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Chapter Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 11, 2017
Orange Street School
600 Orange Street
10:00 a.m.

A. Call to Order

After the Ritualistic Opening, Madam President asked if a quorum was present. Soror Sergeant-at-Arms replied no quorum was present. Madam President called for a motion to set aside any business that required a chapter vote and to continue the meeting to hear committee reports and updates. Soror Willie Johnson made the motion. Soror Paula Frank gave the second. During the discussion, Soror Myra Holloway questioned whether or not any matters requiring a vote were time sensitive. Madam President stated that should a quorum be met during the meeting, we would return to the item requiring the vote. The motion carried. The meeting was then called to order.

B. Adoption of the Agenda:

Soror Pat Moore moved to adopt with a second by Soror Miranda Monroe. The motion carried.

C. Adoption of Previous Chapter and E-board Meeting Minutes:

Soror Katrina Carrasquillo moved to adopt. Soror Paula Frank gave the second. The motion carried. Soror Vera Bell stated that with no quorum present we could not vote to adopt the minutes nor the agenda. After discussion, Soror Bell moved to rescind the motions to adopt. A second was given by Soror Gwen Henderson. The motion to rescind was carried.

D. Financial Secretary's Report: Soror Judith Waddell

As a matter of information, Soror Waddell informed the members that Grand Chapter sent information that there will be NO membership financial stickers sent this year. Madam President added that Grand Chapter stated that there was a substantial savings.

E. Treasurer's Report: Soror Tracy Howard-Glover

Soror Willie Johnson gave the Treasurer's report. She distributed hard copies of the statements and the updated budget. However, acceptance of the report will have to be moved to the December meeting because of the lack of a quorum.

F. Introduction of New & Visiting Sorors: Soror Melissa Robinson-Ellis

Madam President asked if there were any new or visiting sorors in the absence of the 2nd VP. There were none. She then asked sorors with November birthdays to stand. They were serenaded with the Birthday Song. All veterans were recognized and applauded for their service.

G. Reflections: Soror Gwen Brown

Soror Brown gave reflections with the poem “Your Blessings Are So Many Lord” by Clint Harrison

H. Correspondence: Soror Amanda Williams

Soror Williams received the following correspondence:

- Thank you card from Jacqueline Jones Hill
- Thank you card from Soror Jasmine Bogan on support of the FSU Queens’ Tea
- MLK breakfast committee: The annual breakfast will be January 15, 2018 at the Crown Expo Complex beginning at 8:00 am. Bishop Charles Ellis will be the speaker. A request was made for a full page ad and purchase of a Bronze Table (eight people).

The purchase of the Ad was tabled until December or until a quorum is met. Madam President asked for volunteers to purchase a seat at the table. Eight Sorors volunteered. Madam President asked them to sign up at the end of the meeting.

I. Committee Reports

i. Five-Point Thrust

1. Economic Development

a. Adopt-a-Family –Soror Williams

Soror Williams thanked the members for their support in providing the families with Thanksgiving dinner items. She distributed a list from the families with their ages, sizes, needs and desires for the Christmas Holidays. Contributions should be given to committee members.

2. Educational Development Soror M. Monroe

Soror Monroe announced the Risk Management Training workshop will be Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 1:00 pm at Fayetteville State University in the SBE building. She reminded Sorors that if they, or any volunteers that work with them, plan to work with youth in any capacity, they are REQUIRED to have the training workshop ANNUALLY.

Soror Monroe also reported that the present chair of the Jabberwock Committee has taken a new job and has to relinquish her position as such. She is calling on any Soror to please consider stepping into the position. Madam President supported and called for Sorors to consider stepping up to take the lead of that committee.

***The Fund Raising report was given here. See the report in its position on the agenda

a. Arts and Letters- Soror Janice Robinson

After thanking the membership for their support of the committee Soror Robinson gave the following information

- October Book Club discussion event was a success. Soror Rene Corders led the group. The new book for the next discussion event will be announced in December
- The Red Carpet Movie event “Marshall” was a success.
- A new movie group was formed, “Silver Matinee Movie Goers,” for Sorors who do not drive at night or would prefer an earlier time. The new group met for an earlier matinee showing of *Marshall*. Seven Delta Dears attended.
- Name Badges (\$7.00) and A&L lapel pins (\$5.00) are available. See Soror Judith Waddell to order
- The Ebony 50th year exhibit will be on going at the museum in Raleigh through January. If anyone is interested in going, please sign up after the meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the Headquarters Library at 6:00 pm

b. **Delta GEMS**- Soror J. Bogan
NO REPORT

c. **EMBODI** –Soror T. Moore
NO REPORT

d. **Jabberwock**- Soror Q. James

Sorors M. Monroe and Willie Johnson reported that there are 5 Sweethearts and 3 Princesses currently paid to participate. A vote will need to be made as to whether we should proceed with the Jabberwock. This vote will need to be made as soon as possible. Soror Johnson stated that the young ladies that have registered are eager to participate and the chapter needs to let them know that they can begin to raise funds. The vote will have to take place at the December chapter meeting.

3. **International Awareness and Involvement:** Soror Degraphenreid
Soror Degraphenreid reported that the annual World Aids Day Observance event will be December 1, 2017 at the Smith Recreation Center (across from the FSU football field). She stated that she thinks the event will begin at 5:00 pm

4. **Physical and Mental Health** – Soror Sharon McNair

a. **Healthy Lifestyles**- Soror Kay Harris

Soror Doris Williams reported for the committee: For all those who have been joining us for the Walk and Talk, big pats on the back! If you haven't been able to join us but have increased your fitness routine, pat yourself on the back!

- This month we want you to join the Healthy Lifestyle committee as we begin our “Walk to Founders Day and Back.” It is approximately 226 doable miles. The Walk starts November 12, 2017 and ends January 20, 2018. A hard copy participant's spreadsheet is being distributed to track your miles. If you email fac.healthylife@gmail.com, an electronic version can be sent to you. All those who complete the walk and submit their log sheets by January 20, 2018, will be eligible for an award.

- November is Diabetes Awareness Month. There are over 3 million Americans affected by this disease. Exercise, healthy eating and reduction of stress can help to control diabetes and keep it at bay.
- The Red Apple Run for Diabetes is November 18, 2017. You can go the Better Health website for additional information
- December 1, 2017 is World Aids Day
- Walk and Talks are every third Saturday of the month. November 18, 2017 is the next one. Join us from 8:30-9:30 at Cape Fear River Trail or Hope Mills Park or Cross Creek Mall. Inclement weather (rain, low temps, etc.) - everyone walks at the mall.

5. **Political Awareness and Development-** Soror Meta Coaxum

On November 2, 2017, Civics 101:Take Note and Vote, sponsored by FAC Social Action Committee partnered with Advocacy FSU, had an attendance of about 50 citizens. The presenters were Mr. Chris V. Rey, Mayor of Spring Lake; Judge Gale Adams, 12B Judicial District of the Fourth Division of the Superior Court and Rep. Elmer Floyd, District 43. The two candidates for District 2, Mr. Dan Culliton and Mr. Tyrone A. Williams, were present to introduce themselves to their constituents. The audience participated with questions for the panelists. Sorors Meta Coaxum and Nadine Miller-Bernard presented '*Chosen, Minor Sex Trafficking*' at FTCC for a Continuing Education class on November 7, 2017. Four students signed up for the presentation and were awarded 2.5 credit hours.

ii. **Program Planning and Development-** Soror D. Figgins

Project 13: Soror Queen Degraphenreid

The December chapter meeting coincides with the 1935 founding month of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). During that December meeting it is the goal of the Project 13 committee to recruit 10% of our membership to join the local chapter of NCNW. Delta Sigma Theta is an affiliate of NCNW. Current President, Ingrid Saunders-Jones is a Soror and chair of NCNW affiliates (33 organizations)

Project 13 will meet in February (TBA) which is the founding month of the NAACP. The goal is to get 10% of FAC members to join the Fayetteville Chapter. The NAACP is our civil rights organization and represents the equal rights and social justice for ALL.

iii. Internal Committees

1. **Delta Emergency Response Team-** Soror Miller-Bernard

Soror Miller-Bernard distributed a handout with tips for safety during the holiday season. (a copy is attached to the end of the minutes)

2. **Finance-** Soror Howard-Glover

NO REPORT

3. **Fund Raising-** Soror M. Monroe

Soror Monroe gave the following updates:

- The “Old School Party” at the VFW will be January 20, 2018. Dress in the 70s style! Tickets are \$25.00 and members are asked to be responsible for 4 tickets. The event is from 8:00 to midnight.
- The GALA will be June 2, 2018. The plated dinner/dance will be held at the Baymont/Ramada Inn complex. Tickets are \$65.00 and will be from 7:00 -11:00 p.m. The goal is sell 450 tickets.
- The chapter cardigan will be on display at the next Executive Board meeting. The cardigan will sell for \$40.00 (an up charge of an additional \$1.00 for each size above XL)

4. **Protocol-** Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard

Soror Vera Bell presented for the committee. She gave a presentation on the Sorority Crest: Its parts and meanings. She also noted that the Crest should NOT be used in the lining of a casket, nor on a headstone nor on a funeral program or newspaper announcement. Although she gave a handout, it was noted that this information can be found in the Protocol and Traditions manual, as well as on page 207 of our Ritual.

J. **Unfinished Business:** Soror McPherson

- Items that need to be voted on will be moved to the December chapter meeting agenda
- There will be a “Good Time Bus” for the NC 50th Area Founders Day East in Greenville. The bus will be loading at 6:30 am with a 7:00 departure time. Founders Day registration is \$50.00 (Deadline is November 22, 2017) and to ride the bus is an additional \$18.00. The capacity is 54 seats and will be on a first come first paid basis until the bus is filled. At present there are 37 seats filled.
- Attire for Founders Day is All Black, NO PANTS. A rededication ceremony will be held.
- An Advisor Training will be held December 9, 2017 at FSU. Several officers and members will be attending. It is very important for other members to attend the Chapter meeting so there will be a quorum to vote on urgent items.
- The PP&P committee will send an email with information on the next meeting.

K. **New Business:** Madam President

Soror Lila Washington brought to the floor a section in the Ritual regarding procedures when there is no quorum. After discussion, it was decided that we would look further into this procedure for understanding and future application.

L. **Announcements:** Soror Amanda Williams

The following announcements were made:

- Soror Leslie Council is recovering at home from a recent broken heel injury. Prayers are asked for her father who has stage 3 lung cancer. Although a hospice nurse is helping, with her injury and not sure when she will return to work, she needs love, visits and even some food and financial help as well. She can be reached at 910-977-6766 and her address is 6605 Bluffview Drive, Fayetteville.
- Soror Figgins has 2 rituals that were left from previous chapter meetings. Please see her if yours is missing.
- Delta Lites will be Christmas Caroling at Woodlands Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Pelt Drive. The date is TBA, but will be on a Monday at 7:00 p.m. in

December. Look for information on the Social Media page and the newsletter. All are welcome to join them.

- Saturday Nov. 11, 2017: Fair Courts Town Hall in Fayetteville, NC. JD Fuller Recreation Center from 1-2:30 p.m.

M. Adjournment

Madam President called for a motion to adjourn.

Soror Pat Moore moved that the meeting be adjourned. Soror Myra Holloway gave the second and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon Smith McNair
Recording Secretary