



Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter
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Chapter Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2022
ZOOM Virtual Meeting Platform

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the chapter meeting was held via the virtual meeting application of ZOOM. Due to the rescheduling of the SAR NC Founders Day event to the weekend of the Chapter's established meeting date, this meeting is being held on February 5, 2022, instead of February 12, 2022.

- 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 affirmed by Soror Jackie Sherrod, Sargent-at- Arms.
- D. **Adoption of Agenda:** A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Soror Miranda Monroe. The second was given by Soror Paula Frank. With no discussion, corrections or objections noted, the motion carried.
- E. **Adoption of Previous Chapter/Executive Board Meeting Minutes:** A motion to adopt the previous Chapter/Executive Board meeting minutes was made by Soror Virginia Ware. The second was given by Soror Barbara Nubin. With no discussions, corrections or objections noted, the motion carried.
- F. **Introduction of New and Visiting Sorors:** Soror Amanda Williams. There were no new/visiting Sorors present. Happy birthday greetings were extended to Sorors celebrating birthdays in March.
- G. **Financial Secretary's Report:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel reported for Soror Toni Moore. Soror Manuel confirmed receipts for the month of February. The report was for information only.
- H. **Treasurer's Report:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel reported the financial status of the chapter for the period of February 1 – February 28, 2022. The report was for information only but will be posted on the Chapter's website, Member's Only Section.
- I. **Reflections:** "Life is Like Batteries," Soror Gwen Brown.
- J. **Pearls of Protocol:** Soror Sonya Edmonds reported on updates and changes to the new Ritual, pp. 53-84. Eight updates.
- K. **Correspondence:** Soror Sheree Davis reported that "Thank You" cards were received from Soror Lola Brooks-Williams, Soror Brenda Jackson, Reginald Ingram on behalf of Soror Delores Ingram, the Child Advocacy Center, and Bag Lady D. Condolences were received from the NPHC for the passing of President Cheryl Hickman
- L. **Committee Reports: (Updates only)**

Five-Point Programmatic Thrust

1. **Economic Development:** Soror Keshia Allen reported.
 - a Soror Allen will continue to collect white wash cloths or towels if Sorors would like to continue to donate to Operation-In-As-Much.
 - b On May 6, 2022 from 5:30pm-9:30pm, the committee will host its end-of-the-year SIP Project award ceremony. Cost will be \$27/person. Event will be held at 116 Person Street.
 - a. **Foster Care:** Soror Patti Jordan reported that she spoke with the POC at Social Services and requested to “do something” for 4 graduating students. Those names will be provided later. The committee would also like to transfer \$250 of their budget to the EMBODI committee to accommodate its graduation program.
 - b. **Adopt-A-Site:** Soror Daphney Bunyan. No updates.
2. **Educational Development:**
 - a. **Arts and Letters:** Soror Miranda Monroe reported.
 - a. The committee will host its final Red Velvet Book Club discussion on April 21st, “The Personal Librarian.” Soror Renee Corders will facilitate. A link will be sent through FAC Announcements.
 - b. On May 12th the Color Purple will be presented at the Cape Fear Regional Theater. Ticket cost will be \$25.68. Details of purchase process will be posted. The Delta Night will be shared with Ft Bragg Area Alumnae Chapter.
 - b. **Delta Academy:** Soror Awilda Graham reported. The girls celebrated Black History Month by participating in a Black history trivia game and are currently working on a project for Women’s History Month. For International Children’s Day, an “*Endless Journey*” children’s book drive will be held in the Tent’s parking lot on April 2nd from 1:00pm-2:30pm. Sorors are asked to drop off new or lightly used books.
 - c. **Delta GEMS:** Soror Patti Jordan. No update
 - d. **EMBODI:** Soror Salena Staten. No update
 - e. **Jabberwock:** Soror Lynette McMillan. No update
3. **International Awareness and Involvement:** Soror Virginia Ware thanked Soror Patti Jordan for representing FAC at the Cumberland County Department of Public Health’s webinar on National Black HIV Awareness Day, February 7th. On March 24-25 Delta Days at the United Nations will be held. Registration is open to all financial Sorors. The event is free on the 24th and \$25 on the 25th. The theme is “*Making a Global Impact on Achieving Gender Equality.*”
4. **Physical and Mental Health:** Soror Renee Ellis reported. The committee presented: “Dealing with Grief,” on 2/17/22. Soror Sandra Monroe facilitated the discussion.
 - a. **Healthy lifestyles:** Soror Darnette Hall reported. The “Get Fit February: 28 Day Fitness Challenge,” has concluded. Fitness challenge winners were:

- a. Third place: Soror Renee Ellis
- b. Second place: Soror Daphney Bunyan
- c. First place: Soror Brenda Jackson
- b.** Sisterhood Walk will occur on March 19, 2022, 8am at Cape Fear River Trail

5. **Political Awareness and Involvement/Social Action:** Soror Meta Coaxum reported that VoteChella will be held at FSU's Student Center on March 18th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Host groups are FSU, Methodist Univ, and the Hope Mill Millennial Group.

ii. Program Planning and Development: Soror Sharon McNair reported the March committee meeting will be held March 17th at 7pm via Zoom. A link will be sent through Announcements. Chairs and/or co-chairs are asked to attend. Madame President asked that committee chairs submit all activities done for the sororal year.

iii. Internal Committees:

1. **Communications/IT/GwG:** Soror Willie Johnson. No update
2. **Delta Emergency Response Team:** Soror Teresa Wright reported. N95 face masks were donated to the Care Clinic. Mask donations will be presented to the Refuge Church and Mt. Zion AMEZ church on March 20th and 26th respectively. A two-minute video was shared with the Sorors on how to use a fire extinguisher. It will be shared via FAC Announcements.
3. **Delta Lights:** Soror Sharon McNair. No update
4. **Finance:** Soror Eva Williams reported that a \$1500 scholarship will be awarded from the Cumberland Foundation. The goal is to increase the fund to \$50,000 for 2 scholarships. The Chapter will donate \$2000 to the foundation. Sorors can donate individually to the Foundation.
Soror Rayshonia Manuel reported:
 - a. Chapter liability insurance has increased to \$1160. Insurance forms will be on the website if necessary for events at local venues.
 - b. Sorors were reminded to submit their Dues Form along with their dues payment via email or mail.
 - c. The Arts & Letters will be hosting a reception for Color Purple and splitting the cost with Ft. Bragg Alumnae, \$105.
 - d. Budget forms are due by March 28th.
 - e. Jabberwock Committee Chair needs to submit vouchers so money can be returned to the participants.
5. **Fundraising:** Soror Babetta Johnson reported that Building Pyramid Brick by Brick has now raised \$10,400; goal \$15,000. Donations will be accepted until June 2022.
6. **Habitat for Humanity:** Soror La'Tiki Grey reported that the committee participated with the International Women's Build on March 5th. Pictures are posted on the FAC Diva Facebook page.
7. **Hospitality:** Soror Barbara Nubin. No update

M. Membership: Soror Amanda Williams reported the registration has closed for the Sisterhood Luncheon. An email will be sent. All funds must be received by March 14th.

- a. March 13 – Sisterhood church service at Lewis Chapel for 11am service. Sorors can wear paraphernalia if desired. Temps will be checked upon entry.

b March 13 – Virtual reclamation dinner will be at 5:00pm. Registration link via FAC announcement can be used to participate. Log in at 4:45pm.

c May 1 – Delta Dear Hoedown from 3pm-6pm at Mazerick Park. Event is for Delta Dears only. Register by March 20th via FAC announcement. POC: Soror Awilda Graham.

d June 24-25 – FAC Retreat. Registration link will be in FAC Announcements. Register by March 31st. Location: Crossroads Church on McArthur Rd.

N. Pan Hellenic Council: Soror Sylvia McPherson reported,

a Tickets, \$35/each, are available for the comedy show and dance on April 30th. Sorors who wish to stroll should meet at College Lakes Rec center March 14th at 6pm with FBAAC. Soror Daphney Bunyan will be the POC and liaison with Ft. Bragg. A sign-up sheet will be sent via FAC announcements.

O. Policy and Procedure: Soror Willie Johnson reported that 20 proposed amendments and recommendations were emailed to Sorors. One additional amendment was sent from the Hospitality Committee to change the amount for plants to “\$60 or current price.” Voting will take place at the April Chapter meeting.

P. Protocol: Soror Jackie Sherrod. No update

Q. Scholarship: Soror Effie Willis reported that the 2022 recipient has been selected. Madame President recommended a virtual presentation to the youth and parents at 9:30am, prior to the April Chapter meeting.

R. Unfinished/New Business: Madame President:

a South Atlantic Regional Conference will be Aug 4-7, 2022, in Richmond Va. Registration opens Wed March 16, 2022, at 12 noon and closes April 30, 2022 or when capacity is reached. Hotel information will be included with registration, which is \$385.00. The Social Action Luncheon is \$75.00. Chapters are being asked to donate \$100 to help purchase gifts for outgoing officers.

b Delta Authors on Tour will be April 2, 2022, hosted by Petersburg Alumnae.

c Sorors were asked their desire to end the year virtually. If face-to-face in September, a new, larger space to allow social distancing needs to be considered. The Order of Tents, which may not be large enough, will cost \$50/meeting. Crossroad Church is available but will cost \$390 per meeting, with an additional \$75-\$100 for tech support if needed. Other venues for consideration are appreciated. A motion was made by Soror McPherson to remain virtual for the remainder of the Sorority year. A second was provided by Soror Frank. **A poll was conducted: 88% - Agreed, 12% Disagreed**

d A meeting with the Coordinating Council, FBAAC and FAC current and past presidents will be held to discuss the support of an event sponsored by the Fine Arts Department at FSU, which is within FAC's/Delta Xi's service area, but will be hosted by FBAAC. The two-day, private event to be held March 22-23, will highlight a celebrity chef at the Arts Council and reception in the Rosenthal Gallery. FBAAC, the host chapter, would like for FAC to collaborate/split the cost of the reception. A motion was made by Soror Keshia Allen to **not** collaborate/split the cost with FBAAC for the event as we don't have a cost and FBAAC did not include FAC at the beginning. A second was provided by Soror Gwen Henderson. After discussion, a poll was conducted: **73% agreed with the motion, 27% disagreed with the motion.**

e Chapters in **Cluster 6** along with FAC were reviewed: Ft Bragg Area Alumnae, Laurinburg Alumnae, Lumberton Alumnae, Whiteville Alumnae, Omicron Nu (UNCP),

and Delta Xi (FSU), and newly added Sandhills Alumnae. The next Presidential Round Table will discuss more of how the clusters will work.

f The Board of Elections is looking for Poll workers for Democrats, Republicans, and Unaffiliated parties at several locations. Please contact Mitzie Roberts at 910-321-6603 or mroberts@cumberland.co.us.

g Soror Meta Coaxum shared information on the **CROP Hunger Walk** which will be held Sunday April 10, 2022, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2505 Village Drive Fayetteville. Start time 3pm, check-in at 2pm. The event is a community-based walk fundraiser held across the US, created to support the global mission of Church World Service. Of the funds collected, 25% will be returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. To sign-up or learn more, visit:

www.CropHungerWalk.org/FayettevilleNC

h Soror Miranda Monroe recognized /congratulated Soror Awilda Graham for being appointed at the regional level Membership Services Committee to work with the Delta Dears subcommittee.

S. Announcements: Soror Teresa Wright for Soror Sheree Davis. None. (Soror Coaxam will forward an announcement through FAC Announcements)

T. Adjournment: A motion was made by Soror Miranda Monroe. A second was given by Soror Barbara Nubin. Meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.

U. Ritualistic Closing was conducted per protocol.

**Respectfully Submitted by Recording Secretary,
Soror Teresa Wright**