



Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter
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Chapter Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2022
ZOOM Virtual Meeting Platform

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the chapter meeting was held via the virtual meeting application of ZOOM.

- 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 Judith Waddell. 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 Miranda Monroe. The second was given by Soror Kathi Gibson. With no discussions, corrections or objections noted, the motion carried.
- F. Introduction of New and Visiting Sorors:** Soror Amanda Williams. There was one new/visiting Soror present: Soror JoAnn Uitenham from the Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter. Happy birthday greetings were extended to Sorors celebrating birthdays in April.
- G. Financial Secretary's Report:** Soror Toni Moore. Soror Moore confirmed receipts for the month of March. The report was for information only.
- H. Treasurer's Report:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel reported the financial status of the chapter for the period of March 1 – March 31, 2022. The report was for information only but will be posted on the Chapter's website, Member's Only Section.
- I. Reflections:** "You are Powerful," Soror Barbara Nubin.
- J. Pearls of Protocol:** Soror Patricia Walker-Smith reported on updates and changes to the new Ritual, pp. 85-123.
- K. Correspondence: Soror Sheree Davis** reported that "Thank You" cards were received from Soror Helen Nelson, Leadership CCBOE, Soror Julia Graham, Soror Lola Brooks-Williams, the Ingram and Shaw families, Pastor TW Campbell, Refuge community Church, the Ronald McDonald House, and the Alzheimer's Association.
- L. Committee Reports: (Updates only)**

Five-Point Programmatic Thrust

1. **Economic Development:** Soror Keshia Allen reported. 1) Sorors are asked to attend the end-of-the-year SIP Project award ceremony on May 6, 2022, from 5:30pm-9:30pm. Cost will be \$27/person. Event will be held at 116 Person Street. Proposed guest speaker will be Soror Patricia R. Johnson, Regional Director. Also, assistance will be received from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.
 - a. **Foster Care:** Soror Patti Jordan. No updates
 - b. **Adopt-A-Site:** Soror Daphney Bunyan. Clean up date 4/16/22 @ 8am.
2. **Educational Development:**
 - a. **Arts and Letters:** Soror Miranda Monroe reported.
 - a. On Feb 20th the Annual Youth Explosion was held.
 - b. 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 to register.
 - c. 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. Reception at 6:30, performance at 7:30.
 - d. Chapter Retreat will be held in June.
 - b. **Delta Academy:** Soror Awilda Graham reported. For International Children's Day, an "Endless Journey" children's book drive was held in the Tent's parking lot on April 2nd from 1:00pm-2:30pm. On April 7th, a book presentation was made to Smith Rec Center by Madame President and Soror Graham
 - 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. On March 24-25 Delta Days at the United Nations was held. The theme was "Making a Global Impact on Achieving Gender Equality." Day 1: "Climate Change – educating women, school, and children." Delta is the first D9 organization to obtain NGO status (NCNW was the first organization). Day 2: International goals. Sorors are encouraged to join the seminars.
4. **Physical and Mental Health:** Soror Renee Ellis. No update.
 - a. **Healthy lifestyles:** Soror Darnette Hall. No update.
5. **Political Awareness and Involvement/Social Action:** Soror Meta Coaxum reported that Community Conversations will be held May 2 at Fuller Rec Center, "Organizing Against Racism in Cumberland County." On April 10th, the Crop Walk will be held at 2pm. Donations will be received by Soror Miller-Bernard. Westminster Church on Village Drive will be the location.

ii. Program Planning and Development: Soror Sharon McNair. Committee chairs were asked to submit all activities done for the sororal year and submit their budgets and evaluation of this year's programs.

iii. Internal Committees:

- 1. Armed Forces Committee:** Soror LaTiki Gray. The committee will be collecting donations today for the VA nursing home residents at the Order of Tents parking lot. Shoes for women and men, sizes 7-11 are being accepted.
- 2. Communications/IT/GwG:** Soror Willie Johnson. No update
- 3. Delta Emergency Response Team:** Soror Teresa Wright. No update.
- 4. Delta Lights:** Soror Sharon McNair. No update
- 5. Finance:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel.
 - a. An internal audit was completed for 2nd quarter.
 - b. On April 18 – a budget work session will take place
 - c. On May 27th all vouchers for reimbursements must be postmarked
 - d. Dues must be submitted prior to June 10th. Add late fees if paying dues later.
 - e. Next year, dues will have to be in the Red Zone by March 31, 2023. A “hard stop” date will be sent to Sorors for payments.
- 6. Fundraising:** Soror Judith Waddell reported that Building Pyramid Brick by Brick has now raised \$11,650; goal \$15,000. Donations will be accepted until June 2022.
- 7. Habitat for Humanity:** Soror Keisha Allen will continue to receive donations.
- 8. Hospitality:** Soror Barbara Nubin. Sorors are asked to pray for Sorors Gwen Brown and Delores Ingram.

M. Membership: Soror Amanda Williams thanked Sorors for their participation in the Sisterhood Month activities. Special thanks were extended to the subcommittee members. A Delta Dear Roundup will be held at Mazerick Park. More details forthcoming. On June 24-25th the Chapter Retreat will be held. Additional information will be sent.

N. Pan Hellenic Council: Soror Sylvia McPherson. Additional tickets for the comedy show and dance on April 30th have been sold. The NPHC will be participating in “Fayetteville Beautiful,” April 23rd along Langdon Street and at the MLK Park. A sign-up sheet will be sent to Sorors. POC for MLK Park is Ashley Artis and POC for Langdon Street is Maria Pierceford. The NPHC will also clean up “Bronco to Bronco” on Murchison Rd.

O. Policy and Procedure: Soror Willie Johnson reported that 22 proposed amendments, updates, and changes were voted upon:

- a** PP committee can make grammatical/non-grammatical changes as long as content is not changed. **Poll: 98% Yes, 2% No**
- b** The chapter will vote on membership intake every other year at the first meeting of the Sororal year, commencing 2022. **Poll: 93% Yes, 7% No**
- c** Remove “Donation Tree” policy from P&P. **Poll: 97% Yes, 3% No**
- d** Jabberwock chair, Treasurer, Assistant Treasure, Financial Secretary, Assistant Financial Secretary shall not sponsor a Jabberwock participant. **Poll: 97% Yes, 3% No**
- e** In case of death of immediate family member, Soror will be contacted for selection of an “act of kindness” not to exceed \$150. **Poll: 99% Yes, 1% No**

- f Adopt-a-Site will arrange and coordinate 6 clean-up dates in coordination with the City of Fayetteville. **Poll: 99% Yes, 1% No**
- g The Nominating committee shall be responsible for educating chapter members on election information. **Poll: 99% Yes, 1% No**
- h Elections will take place at the April Chapter meeting instead of the May Chapter meeting. **Poll: 100% Yes, 0% No**
- i Candidates will have 2 minutes to speak 1 hour prior to the April Chapter meeting at the Meet the Candidates Forum. **Poll: 100% Yes, 0% No**
- j Campaign donations and expenditures shall not exceed \$100. **Poll: 98% Yes, 2% No**
- k Election Chair prepares sample paper ballot or electronic ballot for chapter vote at the April Chapter meeting. Voting will take place in April. Re-balloting, if necessary, will occur immediately after April Chapter meeting. **Poll: 100% Yes, 0% No**
- l Hard copy minutes will not be mailed to Sorors with email addresses. **Poll: 99% Yes, 1% No**
- m Assign one Soror from a list of volunteers to mentor new members to the Chapter. **Poll: 98% Yes, 2% No**
- n The Membership Committee will coordinate annual FAC Delta 101 for new and reclaimed members. **Poll: 100% Yes, 0% No**
- o Jabberwock will be held every even year if there are at least 8 contestants. Eight (8) Sweethearts **must be confirmed** by the end of the Sorority year **prior** to Jabberwock. **Poll: 96% Yes, 4% No**
- p Committee members who miss 2 meetings will be removed from committees. President and member will be notified by committee chair. **Poll: 72% Yes, 28% No**
- q Standing, Special, and Ad hoc committee members should not be limited to 15 members. **Poll: 95% Yes, 5% No**
- r The Historian will submit a written , chronological account of the Chapter's year-long activities to the Chapter at the end of the fiscal year. **Poll: 100% Yes, 0% No**
- s P&P will use the national template verbiage regarding International awareness. **Poll: 99% Yes, 1% No**
- t Increase the amount for plants to \$60 or current price for hospitality gifts (other prices remain the same). **Poll: 100% Yes, 0% No**
- u Decrease the waiting period from 10 days for checks to clear to 5 days. **Poll: 100% Yes, 0% No**

P. Protocol: Soror Jackie Sherrod. No update

Q. Scholarship: Soror Effie Willis. No update

R. Unfinished/New Business: Madame President:

- a Ad Hoc committee convened to plan the celebration for the 70th year FAC anniversary.
- b Regional conference sold out within 2 hours. Adjustments to reopen registration is not likely.
- c A new team was formed for the Crop Walk, 4/10/22, at 2pm. Madame President recommended the Chapter donate. Motion was made by Soror Coaxum to donate \$100 to the Crop Walk A Second was given by Soror Melody Jacobs. A friendly amendment was made by Soror Sylvia McPherson to use the monies allotted, but not used, for the

MLK Parade as the donation. Individual donations can be given to Soror Miller-Bernard to be combined with the \$100 donation Funds will be taken from unused MLK funds.

Poll: 100% Yes, 0% No

- d** Madame President received an email about a documentary, “Black Women’s Experiences of Cumberland County,” which will premiere at Cameo Theater on April 30th. Soror Ethylene Holder-Baker and Soror Dorothy Fielder will be highlighted.
- S. Announcements:** Soror Sheree Davis. None.
- T. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Soror Sylvia McPherson. A second was given by Soror Jackie Sherrod. Meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.
- U. Ritualistic Closing** was conducted per protocol.

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