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Chapter Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2019
Orange Street School
600 Orange Street
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A. Call to Order

Madam President called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. Madam President asked for a quorum. Soror Sergeant-at-Arms reported that a quorum was present.

B. Adoption of the Agenda

After discussion, Soror Miranda Monroe moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of the following additional reports: The Ad Hoc Committee Report on Venue, Delta Emergency Response Team (D.E.R.T), and Reflections. Soror Marian Jones gave the second and the motion passed.

C. Adoption of Previous Chapter/Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Soror Paula Frank moved for the adoption of the minutes from the previous Chapter and Executive Board Meetings. Soror Betty Herron gave the second and the motion was approved.

D. Financial Secretary's Report

Soror Judith Waddell gave the report of receipts and deposits for the month of April, 2019 for the Wells Fargo and First Tennessee Bank (formerly Capital Bank) accounts.

E. Treasurer's Report

Soror Tracey Howard-Glover discussed the Reconciliation Summary Report for the month of April, 2019 for both the Wells Fargo and First Tennessee bank accounts. The report was for information only.

F. Introduction of New/Visiting Sorors

Soror Melissa Robinson–Ellis called for new or visiting sorors. **Soror Felicia Reaves** is a transfer from Wilson Alumnae. She was initiated at UNC-Greensboro.

Soror Robinson-Ellis recognized sorors born in the month of May and led the singing of the birthday song. Soror Robinson-Ellis asked to give the **Membership Report** at this time. Granted permission, she stated that the annual Chapter Retreat will be held on June 15, 2019, at the Spring Lake campus of Fayetteville Technical Community College. The event will take place in the Lecture Hall located at 171 Lake Tree Boulevard, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The committee would like to suggest having a **chapter scarf**. The suggested scarf would be 15X60 inches. If at least 100 scarves are ordered, the cost per scarf would be \$25.00. She presented sample pictures in red or white and a sample of the material. Sorors are to sign the picture of the scarf they would like to order.

G. Correspondence

Soror Amanda Williams read the following correspondence:

- A thank you letter from the Child Advocacy Center for the chapter's partnership of and participation in the Kids Fest 2019 event
- A thank you letter to Soror Awilda Graham for the many comfort blankets donated to the Child Advocacy Center for the children
- A letter soliciting support for Soror Kimberly Lloyd, candidate for National Treasurer
- A post card from Cape Fear Regional Theater announcing the dates for the current production of *MEMPHIS* (May 9-26, 2019)

H. Reflections

Soror Gwen Brown brought a word about "One Day at a Time." She encouraged all to Count your Blessings, Stay Active and Stay Positive.

I. Election Process

Soror Delores Ingram gave the following instructions for the voting process:

- 11:00 a.m. is the official time to start the voting process, according to the chapter Policies and Procedures manual. The stop time is 11:45.
- No ballots will be distributed after 11:45.
- Sorors will be called to receive a ballot and vote two (2) at a time in the designated voting area. After the ballot is cast, sorors are to return to their seats.

J. Committee Reports

i. Five-Point Thrust

1. **Economic Development:** Soror Willie Johnson reported that the June 15 date to volunteer at the Second Harvest Food Bank has been canceled due to the Chapter Retreat being held that day. The September 21, 2019 date is still on schedule and sorors who volunteered for that date will be contacted closer to the time.
2. **Educational Development:** Soror Miranda Monroe announced that a webinar for youth committee chairs will be held June 11, 2019. The webinar is being conducted by the National Program, Planning and Development Committee. All chairs of youth groups are encouraged to sign up and participate in the webinar.
 - a. **Arts and Letters:** Soror Monroe reporting for the committee stated that 80 Sorors and 120 guests attended the Delta Night at the CFRT for the production of *Memphis*.
 - b. **Jabberwock:** Soror Tammy Pippen reported that the deadline for young ladies to submit the application to participate has been extended to May 31, 2019. At present, 6 young ladies have submitted applications. Our Policies and Procedures manual states that we must have a minimum of 8 young ladies to proceed. She asked the chapter to please assist in encouraging young ladies to participate.
3. **International Awareness and Involvement:** NO REPORT
4. **Physical and Mental Health:** Soror Sharon McNair gave the synopsis of the National Program Planning and Development subcommittee on Physical and Mental Health Webinar "Healing the Hurt." The full webinar can be found through the following steps: After going to the National Website: Click on: **National Area** to **National Committees** to **Program Planning and Development** to **Physical and Mental Health** to **Physical and Mental Health Webinar #4, Healing the Hurt, May 2019.**

- a. Healthy Lifestyles: Soror Karen Harris gave an overview of the committee's efforts for the year. She wanted sorors to remember the committee's events attached to the National initiative: RED S.H.O.E. which stands for **Self-care, Healthy Options and Exercise.**
5. **Political Awareness and Involvement:** Soror Amanda Williams, reporting for the committee, distributed a form from the Fair Districts NC group. Sorors were asked to sign the form endorsing the Five Principles for Reasonable Redistricting Reform. The Five Principles were listed on the form. Additional information may be found at fairdistrictsnc@gmail.com. She emphasized that the 2020 Census is coming. We want to be sure EVERY household is counted. Districting is based on the census results.

ii. **Program Planning and Development**

Soror Debra Figgins reported that the committee met on May 13, 2019 to discuss progress on the "Backpack Buddies" initiative for the 2019-2020 sorority year. The committee decided to look at other schools (beyond T.C. Berrien) with needs. So as not to overlap the other organizations that are servicing T.C. Berrien, Pam Story, Supervisor for Social Workers with Cumberland County Schools was contacted for a list of schools to consider. Soror Melody Boyd, who had been consulted, suggested we consider Alger B. Wilkins. The school has been contacted and the Principal stated that she will be in contact once testing is over. The committee will follow up with the Principal and Social Worker.

iii. **Internal Committees**

1. **Ad Hoc Committee 65th Anniversary Celebration:** Soror McPherson reported that the participation in the Kids Fest event with the Child Advocacy Center was the concluding event of our yearlong celebration of our 65th year. The committee would like to remain active into the next administration and begin planning for a grand celebration of our 70th year.
2. Ad Hoc Committee **New Meeting Venue:** Soror Sharon McNair reported for the committee:

At the April meeting of the Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Soror Jackie Sherrod, along with an Ad Hoc Committee of volunteers, was tasked with the responsibility of helping FACDST find a more suitable venue for monthly sorority meetings for the 2019-2020 sororal year.

The following guidelines were suggested for the search:

- (1) The selected venue should include adequate seating and parking for up to 150 sorors for meetings to be held September 2019 through May 2020 (9 meetings)
- (2) Pricing must fall within the budgeted amount for the venue line item

Venues suggested:

- Honeycutt Recreation Center (Kiwanis)
Fort Bragg Rd
- Shaw Auditorium in the
Broadwell School of Business and Economics - FSU
1200 Murchison Rd

- Ambience Club- Legion Road
- United Order of Tents
Bradford Avenue
- Fayetteville Technical Community College
Horticulture Center Eastern Boulevard - Hwy 301

At the time of this report, there have been only 5 venues recommended. Of the 5 recommendations received, only 4 of them have responded to our inquiry. The table shows comparison information for the various venues suggested:

Venue	Capacity	Parking	Location	Cost	Contact
John D. Fuller, Sr. Recreation Center	150+	YES	Old Bunce Road	\$130 per hour*** +\$250 deposit (\$1,755 w/annual contract)	Tenisha Smith 910-868-2828
FSU - Shaw Auditorium	200 - 250	YES	1200 Murchison Rd	\$300 mo.	Antoinette Fairley -
Honeycutt Recreation	125 - 150	YES	Fort Bragg Road	\$150 mo. + \$200 refundable deposit	Pauline
United Order of Tents	150 - 200	YES	Bradford St - Haymount	\$75.00 per hr. **	Mary

** NOT AVAILABLE 3rd SATURDAY IN MAY, 2020.

*** NOT AVAILABLE SEP 2019- DEC 2019

The committee recommends that whoever has the authority to sign contracts for FACDST should probably be the one to negotiate the contract. Also, it should be noted that these venues grant the use of the facilities to non-profits. The 501 (C) (3) designation should be helpful. Soror Evelyn Shaw made a correction as to the name of the FSU venue: The Building is the Broadwell Building. The correct name of the School is the Harris School of Business and Economics. The name of the auditorium (Shaw Auditorium) is correct.

After discussion as to whether or not food can be served at the different venues, Soror Willie Johnson suggested we discontinue serving after chapter meetings. After further discussion, Soror Gwen Henderson moved that we desist from serving food before or after chapter meetings. Soror Evelyn Shaw gave the second and the motion was approved.

^^^ Soror Myra Holloway brought to the attention of Madam President that the voting process was moving slowly and that the 11:45 deadline was approaching and many Sorors have yet to receive their ballots. Soror Lila Washington moved that we suspend the stop time required by the P&P and extend the balloting/voting time to when sorors finish voting to ensure all sorors would have the opportunity to vote. Soror Sarita Mallard gave the second and the motion was approved.

3. **D.E.R.T:** Soror Myra Holloway reported that Soror LaShonda Williamson's home was lost to fire damage. She informed the chapter of the needs of her children: A 12 year old daughter wears a medium in ladies and an 8 ½ shoe; a 2 year old daughter wears a size 24 month or 2T and a size 8 children's shoe. More information will be forwarded to Madam President for dissemination via email.

4. **Finance:** Soror Tracey Glover presented the budget for 2019-2020 for approval. She noted that the line item for “Meeting Refreshments” should be eliminated in light of the recent vote to desist with serving food for chapter meetings. She wanted to know what the chapter desires to do with the funds. She presented the following options as a recommendation:

1. Split the funds and direct them to Membership and Retreat funds equally
2. Place the funds in Contingency
3. Reduce the amount of money taken from the Reserves

After discussion, Soror Meta Coaxum moved to place the funds in Contingency. Soror Drema Larkin gave the second and the motion was approved. Soror Glover moved to accept the budget with the adjustments. Soror Miranda Monroe gave the second and the motion to accept was carried.

5. **Hospitality:** Soror Nubin made the following presentations:

- Gift card to Soror Katy-Ann Davy Foster in celebration of the birth of her first child, a daughter.
- Gift card to Soror Virginia Ware for being named Itinerant Elder in the AME Church April 27th. She also received her Masters of Divinity Degree from Payne Theological Seminary on May 10th.
- Recognized Soror Marion Jones on being named “Woman of the Year” at St. John AMEZ Church
- Announced that Soror Gerdine Stevens will celebrate her 90th birthday May 20,2019

- K. **Unfinished Business-Presentations:** Madam President presented plaques and certificates to the following sorors:

- Soror Jacqueline Hill- 50 years in Delta
- Soror Danita McDonald- 25 years in Delta
- Certificates of Appreciation to all Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs for 2015-2017 and/or 2017-2019
- An acrylic paper weight to all the Elected Officers from 2015-2017 and/or 2017-2019
- Soror Nubin presented outgoing President, Soror Sylvia C. McPherson, with a plaque and card from the chapter

- L. **New Business-Elections Final Report**

- While election results were being completed, Madam President announced that the Officer Transition meeting will be held June 8, 2019 in the Pate Room of the Cumberland County Headquarters Library. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.
- Soror Myra Holloway asked that we pass the hat for Soror Williamson to help her with any additional needs during the recovery from the fire and her impending chemotherapy treatments.
- A call for prayer was made for Soror Williamson and for all who may be going through trials. Soror Gwen Brown led the prayer
- Madam President announced that the next Statewide Founders Day will be hosted by Johnston County. Details are not available at this time
- The Fall State Meeting will be October 18, 2019 in Hickory, NC
- The following items have been found: Sunglasses, two rituals and a Fit Bit. Please claim from Madam President.

M. Announcements

Soror Williams read the following announcements:

- From the Communications Committee: Our Instagram page has caught the attention of Grand Chapter. We are now one of the few chapters that National follows on Instagram. Of over 900 chapters, Grand Chapter follows less than 1% of them on social media. Fayetteville Alumnae is now a part of the 1%!
- A thank you card from Soror Paula Frank
- Soror Myra Holloway reported that \$460.00 was collected for Soror Williamson

Sorors Eva Williams and Delores Ingram presented the official results of the vote to Madam President. Madam President read the results as follows:

- Financial Secretary: Soror Toni Moore
- Second Vice President: Soror Awilda Graham
- First Vice President: Soror Miranda Monroe
- President: Soror Debra Figgins

Soror Eva Williams conducted the Installation of Officers. Newly elected officers took their place at the head table to conclude the meeting.

N. Adjournment: Soror Sylvia C. McPherson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Soror Jonette Quenum gave the second and the motion to adjourn was approved.

O. Ritualistic Closing

Respectfully Submitted by
Sharon Smith McNair
Out-Going Recording Secretary