



Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter
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Chapter Meeting Minutes
10:00 am
September 12, 2020
ZOOM Virtual Meeting Platform

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the North Carolina Governor's 'Stay at Home' mandate, the chapter meeting was held via the virtual meeting application of ZOOM.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am by President Soror Debra Figgins. Prayer was rendered by Soror Wendy McAdams-Flores.
- II. Quorum was confirmed by Soror Jackie Sherrod, Sargent-at- Arms.
- III. A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Soror Virginia Ware. The second was given by Soror Gwen Henderson. With no corrections or objections offered, the agenda was adopted.
- IV. A motion to accept the Previous Chapter/Executive Board Meeting Minutes was made by Soror Miranda Monroe. The second was given by Soror Wendy McAdams-Flores. With no corrections or objections, the motion carried.
- V. A Membership Intake (MIT) video was played for the Chapter members. Sorors were reminded by President, per Soror Johnson, Regional Director, there will be no in-person sessions for MIT should a positive vote for membership intake occur. A plea from Madame President for a Soror(s) to volunteer to assist with the technology management and communications output was made.

The electronic voting process was explained by Soror Willie Johnson: All eligible Sorors present on the meeting call will receive an email from *Election Runner*, a secure online election platform designed to facilitate the election process, through which the Sorority is licensed to use the service. Sorors were instructed to follow the process to select, vote, and submit their ballots. Voting results will be presented near close of meeting. Sorors eligible to vote will be confirmed by the Financial Secretary and those Sorors will have ballots emailed to them. Sorors who are not confirmed eligible to vote, will not receive an emailed ballot. Following the MIT video, roll call was conducted by Sergeants-At-Arms, Soror Sherrod and Soror Heath. Voting eligibility was confirmed by Soror Toni Moore, Financial Secretary. A motion to proceed with MIT vote was rendered by Soror Awilda Graham with a second from Soror Sherron Evans. With no objections, the motion carried. The ballots were emailed for MIT vote at 11:18 am.
- VI. **Financial Secretary's Report-** Soror Toni Moore: The report included receipts for the month of June, July, and August 2020 from the Wells Fargo bank, First Horizon bank, and the Donation Tree. The report was for information only.

- VII. Treasurer's Report:** Soror Jerial Bogan: The report was for information only. Sorors were redirected to the Chapter's website, "Financial Reports" tab, to review the Revenue and Expense reports for the months of June, July, and August in their entirety.
- VIII. Reflections:** Soror Virginia Ware brought reflections on "Sincere Love" and Soror Gwen Brown brought reflections on "Our Friend."
- IX. Correspondences:** Soror Sheree Davis: The receipt of 'Thank-You' cards was acknowledged from Sorors Brown, Wheeler, Fulton, Miller-Bernard and Walker. A letter and card were received from Brittany Watkins, Miss Jabberwock. An acknowledgment from the Susan B Coleman Breast Cancer Society was received.
- X. Committee Reports:**
- i. Five-Point Programmatic Thrust**
1. **Economic Development:** No update
 - a. **Adopt-a-Site:** No update
 2. **Educational Development:** No update
 - a. **Arts and Letters:** Sorors will receive a flyer concerning the 2021 Book Club readings
 - b. **Delta Academy:** No updates
 - c. **Jabberwock:** Souvenir booklets were not printed for patrons and supporters. Interested persons in receiving one can contact Soror Tammy Pippen.
 - d. **Risk Management:** no update
 3. **International Awareness and Involvement:** No update
 4. **Physical and Mental Health:** No update
 - a. **Healthy lifestyles:** Flyers will be sent to Sorors accordingly.
 5. **Political Awareness and Involvement/Social Action:** The Sorority hosted its first virtual candidates' forum via Facebook Live September 8, 2020 with Judge Mark Davis, moderated by Soror Sheree Davis and Judge Toni King. It was very well received. On September 22, 2020 at 7pm, a second virtual forum will be hosted via Facebook.com/Fayalumnaedeltas with invitees: Sen. Kirk DeViere (Senate District 19), Mr. Sev Palacios (candidate for State Senate District 21), and Sen. Ben Clark (Senate District 21). Future event dates are planned for September 24, October 6, 8, and 13 from 7-8pm. Details to be sent.
- ii. Program Planning and Development:** No updates
- iii. Internal Committees:**
1. **Collegiate:** Soror Miller-Bernard – The Pyramid Induction Ceremony was conducted for the Delta Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. of Fayetteville State University on September 9, 2020. Twenty-four (24) young ladies were inducted.
 2. **Finance:** No updates
 3. **Fundraising:** Soror Judith Waddell reminded Sorors of the three (3) options available to send money for the Donation Tree: 1) Single Payment of \$100.00. The first 50 Sorors to donate will be recognized at the October chapter meeting. 2) Two installments of \$50.00 each. 3) Four installments of \$25.00 each. The final Deadline for donations will be the December Chapter meeting.

4. **Habitat for Humanity:** Soror Latiki Gray – All volunteer dates have been cancelled until further notice.
5. **Hospitality:** Soror Wendy McAdams-Flores – notifications of the hospitalization of Soror Gwinette’s husband, the passing of Soror Boyd’s mother, and successful surgery of Soror Robinson’s husband were provided.
6. **Membership:** Soror Awilda Graham – “Happy Birthday” to the September Sorors. “Happy 67th Chapter Anniversary” to the Sorors of Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter! The Chapter conducted a successful Delta Dear Drive-Thru. Ninety-eight (98) Delta Dears participated (four [4] have yet to receive their gifts). If there are any new Sorors achieving/reaching the Delta Dear status, please submit your name(s) to Soror Graham.
7. **MIT Vote Results:** Soror Willie Johnson – There were 101 Sorors confirmed eligible to vote for membership intake activities. Ninety-eight (98) ballots were emailed. Three eligible Sorors did not have an email address and therefore could not receive an electronic ballot. Ninety-one (91) electronic ballots were returned. Sorors were reminded: to proceed with new membership intake activities, 2/3 of the votes casted were required to support new membership intake activities.
The voting results: Yes – 64, NO – 27. The 2/3 voting requirement needed to support membership intake = 65.3 votes. This vote did not support conducting membership intake activities.

After disclosure of the voting results, it was discovered because of email discrepancies, some of the eligible Sorors did not receive their electronic ballots. Their emails were compared to the listed emails in the **Red Zone**: some were found to be correct, but not captured on the local listserv, the other email was incorrect. It was revealed the email roster used by Chapter for correspondence was locally maintained and updated, and it did contain the correct email for all the Sorors. Much discussion ensued whether to allow these Sorors, in addition to the eligible Sorors without email addresses, to cast their vote via text message, since the results had already been announced. After the objections, questions of validity, and the integrity of the process were heard and addressed, it was determined 1) That all eligible Sorors have a right to vote and should be afforded the opportunity to have their vote counted. 2) Given this was the Chapter’s first virtual election, it was a learning process, of which the “glitches” and shortcomings were addressed with transparency, but Sorors should not be penalized because of the failings. 3) To minimize future email discrepancies, it is most appropriate to use email listservs generated from the Red Zone rather than creating and maintaining separate local ones. This would require Sorors to keep contact information updated or risk receipt of all electronic correspondence nationally and locally.

After discussion with Parliamentarian, Soror Lila Washington, a motion was made by Soror Vera Bell to proceed with the election process by allowing the number of votes cast electronically and via text to be counted for consideration of conducting membership intake. The motion was seconded by Soror Miranda Monroe. The affected Sorors were then given the opportunity to cast their vote via text message to Soror Johnson, administrator of the voting process.

Final voting tallies: One hundred one (101) Sorors present were eligible to vote. Sixty-nine (69) votes YES; twenty-eight (28) votes No. The two-thirds (2/3) vote requirement needed to support membership intake = 67.3. This vote did support proceeding with membership intake. The final decision will be forwarded the Regional Director for her review and her approval by President Figgins.

- 8. Nominating:** Soror Amanda Williams read the responsibilities of the Nominating committee to the Chapter. Qualification requirements for membership on the Minerva Circle were read to the Chapter. Test ballots for the Minerva Circle will be sent by Soror Johnson September 25-26 to preclude/troubleshoot any email glitches prior to the election of the Minerva Circle members. Nominations from the floor were received.

Nomination results:

Leader of the Minerva Circle: Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard, Soror Miranda Monroe

Keeper of the Muses and Graces: Soror Sharon McNair

Convenor of the Odyssey: Soror Quinsentina James, Soror Melanie Shorter, Soror Monica Strange

Nine Jewels: Sorors Mia Watson, Sheree Davis, Virginia Ware, Penny Monroe, Renee Ellis, Monica Strange, Antoinette Howard, Sherron Evans, Quinsentina James, Gail McDowell, Latiki Gray, Wendy Flores, LaShonda Williamson, Latoya Gordon, Nicole Spivey, Awilda Graham, Teresa Wright, Mindy Howard, Erin White, Debra Teasley, Yvette Bullard, Sylvia McPherson, Carolyn Gomez, Ulett Benson, Tamar Foster, Charlene Evans, Lola Brooks Williams, Felicia Smith

Minerva Circle elections will take place at the October chapter meeting.

XI. Unfinished Business: Madam President

- The Big Hat Brunch sponsored by the Fort Bragg Chapter DST has been rescheduled for March 27, 2021. Previously purchased tickets will be honored. Any Sorors wishing refunds are asked to contact Madame President or any Ft. Bragg Soror.
- Sorors not receiving Chapter emails are asked to notify Madame President.
- All Chapter Compliance materials have been successfully submitted to the Red Zone.
- Founders Day gifts still have not been received from Soror Telia Virgin, Chair of Area Founders Day 2020. A potential delivery date is unknown.

XII. New Business: Madam President

Delta Heritage Celebration will take place 9/1/20 – 4/30/21. Activities/events will highlight accomplishments of Chapters' community activities. May 1, 2021 is the deadline for activity submissions. Awards will be presented at the 55th National Convention in Atlanta, Ga.

XIII. Announcements: None.

XIV. Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Soror Jackie Sherrod. A second was given by Soror Virginia Ware. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Soror Teresa Wright
Assistant Recording Secretary