



Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter  
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Executive Board Meeting  
August 25, 2020  
Via virtual platform ZOOM

- A. **Welcome:** The Call to order and welcome was made by President Figgins at 6:00 p.m.
- B. **Prayer:** Soror Wendy McAdams-Flores gave the prayer
- C. **Adoption of Agenda:** Soror Delores Ingram moved to adopt the agenda. Soror Judy Waddell gave the second. During the discussion, The following corrections were made:
- Correct the spelling of the following Sorors:
    - Jordan-Huffum to Jordan-Huffam
    - Williaims to Williams
    - McPhersons to McPherson
  - ‘Soror’ is misspelled in item #3 under Internal Committees

Madam President called for the vote with the stated corrections. There being no NAY votes the Agenda was approved

- D. **Correspondence:** Soror Sherree Davis read the following correspondences:
- Thank-you cards were received from the following Sorors:
    - Sharon McNair
    - Veronica Langston
    - Miranda Monroe
    - Dorothy Hodges McLaughlin
    - Zandra Peele
    - Pat Fairley
    - Cleo Washington
  - A thank-you card was also received from the Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation

**E. Financial Secretary's Report:** Soror Toni Moore read the Financial Secretary's Report for June. The report is for information only

**F. Treasurer's Report:** Soror Jerial Bogan read the June Treasurer's Report for the Wells Fargo and First Horizon accounts. The report was for information only.

**G. Committee Reports:**

**i. Five-Point Programmatic Thrust**

**1. Economic Development:** Soror Keisha Allen is the new Thrust chair- NO REPORT

**1. Adopt-a-Site-Soror Miller-Bernard:** Soror Miller-Bernard gave the following report:

Our area is the Freedom Trail. The trail is dedicated to Veterans and Prisoners of War (POW) and stretches across Rowan Park into neighborhoods along Haymount Hill. We are responsible for cleaning the area that stretches along the corridor which runs beside the park across from the NC Veterans Park and Airborne & amp; Special Operations Museum (ASOM).

Date and time of clean up forthcoming.

**2. Foster Care Initiative:** Madam President stated that this committee does not have a chair. She is asking for a Soror to step up to chair this important initiative.

**2. Educational Development-Soror M. Monroe**

**1. Arts and Letters-Soror Robinson:** Soror Monroe read the following report from the Arts and Letters Committee:

The Arts and Letters committee did not hold a regular meeting in August. Through group texts we agreed on the following:

**1.** Goals and plans for the 2020-21 sorority year which were forward to 1st Vice President Soror Miranda Monroe.

**2.** The use of the ZOOM platform for the Red Velvet Book Club discussions and the conference call will be used for monthly meetings.

**3.** The first book selection for Red Velvet Book Club is THE VANISHING HALF by Bret Bennett. The book discussion for this selection is Thursday, October 8 at 6 p.m. and will be led by Soror Rene' Corders using Zoom. A flyer will be emailed to the chapter to invite them and community guests.

4. The next meeting by conference call will be held on Thursday, September 17 at 6 p.m.

2. **Delta Academy-Soror Graham:** NO REPORT
3. **Delta GEMS-Soror Jordan:** NO REPORT
4. **Princess-Soror Bullard:** Soror Delores Ingram stated NO REPORT
5. **Cinderella's Closet-Soror Jerial Bogan:** Soror Bogan reported

Cheers to Macy's at Cross Creek Mall for donating 200 Prom Gowns and outerwear dress-up merchandise to the Fayetteville Alumnae Delta Foundation and the Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

A CHEER announcement will be sent to the Fayetteville Observer to be placed in the "CHEERS and JEERS" section.

3. **International Awareness and Involvement-Soror Ware:** Soror Ware stated that there was NO REPORT and announced that the first meeting will be Thursday, August 27, 2020
4. **Physical and Mental-Health-Soror McNair** NO REPORT

**Healthy Lifestyles-Soror Jordan-Huffam:** Soror Jordan-Huffam reported: Since Cross Creek Mall has changed opening hours, the committee may need to search other places for exercising. The mall is not opening until 10:30 a.m. for walking. This time may be too late for those who prefer an earlier walking time. Updated information will be announced.

5. **Political Awareness and Involvement-Soror Coaxum**

**Social Action-Soror Coaxum:** Soror Coaxum gave the following report:

During the month of August, committee members participated in the following 2020 census activities:

- Car caravan with Nakiya Smith 2020 Cumberland Co. Complete Count Coordinator and others on 8/7/2020 (Sorors Amanda Williams, Nadine Miller-Bernard, Vivian Melvin-Salas, and Meta Coaxum) from Old Wilmington Rd., Langdon St., Jasper St. to Ruth St., Spring Lake; 8/14/2020- door-to-door canvassing at Murchison Townhouse and Stanton Arms

apartment complex (Sorors Amanda Williams, Nadine Miller Bernard, Meta Coaxum); and Nakiya Smith.

- Delivered 2020 census coloring books/crayons to the following daycare centers: (Meta Coaxum) 8/10-12/2020) Pre K center on Shaw Rd; Ruby's Place child Care on Murchison; Aretha's Little M&M Childcare on Cumberland Rd; and New Beginnings Academy and Youth Development Center on Hope Mills Rd.
- Asian American 2020 census swag materials (6/22-23/2020 and 8/12/2020-(Meta Coaxum) to: Sun Super Market, Inc. on Santa Fe Dr.; Vietnamese Restaurant on Yadkin Rd.; and Sheila Korean Restaurant at Santa Fe Plaza.

The FAC/DST/ Social Action committee is a coalition partner with Fayetteville Branch of NAACP's HK on J (Historic Thousands on Jones Street People's Assembly). Sorors Amanda Williams and Meta Coaxum have been attending the monthly virtual meetings and a part of the Political Action committee that developed a GOTV (Get Out The Vote) 'What's on the Ballot' presentation. It is out on YouTube 8/23/2020. Please visit [youtube@NCNAACP-Fayetteville](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNAACP-Fayetteville) and share.

The committee continues to plan for our Virtual Candidates' Forum (Soror Carmela McKeller-Smith is the lead). The dates are:

Sept. 8-Judicial Candidates

Sept. 22-NC Senate Candidates

Sept. 24-Public Instruction/CC School Board Candidates

Oct. 6-US House of Representative Candidates

Oct 8-NC House districts 42 & 43

Oct 13-NC House districts 44 & 45

**ii. Program Planning and Development-Soror Monroe: NO REPORT**

**iii. Internal Committees**

- 1. Nominating-Soror Williams:** Soror Amanda Williams made the following report:

The Nominating Committee met on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. Soror Bettie Burton has been identified as an alternate should a committee member not be able to serve. The committee reviewed the draft 2020-2021 Nominations Timeline, FAC Policies & Procedures (June 12, 2020), and the Electronic Nominating Voting Guide for Chapters. Soror Amanda Williams will send the Nominations and Elections Webinar presentation to all committee members. The goal is to ensure that we are prepared for the nomination process.

### **Voting**

The committee discussed voting electronically for elections and membership intake. New guidelines for electronic voting were shared with our chapter president. Madam President requested that the nominations chair become familiar with the guidelines. The document was shared with the nominations committee members. The committee members discussed Article XIII: Membership Intake Policies, Section 1. B. (pg. 40). It states, "The Chapter shall provide a 10-day written notification through the United States Postal Service to its members when voting to proceed or not to proceed with membership intake. According to our policies and procedures, members must receive written notification by Wednesday, September 2, 2020. \*\*Soror Willie Johnson noted that item D in that section adds: email and /or postal.

### **Electronic Call for Nominations**

Amanda Williams conducted a test of the electronic Nomination Application developed using Goggle doc. Sorors DeLisa Crosby and Veronica Langston confirmed that they received the Nomination Application. Maxine Martin and Bettie Burton did not receive the application. Amanda will send another test of the application. She will talk with Soror Willie Johnson to ensure the delivery of the application to all financial members in November 2020.

### **Campaigning Requirements**

Committee members reviewed Section 2. 3 (Campaigning) under Article IX: Nominations, Elections, and Voting Processes. According to our policies and procedures, candidates may campaign by speaking at the Meet the Candidate Forum in May, with a one page flyer in the Meet the Candidate Forum area, and a profile of the candidate in the Chapter's newsletter, FACE, that is disseminated to each member. If we use what is currently written in the P&P, neither candidates nor their designees will be able to contact chapter members by email or telephone to solicit votes. If we want to allow candidates to campaign as such, we will have to bring a motion before the chapter for a vote.

Committee meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month. Our next meeting is Monday, September 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

**2. Communications/IT-Soror Johnson:** Soror Willie Johnson's report is as follows :

1. Zoom IDs will be setup based on the requests received. The chapter has a total of 10 Licenses. \*\*\* During discussion the following committees will be considered for one of the licenses: Hospitality, Social Action, Educational Development (committees will contact Thrust Chair for the link), Economic Development, Finance, International Awareness and Involvement and Membership. Final determination will be made by the committee.

2. Elections Runner – launching test ballot Tuesday 8/25/20 for two days; 20 voters. We will be voting at the September meeting on Membership Intake using Election Runner. The official list of financial members and email address from the Red Zone will be used.

**It is vital that Sorors have their name and email address updated via the Member Portal/Sisters Only section of the National Website in order for information to be correct when the list is uploaded. This is being used as our official chapter roster.**

**3. Delta Emergency Response-Soror Wright:** NO REPORT

**4. Finance-Soror Bogan:** Soror Bogan read the following report:

**Red Zone Update:** Encourage chapter members to update personal information in her Profile in the Red Zone: name, email address, mailing address and telephone number.

**July 23-August 20, 2020** Update regarding the Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter's investment with Cumberland Community Foundation, Incorporated: The Finance Committee is working on guidelines and fund agreement for the Scholarship Endowment Fund investment. Target date for initial presentation is September 2020.

**July 2020-Submission of Vouchers:** Provided vouchers and envelopes to committee chairs to ease some of the stress for submitting vouchers for reimbursement or payment to businesses for items purchased or service rendered during this pandemic.

**5. Fundraising-Soror Miller-Bernard** Soror Judy Waddell reported for the committee:

The committee corresponded via email on Thursday, August 20, 2020. Several donations have been received from Sorors, in support of the Donation Tree. Monthly reminders will be sent via email. The committee is still working on the use of the PayPal option.

**6. Habitat for Humanity-Soror Gray:** Soror LaTiki Gray gave the following information:

**New Business:** At this time, Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity cannot provide future upcoming volunteering events for construction, as officials are observing the COVID-19 on a day to day and monthly basis. The safety of our community and welfare of our Sorors is of utmost importance.

**Current Available Opportunities at Habitat ReStore:** Volunteers are needed at the Habitat Restore, which brings in over \$300,000 per year to fund our housing projects! Volunteers are needed to help with merchandise cleaning and organization, customer assistance, and unloading donations.

- Dates: Sat, September 26, 2020; October 24, 2020
- Time: 9 AM - 1 PM (4 hours) (**Exception: November 7, 2020 11 AM - 5 PM**)
- 10 Slots Available
- Where: 3833 Bragg Blvd. Fayetteville, NC 28303
- TIME: 9am-1pm
- ORIENTATION: An orientation is no longer required for new ReStore volunteers.

REQUIRED TRAINING: Visit: <https://hfhaffiliateinsurance.com/> to access an online ReStore training course. Follow the instructions to access the course and select the course “ReStore Safety & Loss Control.”

**7. Historian-Soror Graham:** NO REPORT

**8. Hospitality-Soror McAdams-Flores:** Soror Wendy McAdams-Flores reported the following:

- **Card Rotation** – Committee members signed up for a month or two to assist with sending out Hospitality Cards.
- **Cards sent out to the following Sorors from May - August:** - *The process: Soror Flores will begin to cc: every committee member when the initial email is sent out to the President. Soror Flores is encouraging every hospitality member to send a card out, along with the designated hospitality committee member scheduled for that month.*
  - Soror Geraldine Stevens - lost her brother on 05/25/2020.

- Soror Pat Fairley - lost her brother 06/14/2020.
- Soror Janice Robison- husband was admitted to the hospital on June 17, 2020.
- Soror Miranda Monroe – lost her mother on 06/19/20.
- Soror Awilda Graham was in the hospital in Delaware for kidney stones on 06/20/20.
- Soror Barbara Nubin - daughter was admitted to the hospital in June 2020.
- Soror Shawnta' Cummings – husband was admitted to the hospital on 06/23/20.
- Soror Cleo Washington – lost her sister on 06/25/20.
- Soror Zandra Peele had surgery at the end of June 2020.
- Soror Virginia Askew Jarmond suffered a stroke on July 15, 2020 and later passed away on July 22, 2020. Soror Jarmond was the pass President of Fayetteville Alumnae – 1989-1991.
- Soror Sharon McNair – lost her sister on July 17, 2020.
- Soror Olivia Graham – son-in-law passed away on July 21, 2020.
- Soror Veronica Langston had surgery on 07/28/20.
- Soror Christina Washington – husband was admitted to the hospital with COVID-19 on 07/30/20.
- Soror Allie Wiggins – lost her brother on August 4, 2020.
- Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard – lost her Uncle on August 7, 2020.
- Soror Clara Wilson – lost her niece on August 8, 2020 from complications of COVID-19.
- Soror Jackie Sherrod – lost her Aunt on August 11, 2020.
- Soror Betty Herron -surgery on Friday, August 21, 2020.

*Soror McAdams-Flores asked for Prayers for strength and peace for all Sorors during this time.*

- **Custom Chapter Hospitality Cards** – Customized/Standardized cards are being designed to use for this sorority year. Soror Paula Frank has been working on this project. We will also check with Soror Jackie Sherrod, to get an accurate listing of Sorors who are not able to attend our Zoom Chapter Meetings. We will send a card every three months to those Sorors we are missing at our meetings. **We will mail out a Missing Your Soror Card!** Sorors, if you know of someone please contact the hospitality committee.
- **Retreat** – Hospitality will host a retreat for the committee on Thursday, **October 15, 2020 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.** A North Jersey Alumnae Chapter Member from NJ will conduct the retreat via Zoom. Madam



President already approved the retreat. **The theme is:** Renewing our minds and spirit during the pandemic.

- **Hospitality Meetings** – Communication will be conducted with committee members via email and by texting. Meetings will only be held if needed.

**9. Internal Audit-Soror Freeman: NO REPORT**

**10. Membership-Soror Graham:** Soror Awilda Graham read the following committee report:

1. FAC Annual Retreat: Due to Covid-19, we were unable to plan a getaway retreat as we had intended. This year's annual retreat was held virtually, on August 15th. The attendance was good. The agenda was informative. The games were fun.
2. Delta Dear Luncheon: On Saturday, August 22, 2020, the FAC Chapter held a Delta Dear Drive-Thru Celebration, honoring our chapter's Delta Dears. We had a really good turnout. Almost 50 Sorors paraded through the Order of the Tents parking lot, in their cars wearing their Delta Bling and Paraphernalia. Photo opts were made available to all. The personalized gift was a big hit. More than 20 more Sorors met me Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at the MiCasita Restaurant, to pick up their gift. If you were unable to pick up your gift, please get in touch with me, so that we can make arrangements to do so.
3. Thank you to the membership committee for their hard work and participation in making this event the enjoyable outing that it was. An extra special thank you goes out to Soror LaTiki Gray for her splendid work on getting the tumblers done.
4. Due to Covid-19 guidelines, we were unable to host our annual Delta Dear Luncheon. Plans are already underway for this year's luncheon.
5. Please. If you are a Delta Dear or know that you will become a Delta Dear by the end of this sorority year, make sure that we have your name on our list. We do not want to exclude you from future activities.
6. The membership committee will hold their regular meetings on Wednesdays prior to the Tuesday Executive Board meetings. Location TBA.

**11. Pan Hellenic Council-Soror McPherson: NO REPORT**

**12. Policies and Procedures-Soror Johnson:** Soror Willie Johnson reported:

The committee is requesting the Elections Committee to review elections section of the P&P for changes needed due to electronic voting and voting virtually during chapter meeting.

\*\*\*It was noted that an Elections Committee needs to be formed.

**13. Protocol-Soror Miller-Bernard:** Soror Vera Bell reported for the committee:

The committee corresponded via email on August 20, 2020. The committee reporting roster for Executive Board and Chapter Meetings were disseminated. The committee will cover the Nine Jewels throughout the sororal year with other pertinent information. The Jewel Compassion will be presented at the September chapter meeting by Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard. The information for the Pearls of Protocol and newsletter submission will be forthcoming.

The committee will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

**14. Scholarship-Soror Willis:** Soror Effie Willis reported the following:

The committee corresponded through email.

During the month of June letters were sent to former Jabberwock Participants to inform them of the FAC-Jabberwock Sweetheart Scholarship Award.

A flyer has been created to post on the public section of our website. The flyer, scholarship application and guidelines will be posted by October 1, 2020.

The Committee will review and update guidelines prior to posting.

The committee is in need of a committee email address. \*\*\* Soror Willie Johnson will work with the committee on how to establish one.

**\*\*\*Soror Johnson and Madam President noted at this time that a chair is needed for the Communication Committee. Major duties would include the FACE newsletter, committee and chapter flyers and maintaining the chapter Website. A chair and committee members are of urgent need.**

**G. Unfinished Business:** President Debra Figgins

- Thank-you to Soror Awilda Graham and the Membership Committee for a great celebration for the Delta Dears
- No information has been received concerning the Founders Day gifts. Contact has been made with the chair of the event.

**H. New Business:** President Figgins

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT**

- The South Atlantic Regional Conference convened on 8/1/2020 via ZOOM. There were no workshops. It was reported the Sorority gave out over \$2,000,000.00 in scholarships, reclaimed 3,539 Sorors, brought in 416 new Sorors, expelled 17 Sorors for hazing. Attendance at the conference was Voting delegate – 141, Alternate Delegate – 128, Nonvoting delegates – 3,489, Past National Presidents – 6, Honorary Members – 1, Board of Directors – 27, Staff (Deltas) – 9, Staff (Non Deltas) – 7, Total in attendance – 3,806. There are 156 Active Chapters. Collegiate – 53 and Alumnae – 103.
- Newly Elected Officers for South Atlantic Region:
- Regional Director – Soror Patricia Johnson
- Regional Representative – Soror Illana Jamison
- Member National Finance Committee – Soror Kimberly Brothers
- Member National Scholarship and Standards – Soror Pamela Lewis
- Member National Nominating Committee – Soror B. Lisa Downing Hood
- Alumnae Member Regional Nominating Committee – Sorors Shenita Cunningham, Joyce Diggs and Janet Lawrence Patten
- Collegiate Member Regional Nominating Committee – Soror Erin Belmont
- Chair 2022 Regional Nominating Committee – Soror Tarsha Burroughs

**CONGRATULATIONS**

- The Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF) congratulated the Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter on being a recipient of a 2020-21 Community Empowerment Grant to support the Cumberland County Candidate's Fair. The grant award amount is \$1,000.00 and is made possible by the National Program Planning and Development Centennial Fund
- Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard is a graduate of the Delta PEARL initiative.

**OTHER CONCERNS**

- The vote for Membership Intake will be done during the September Chapter Meeting. Note should be made that ALL activities during the intake process will be virtual. National has stated that information and 'user friendly' tools will be provided. They have not provided that information as of this meeting.
- Soror Fran Grandison inquired about a letter from the chapter to the family of Representative Mary McAllister who passed recently. Madam President and Soror Grandison will work on the letter.

**I. Announcements**

- National Organization for Women-Women's Equality Day (suffrage program) 8/26/2020-Judge Patricia Timmons-Goodson, speaker (see Fay NOW Facebook for link)

- Organization Against Racism/Cumberland County zoom webinar ‘Systemic Racism/Structural Racism in Fayetteville
- Absentee ballots will start being sent out on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. If you complete an absentee ballot, please mail it with two (2) stamps and 15 days before Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> or hand carry it to the CC Board of Elections (BOE) to be logged in. BOE will send out to every registered voter a list of the 16 early voting sites (Smith Recreation Center is one, so please utilize). **The Board of Elections will NOT BE AN EARLY VOTING SITE.**
- Visit <https://www.ncsbe.gov/> voter search link to make sure you are still registered and your precinct voting site if you choose to vote on Election Day; and encourage friends, church members, etc. who have not voted since 2012 to make sure they are still registered. Voting records have been purged, meaning names have been removed. Better safe than sorry.
- Early voting starts Oct. 15-31, 2020. Call the CC BOE (910) 678-7733 if you have any questions or concerns. They need young poll workers.
- Calling for volunteers to join in door-to-door canvassing 8/28/2020 at Blueberry Place, 150 Blueberry Place and Eastside Green Way, 708 Duggins Street at 10am (starting point at Blueberry Place). Call Soror Meta Coaxum at 910-864-5983 (Soror Coaxum does not use texting)
- If anyone knows of a Black owned daycare center in the Wilmington Road area, please let Soror Coaxum know. She has 100 coloring books with crayons that she can deliver or that person can deliver. Also have yard signs for volunteers to place at high trafficking areas and signs for local businesses, such as barber and beauty salons; nail parlors, etc. Call Soror Meta Coaxum at 910-864-5983 (Soror Coaxum does not use texting).

## **J. Adjournment**

Soror Miranda Monroe moved to adjourn the meeting. Soror Wendy McAdams-Flores gave the second. With no NAY votes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sharon Smith McNair  
Recording Secretary

Attend.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CHAPTER POSITION
P	Allen	Keshia	Chair, Economic Development
P	Bell	Vera	Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
P	Bogan	Jerial	Treasurer
P	Coaxum	Meta	Chair Social Action
P	Davis	Sherree	Corresponding Secretary
P	Figgins	Debra	President
P	Frank	Paula	Internal Audit Committee member
P	Freeman	Brenda	Chair, Internal Audit
A	Gordon	Latoya	Co-Chair, Jabberwock, Assistant Custodian
P	Graham	Awilda	2nd Vice President, Chair, Delta Academy, Membership, Historian
P	Grandison	Franzetta	Co-Chair Arts and Letters
P	Gray	Latiki	Chair Arm Forces/ Habitat for Humanity
P	Howard	Antoinette	
P	Holloway	Myra	Assistant Treasurer
P	Ingram	Delores	Princess
P	Johnson	Willie	Chair Policy and Procedure
P	Jordan	Patti	Chair, GEMS
P	Jordan-Huffam	Jeanette	Chair, Healthy Lifestyle
P	McAdams-Flores	Wendy	Chaplin, Chair, Hospitality
			Chair, Communication/Public Relation
P	McNair	Sharon	Recording Secretary/ Physical & Mental Health
P	McPherson	Sylvia	NPHC Representative
P	Miller-Bernard	Nadine	Chair, Protocol/Collegiate; Co-Chair, Fundraising/Adopt-A-Site
P	Monroe	Miranda	1st Vice President, Chair, PP&D
P	Moore	Patricia	Assistant Financial Secretary
P	Moore	Toni	Financial Secretary
P	Nubin	Barbara	Assistant Chaplain
A	Pippen	Tammy	Co-Chair, Jabberwock
A	Robinson	Janice	Co-Chair Arts and Letters
A	Sherrod	Jackie	Sergeant-At-Arms
A	Shorter-Cooper	Melanie	Assistant Corresponding Secretary
P	Waddell	Judith	Co-Chair Fundraising
P	Ware	Virginia	Chair International Awareness & Involvement
A	Washington	Lila	Sargent at Arms
P	Williams	Amanda	Chair, Nominating
P	Willis	Effie	Chair Scholarship
P	Wright	Teresa	Assistant Recording Secretary/ Chair, Delta Emergency Response