration for the hybrid event will open July 1, 2021. Registration for 'in person' attendance will be more than the virtual registration. There will be an option for a two (2) payment installment plan.
4. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will remain closed. All events and meetings will remain in a virtual format until further notice.

5. There were 37,000 completions of the Delta Census including 5,000 non-financial members.
6. Be sure to review the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By Laws. They can be viewed on the National website.
7. There will be changes to the MIT process coming in Spring 2022. Some parts may remain virtual.
8. Delta Pearl applications are being accepted through April 22, 2021
9. A full slate of candidates has been set for National positions. The slate has been sent out and can also be view on the National website.
10. April 16, 2021 is the deadline for SEED grant applications

N. New Business: Madam President reported the following

A letter was received from the Greenville (NC) Alumnae chapter. They will host a virtual Red Hat Comedy Show May 22, 2021. They are seeking sponsorship through donations: Platinum \$500.00; Gold-\$300.00 and Silver-\$100.00. The deadline is April 30, 2021. Soror Sylvia McPherson moved to NOT support the event financially. Soror Patricia Moore gave the second. There were no NAY votes. The motion carried.

O. Announcements: Soror Sherree Davis: No Updates

*** Soror Alwilda Graham raised the question concerning donations given to churches the chapter visited during Sisterhood Month. After discussion Soror Gwen Henderson moved that we divide the \$220.00 that had been allocated for Founder's Day between the two churches visited during Sisterhood Month at \$110.00 per church. Soror Sherron Evans gave the second. The motion was approved with no NAY votes.

P. Motion to Adjourn: Soror Miranda Monroe moved to adjourn at 12:53 pm. Soror Sherron Evans gave the second. The motion was approve with no NAY votes. The meeting was adjourned.

Q. Ritualistic Closing: the ceremony occurred immediately following the adjournment.