



Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter
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Executive Board Meeting

October 26, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Via virtual platform ZOOM

- A. **Call to Order: President Figgins** called the meeting to order.
- B. **Prayer: Soror Barbara Nubin**
- C. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Soror Virginia Ware; Second by Soror Paula Frank. No corrections were made.
- Sorors were asked to vote “Nay” if there were objections to adopting the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was adopted.
- D. **Correspondence: Soror Sheree Davis.** A Thank You card was received from Sorors La’Tiki Gray, Cheryl Black and Ms. Vivian Frazier and the Frazier family on behalf of Soror Mildred Bonner.
- E. **Financial Secretary’s Report: Soror Toni Moore** read the Financial Secretary’s Reports for October. Sorors are reminded that 160 Rituals were purchased and 83 have been sold. There are 73 left, and they can be purchased/picked up at the Order of Tents building, Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 9:00-11:00 am. The report was for information only.
- F. **Treasurer’s Report: Soror Rayshonia Manuel** provided the Treasurer’s Reports for October. This report was for information only.
- G. **Committee reports:**
- **Five Point Programmatic Thrust**
 1. **Economic Development: Soror Keshia Allen** reported that on 10/25/21 committee members went to Operation In As Much and distributed purses for the SIP (Success In a Purse) project. The purses were very well received. An opportunity has been presented to the Chapter to help serve breakfast from 7:30am to 8:30am. Kenisha Bryant is the POC.

- a. **Adopt-a-Site: Soror Daphney Bunyan** reported there will be no cleanup for the month of November. The last clean-up of the year is scheduled for December 18, 2021, at 8:00 am, weather permitting. Reminder email will be sent.

As a reminder, the site is the Freedom Trail located on Bragg Blvd. Park in the parking lot on the corner of Hay St. and Bragg Blvd. Attire is comfortable Delta paraphernalia. Sanitizer, masks and clean up equipment will still be provided. We will continue to follow CDC, state and Delta contact guidance in response to COVID-19 and the variants.

- b. **Foster Care Initiative: No report**

2. Educational Development: Soror Miranda Monroe

- a. **Art and Letters: Soror Janice Robinson** reported Arts and Letters Committee meeting for October was replaced by the Red Velvet Book Club discussion which was moved from October 21 to October 28 at 6 pm. The registration for the Zoom link for the discussion was sent to the 64 participants who texted RSVP.

Looking forward to a lively discussion of *Caul Baby* by Morgan Jenkins on Thursday led by Soror Rene Corders. Sorors are asked to support Soror Dorothy Fielder by purchasing her book, *Wall of Honor: A Celebration of Fayetteville's Everyday Heroes*, for \$20. Sorors can contact her at 910-483-6152. The National Arts and Letters announced for the fall our Red-Carpet movie, "King Richard," which comes out November 19. It looks at the tennis superstars, Venus and Serena Williams, and their father. More information coming about the chapter viewing this movie. Continue to support the arts.

- b. **Delta Academy: Soror Awilda Graham** reported the Academy consists of 12 girls. Comfort kit items will be collected from 9am-2pm on 10/30/21 at the Order of Tents parking lot. The goal is to fill a gallon bag for a male and a female. The Academy will host a food drive in November.

- c. **Delta GEMS: Soror Patti Jordan** reported the committee held its planning meeting on October 12, 2021, with 9 Sorors present. Orientation for Gems and Parents was held on October 19, 2021. Present were 13 Gems, parents, and 14 Committee members.

Parent/Youth Orientation was completed as well as orientation to Gems, goals, participation criteria, rules, and program activities. The next planning meeting is November 9, 2021, and the Gems will meet on November 16, 2021, at 6:30pm via zoom. The theme will be, "*It's a Different World*"- from High School to College.

- d. **EMBODI: Soror Miranda Monroe** reported there are 20 male youth participants. On October 9th and 21st orientations will be held for youth and parents. Four youth won gift cards. The

committee is researching the cost of Polo shirts. Parents are asked to complete applications by 10/30/21. November 6th is the first meeting from 1:30-3:30pm. Captain Al Ellis of the Fayetteville Police Department, Attorney Ronald Crosby and Mauldin Austin will serve as mentors for the group.

- e. **Jabberwock: Soror Patti Jordan** reported that the committee wanted to present a motion to the Chapter to move forward with the Jabberwock Pageant even though only 6 girls are registered, on April 30, 2022. The theme will be “Reflections of a Pearl’s Voyage.” Deadline for applications is 11/1/21. Sorors were reminded that FAC Policy and Procedures (P&P) states a minimum of eight (8) girls are required or else the Chapter cannot proceed with Jabberwock. A Soror asked if a vote could take place regardless, as the 6 girls were really committed to participate. Sorors were again reminded that the P&P is the governing document by which the Chapter operates and thus it cannot arbitrarily be manipulated to accommodate the desire at hand. Sorors were informed that suggestions for changes to the P&P can be submitted to the committee chair. Program Planning and Development will try to foster a pathway for girls from Princesses, Academy, and Gems to Jabberwock.
- f. **Princesses. No report.**

- 3. **International Awareness & Involvement: Soror Virginia Ware** reported that the committee corresponded via Zoom 10/25/21 @ 6:30pm. The committee discussed the global project, “Rise Against Hunger.” The committee is developing a plan to present to Executive Board. Sorors are asked to remember and pray for the 17 missionaries kidnapped in Haiti.
- 4. **Physical & Mental Health: Soror Renee Ellis** reported the committee discussed a Zoom webinar TBA on “Grief.” They were encouraged to contact Soror Victoria Rush for assistance.
 - a. **Healthy Lifestyles: Soror Darnette Hall** reported that the committee met 10/6/21. They partnered with the Physical & Mental health to host the walk before trash pick-up. Dates are planned each month for activities. Assisting with the Armed Forces committee with Veteran’s Day parade.
- 5. **Political Awareness & Involvement/Social Action: Soror Meta Coaxum** reported that the committee will meet 11/2/21. The committee participated with World Homeless Day 10/19/21 at the main library. Tote bags were distributed, including voting information for the Spring Lake and Hope Mills Nov 2nd elections. Two items of interest educating the community of Voting Awareness:
 - a. **Trusted Voices: Community Voices Opposing “Yes Fayetteville,”** the proposed referendum. This video will be used for social media dissemination via Face Book and church viewing. There will also have talking points for the community.

Participants include: Soror Queen Degraffenreid, NC State President, NCNW, Valencia Applewhite, Former City Councilwoman of Fayetteville, Gerald Falls, Cape Fear Indivisible, Devon Newton, Fayetteville Voter, Karla DeAustin, Latinos United, Manny Diaz, Field Operator for Democracy NC, Jimmy Buxton, Fayetteville Branch NAACP, President, and Mario Bervante, former member of the Fayetteville Millennial Advisory Committee.

- b. **“Votechella: Are You 2022 Ready?”** The purpose of this project is to provide vital information, educate, mobilize millennials, and college students whose voting rights have been attacked with voter suppression tactics, before the Fayetteville municipal election.

6. Program Planning & Development/Internal Committees: Soror Sharon McNair

reported that Risk Management training will be conducted again, date TBD. Any Soror wishing to participate in youth groups must be trained. Committee chairs are asked to send updated membership rosters to Soror McNair.

- a. **Armed Forces: Soror LaTiki Gray** reported that the committee members, along with the Healthy Lifestyle committee members, met 10/7/21 to join forces and support Soror Narcisse in planning and participating in the Veterans Day Parade on Nov 6 from 10am-12noon.

Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter’s Active-Duty Soldiers and Veterans will participate in a 2-mile walk, demonstrating patriotism for the community and country they served and defended.

- b. **Communications/IT: Soror Willie Johnson** No report.
- c. **Collegiate Connections: Soror Brittany McLaurin.** No report.
- d. **Delta Emergency Response: Soror Teresa Wright** reported that the committee met and finalized the information that would be disseminated to the Chapter on Halloween Safety Tips, and alternative trick/trunk-or-treat events. Special ‘thank-you’ to Soror Antoinette Morris for compiling that information. The Delta Red Envelope inserts will be distributed 10/30/2021 at the Order of Tents, in conjunction with the Delta Academy toiletry drive from 9am-2pm. A special ‘thank you’ is extended to Soror Marian Jordan for printing the card sheets and Soror Melissa Lomas for purchasing envelopes and cutting cards and to ensure Sorors will have emergency contact and medical information readily available while attending the National Conference.

An *“Emergency Preparedness: Travel Safety Tips”* PowerPoint was presented at the October Chapter meeting.

At the November chapter meeting, an Emergency Community Resource List will be available for Sorors.

- e. **Delta Lites: Soror Sharon McNair.** No report.
- f. **Finance: Soror Rayshonia Manuel** reported that she attended the Fiscal Officers training presented by National. Security of financial information will be changing. “Friends and Family” designation will no longer be allowed when making PayPal payments. Updates will be provided to the Chapter.
- g. **Fundraising: Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard.** The committee met October 21, 2021. A fundraising powerpoint will be presented at the November chapter meeting.
- h. **GwG (Grow with Google): Soror Willie Johnson.** No report.
- i. **Habitat for Humanity: Soror Shannon Booth** reported that the committee partnered with Gang Free Inc., out of Henderson, NC. and Five Loaves of Fishes to support the community in feeding the homeless on November 14, 2021, from 3pm -5pm on Johnson Street, Fayetteville, NC. It will be called, *“A Traditional Sunday Dinner Project.”*

The Habitat for Humanity committee was provided 15 slots to volunteer on the December 11, 2021, from 8am-12noon at the Oakridge Estates. Currently, 11 of 15 volunteer slots have been filled. Sorors are asked to please fill the four remaining slots. The next committee meeting will be November 2 @7pm. The committee will need to be on the November Chapter meeting agenda.

- j. **Heritage and Archives: Soror Awilda Graham.** No report.
- k. **Hospitality: Soror Barbara Nubin** reported that the committee met 10/21/21. They had a workshop on “Grief,” facilitated by Soror Victoria Rush.

Sorors were reminded of the Tuesday morning Prayer Call at 6:30am.

The November meeting has been cancelled

- l. **Internal Audit: Soror Brittany McLaurin.** No report.
- m. **Membership: Soror Amanda Williams** reported that the committee met October 4 at 6:30pm. The final date to take pictures is approaching (11/13/2021). Sorors with last names beginning P-Z will take pictures from 1pm-3pm at Crossroads Church on McArthur Road. Any Soror who missed their originally assigned picture session can have their pictures taken 11/13/21 from 3pm-6pm at Crossroads Church. Please note make-up pictures will be taken after P-Z Sorors have taken their photos. Subcommittees have been formed.

Two surveys were sent to Sorors. One was to determine a preferred month for next year’s retreat. “June” was the preferred month voted on. The second was concerning the Convention.

A calendar of activities is being planned for March Sisterhood Month, Delta Dear Luncheon, Reclamations, and Christmas dinner.

The next committee meeting will be November 1, 2021.

- n. **Pan Hellenic Council: Soror Sylvia McPherson** reported the committee met 10/25/21.
 - i. **Raffle: Cupid at the Cove.** Chapters are asked to sell 30 tickets at \$5/ticket. Ticket sales would begin upon receipt of the Letter of Support from the Chapter President and sales would end 1/28/22.
 - ii. **Valentine's Day-Old School Party:** event has been cancelled.
- o. **Policies and Procedures: Soror Willie Johnson** reported that the new P&P template has not been received yet. A call for proposed amendments to the Chapter's policies and procedures will be issued in November. The committee will meet every 4th Thursday.
- p. **Protocol: Soror Jackie Sherrod** reported that the committee discussed attending the 55th National Convention, meetings, and ceremonies. **Pearls of Protocol:** Sorors please be mindful of the Rap Order for Meeting and Ceremonies. **Note:** Wait until Raps are Completed to Perform Command.
Various raps are found throughout the Ritual and used during the Ritualistic Ceremonies. In the Ritual, rap order instructions will be in italics.
One Rap. Attention. Be seated, and End of Ceremony
Two Raps: Affirm the Sacred Vow. Affirm the Sacred Trust
Three Raps: Sorors Stand
Rap Order is on page 13 of the Protocol and Traditions Manuel 2021
Committee Update:
Alumnae is pronounced (uh-luhm-nee) and rhymes with gum tree, page 24, Protocol and Traditions Manuel 2021. Sorors please be mindful of when saying the Oath, it is "*through the Bond of devotion,*" please no "s" on *bond*. When speaking of the National Convention or Regional Conference, please do not use an "s" on National or on Regional. Camouflage apparel is not approved to be worn by Sorors with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. insignia any time. Sorors are encouraged not to purchase unauthorized Delta paraphernalia. Sorors please note the approved sweater which may be worn to chapter meetings, which will be shared at the November chapter meeting.
- q. **Scholarship: Soror Brittany McLaurin** reported that the committee met via email. Applications have been formulated online. A flyer has been constructed and will be dispersed to Sorors and on our social media platforms.

r. **Step Team: Soror Rhesha Smith** no report.

H. **Unfinished Business: Madame President** reported

1) January 21-22 are the dates for Area Founders Day. Kinston Alumnae is the host chapter. The event is scheduled to be in person.

2) Rituals are in and will be available for pick-up/purchase 9am-1130am for \$20, no cash.

3) Lumberton Alumnae President has agreed for Fayetteville Alumnae participating with them at the 2nd Harvest Food Bank community food drive on 11/9/21, from 9am-2pm.

I. **New Business: Madame President** reported that National Advisor Training session will be 11/7/21 from 10am-6pm. Sorors must register by 11/3/21. All advisors must attend training every 2 years.

Virtual Chapter meetings will be held until the Chapter votes at the December chapter meeting.

Sorors should make sure their cameras are on during ritualistic opening and when speaking during meetings. Profile pictures must be of the Soror only and in appropriate attire.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for 11/23/2021, the day Sorors return from the National Convention. A request to reschedule for 11/30/2021 at 6pm was made and accepted by the committee.

J. **Announcements:** None

K. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Soror Sylvia McPherson with a second by Soror Judith Waddell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Teresa Wright
Recording Secretary

