

## **CHAPTER MEETING**

### **February 13, 2016**

The Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. met at the C.R.E.S.T. Building on Saturday, February 13, 2016. President Sylvia C. McPherson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

#### **Adoption of the Agenda:**

Motion was made by Soror Miranda Monroe to adopt the agenda and it was seconded by Soror Paula Frank. The motion carried.

#### **Adoption of Previous Chapter/Executive Board Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Soror Clara Wilson to adopt the previous minutes and it was seconded by Soror Sharon McNair. The motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Soror Tracy Glover**

Treasurer's reports were presented for the months of December and January. It was noted that the operating budget was increased from \$23,000 to \$23,575 as a result of an increase in membership from 200 to 205 members.

Soror Evelyn Shaw wanted an update on the sale of the clocks.

A motion was made by Soror Larkin to the increase in the budget from \$23,000 to \$23,575. It was seconded by Soror Shaw. The motion carried.

The budget can be viewed online.

#### **Introduction of New/Visiting Sorors:**

Soror Miranda Monroe acknowledged our new sorors:

**Demarius Washington, Angelica McDonald, and Brittany Raye.** We welcome these sorors to our FAC family.

Sorors with birthdays in January and February were acknowledged with the singing of "Happy Birthday."

#### **Reflections: Soror Gwen Brown**

Soror Brown reminded us that we have many things to think about. Above all we should make a choice to spread *Love* throughout the universe.

#### **Communications: Soror Amanda Williams**

There was a request from the American Red Cross for a financial donation.

Thank you cards were received from the family of Sherman Earl and Roberta Justice Miles, Carolyn Winfrey and Brenda Winfrey Knox, Sharon McNair and family, Doris Brown, Jeannie Jones, Andrea Felder Johnson, and Earnestine Long.

A thank you card was received from the Fayetteville City Rescue Mission.

An invitation was received from Durham Alumnae Chapter of DST who are celebrating their 85<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary April 9, 2016. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Paulette C. Walker, National President.

Beta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. will present their Mardi Gras event on March 19, 2016, at the Double Tree Hotel. Tickets are \$30 in advance and are now on sale. A table can be purchased for \$300.

A request for a donation was received from the Ellington White Corporation.

Delta Research Educational Foundation is seeking a donation.

### **Five-Point Thrust Committee Reports**

#### **Economic Development: Soror Malone**

No update

#### **Adopt-A-Family: Soror Rouse**

No update.

#### **Adopt-a-Site: Soror B. McMillian**

There was no clean-up for the months of December and January. There will be clean-up next Saturday.

#### **Cinderella's Closet: Soror Bogan**

No update.

### **Educational Development**

#### **Arts and Letters: Soror Robinson**

Thanks to the sorors for supporting *The Wiz* and sharing with our community. Cape Fear Regional Theater appreciates our support. Every performance was a sellout. A and L has been recognized by National for our Red Carpet events. In honor of Black History Month, we will be having a private showing of the movie *Race: The Story of Jessie Owens*. We will be going to the Patriot 14 on next Sunday and the tickets are \$5.75 today. Encourage the community and youth groups to attend. Save the date of March 5 for the Youth Explosion at the Arts Council. Gran'daddy Junebug will be performing, as well as the Falcon Children's Home choir and dance group. View the art exhibit of Romaine Beardon. FAC has helped sponsor this exhibit. We have partnered with Jack and Jill to present this activity. Soror Brenda Freeman has flyers that you may take to your churches and other organizations.

The Red Velvet Book Club will meet on April 14, 2016. The book to be read will be *Go Set a Watchman*. There will be a free seminar on "how to delay Black Art" on next Saturday.

The motion that Soror Evelyn Shaw spoke of that was moved and seconded in our committee was that committee chairs be able to meet with the chapter budget officers at least 30 days before the finalizing of the budget. This recommendation will be brought before Executive Board.

#### **Delta Academy: Soror Graham**

For Black History Month the girls were to do a research project on a Black female born before 1950 who was an inspiration. The top seven they came up with were Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, Dorothy Height, Shirley Chisholm, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou and Betty Shabazz.

The girls worked on the no sew blankets at their last meeting and Soror Graham brought an example of one. We are still in need of blankets. Kits are called **No Sew Tie Blankets**.

**Delta GEMS: Soror D. Johnson**

No update.

**Jabberwock: Soror Bogan**

Jabberwock is March 26, 2016, at 5:00 pm at J.W. Seabrook Auditorium, Fayetteville State University. We have nine sweethearts and four princesses. Everyone attending Jabberwock **must** have a ticket. You may purchase tickets from the girls or a committee member. Please support a sweetheart or princess. If you purchase tickets from the committee, when you pay your money to the financial secretary, let it be known who you want the money to go to. Take your receipt to Soror Bogan and she will give you the tickets.

If you are not supporting a sweetheart or princess, your donation of \$100 or more is still solicited and may be made to the financial secretary. We encourage you to support a sweetheart or princess.

A recommendation is made that after Jabberwock is over and proceeds are finalized, that we give a gift of \$1000 to Delta Xi for their assistance to FAC during Jabberwock.

A motion was made by Soror Bogan to give a donation of \$1000 to Delta Xi, Fayetteville State University because of our commitment to Delta Xi. It was seconded by Soror Brenda Freeman. The motion carried.

**Princess: Soror Bullard**

The Princesses participated in the Dr. M.L. King Parade. They visited nursing homes and took gifts to the residents.

**International Awareness and Involvement: Soror Degraphenreid**

No update.

**Physical and Mental Awareness: Soror Crutcher-Murphy**

No update.

**Political Awareness and Development/Social Action: Soror Coaxum**

Planning meeting for PSA will be held February 9, 2016, at the Child Advocacy Center.

Crystal Glover of Parks and Recreation met with CC and FAC members in discussing the PSA for the April event **Chosen**, which will be presented at four recreation centers. The following teenagers will participate in the PSA: Wendy Flores, Ebony Gooch, and Morgan Boehmer. Faith Boehmer stated that there will be two other girls participating. The young ladies, along with the Fayetteville Youth Council, will develop the script for the PSA. A representative from the Fayetteville Youth Council was present. The young ladies will preview the DVD on 2/18/16 and work on the script. Once the script is developed, Crystal will send it to Corporate Communications to fine tune it for videoing. The PSA will be available on You-tube and Fayetteville Channel 7. The date is to be announced. The cost of flyers and posters will be determined. The Communications/Public Relations Committee of FAC will be contacted as to the dissemination of the event via Facebook, Twitter, etc.

March 3, 2016, begins one stop voting for the primaries. There is information available on the candidates so you will know for whom you are voting. Also ballots are available online. Be familiar with who is

running in your district. Tiffany Whitfield and Sanya Eller are two “sisters”(not related) who are running for judge. Know that the Republican names will appear first on the ballot.

Please let the community know about Connect NC. It is a bond issue that will affect us all. It will support, without raising taxes, the planetarium for Fayetteville State University and the second bond is for our Parks and Recreation budgets.

Social Actions is partnering with Beta Chi for voter registration engagement. This will start after March 15th. Please look at the flyer and give your thoughts about the flyer as it will impact voting. Please be specific and give your honest response. We need to educate our community to how important their vote is and how it will profoundly impact our community.

The hours for one stop voting have been extended. Check the voter ‘one stop card.’ Please be aware. The redistricting in the state must be done by February 19<sup>th</sup>.

FSU has been picked for Community Initiative. If we participate as a group (College Access Program), it is a day of service on February 20th and they will get a grant of \$2500.

#### **Program Planning and Development: Soror Figgins**

No update.

#### **Project 13: Soror Degraphenreid**

Delta has identified 13 organizations. In our local area there are seven: March of Dimes, March of Babies, Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, American Diabetes Association, Sisters Network a National African American Breast Cancer Survival Organization, The National Council of Negro Women, American Heart Association and the statewide organization is the National Urban League and the National Caucus and Center for Black Aging, and Saint Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. Soror Paula Frank, who was once chair, has volunteered to help Soror Degraphenreid with this committee.

#### **Internal Committees**

##### **Collegiate: Soror White**

No update.

##### **Communications/Public Relations: Soror Larkin**

A reminder to committees, that if you are creating flyers, etc., they must also be sent to the committee as well as Soror McPherson for approval prior to having them printed for distribution. Articles for the next FAC newsletter are due by midnight February 13<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Coordinating Council: Soror McPherson**

The next meeting will be held February 28, 2016. Membership chairs are to attend this meeting so that we can make sure we do not have any conflicts with planned events.

##### **Delta Lites: Soror McNair**

No update, but Soror McNair is recruiting members.

##### **Finance: Soror Glover**

Report was given with Treasurer’s Report.

##### **Fundraising: Soror M. Monroe**

The core committee members are: Sorors Pat Heath, Christina Washington, Shorter-Cooper, Vivian Tookes, Barbara Jones, and Jackie Sherrod. These sorors will be working on your fundraiser, but everybody will have a committee to work on. Our major activity will come in October and the 'Gala' is our 2017 activity. Any interested sorors who would like to work with this committee are encouraged to sign up.

**Historian: Soror Graham**

No update.

**Hospitality: Soror Nubin**

No update.

**Internal Audit: Soror Frank**

No update.

**Membership: Soror Robinson-Ellis**

Soror M. Monroe reported in the absence of the chair and reminded us to mark our calendars for the Prayer Breakfast which will be March 12, 9:00 a.m. here at the C.R.E.S.T. Building. Tickets are \$10.00. Bring your family members and friends with you. Ms. Omega Jones is our guest speaker.

A paint party is planned during Sisterhood Month. (Dab, Drink and Paint) We solicit as many of you as possible to come and be a part of this activity. The price is \$30. If you have any questions, speak with Soror Robinson-Ellis. A variety of events are planned for the month of March which is Sisterhood Month. Please plan to participate.

The Chapter Directory is almost finished. It will be online in the member's only section. To members of the Membership Committee, remember we took on membership buddies. Please make sure you contact your hard copy soror and see if she needs help registering for the Regional and/or State Meeting(s) as it must be done online.

**Pan Hellenic Council: Soror Figgins**

The council is planning an *Old School Jam* on May 13, 2016. It is a fundraiser and two \$1500 scholarships will be given to students at Fayetteville State University; one to a female student and one to a male student. Tickets are \$25. Each organization is asked to be responsible for 30 tickets. Every other organization has committed. The council wants the money for the 30 tickets to be paid up front; \$625. Sorors were asked to personally commit to purchasing a ticket. Sorors are to sign the commitment sheet.

**Policies and Procedures: Soror Coaxum**

The P&P for the South Atlantic Region is no longer on our website. Go online and look at the new template that Regional has mandated for every chapter to use, which will cause all chapters to have certain things in their policies.

**Protocol: Soror Frank**

No update.

**Scholarship: Soror Willis**

No update.

**Unfinished Business:**

A motion was made by Soror Waddell to table the request for a donation to the American Red Cross. It was seconded by Soror Eva Williams. The motion carried.

There was a request for an advertisement in the souvenir book for the Omegas' Mardi Gras event. A motion to purchase a ½ page ad was made by Soror Sherron Evans and seconded by Soror Brenda Freeman. The motion carried. The cost of the ad is \$60.00.

There was a request from the Ellington White Community Development Corporation to renew our membership. A discussion was held for clarification of our membership benefits.

A motion was made by Soror E. Shaw to place a hold on any further monetary requests that are not line items for this year, since funds have already been allocated. It was seconded by Soror Pat Capel. The motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Candidate Sanya Eller is here to meet and speak with sorors.

Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter has volunteered to host the Fall 2016 State Meeting. Next year's Spring State Meeting will be hosted by Durham Alumnae.

2016 Spring State Meeting is in Charlotte, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration closes March 4th.

Regional Conference Registration opens March 8, 2016.

Prayer Breakfast will be held prior to Chapter Meeting here.

### **Announcements:**

-Tau Gamma Gamma of Omega Psi Phi, Valentine Jazz Dance, Sat Feb 13, 7 p.m. , Ambience Venue, \$35 single, \$60 couples \$350 for a table

-Sigma Gamma Rho Luncheon and Fashion Show, Ramada Plaza (formerly Holiday Inn Bordeaux), March 26, tickets \$30, time: 11-2

-Ft. Bragg Alumnae Chapter in partnership with Williams Chapel Church Sunday School, From the Beat of the Drum, Feb. 20, 10a.m.- 2 p.m.

-FAC Arts and Letters Committee Black History Red Carpet Event Movie, *Race: The Jessie Owens Story* Feb. 21, Patriot 14 Theater, 4 p.m., tickets \$5.75 if purchased today, \$6.75 at the theater

-Zeta Phi Beta Sorority hosts Area 1 Final Woman Appreciate the Journey, Feb 21, 2-5 p.m. at St. Luke AME Church, attire: business, cost \$25.

-Feb. 25, Susan B. Anthony Birthday Reception, 5:30-7 VFW 6018, tickets \$30, students \$15

-Ft. Bragg Chapter of DST presents its Big Hat Brunch, March 19, from 11-2p.m. at The New Life Family Center, tickets \$45

-Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of DST hosts the Spring State Meeting, April 22-23, 2016

Attire all white, no pants. Registration closes March 4, \$65 for all sorors

-April 16, Pediatric Diabetes Spring Ball, Highland Country Club, tickets \$75

-Hope Mills Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. presents Zumba for Babies, April 22, Hope Mills Recreation Center, \$8 (cash only). Contact Jessie Hayes with any questions, 331-5748

-Field of Honor, Airborne and Special Operations Museum, May 21

-South Atlantic Regional Conference, registration opens on March 8, closes on April 12, Registration fee \$295 for alumnae, collegiate \$215, alumnae hostesses \$270, Delta Dears \$270, International \$150. Social Action Luncheon \$65, Variety Show \$40.

Soror McNair asks that if you received an email from her about meeting, please meet her after the meeting along with the sorors she requested at the meeting.

If you have not taken your photo for the directory, please see Soror Debra McNeill to take it after the meeting. It does not matter if you're not wearing all black.

Since the Prayer Breakfast is prior to our next meeting, it is recommended that we do not serve lunch after the Chapter Meeting. Instead, we will have a bagged lunch.

Movie tickets for the sorors who paid today will be given out at the theater.

Reminder that Delta Xi is having a line.

Those sorors who registered for Founders Day and did not attend, you may get your registration packets from Soror McPherson.

If you ordered a chapter stole, see Soror Waddell.

The 50/50 drawing was held. (\$51)

Our candidate is here.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Soror Miranda Monroe to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 p.m. and it was seconded by Soror Wendy Flores. The motion carried.

**Ritualistic Closing**

Katrina Carrasquillo, Recording Secretary