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Chapter Meeting
September 14, 2019
321 Bradford Avenue
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A. Call to Order

Madam President called the meeting to order at 10:30 am

B. Announcement of Quorum

Madam President asked if there was a quorum present. Soror Jackie Sherrod, Chapter Sergeant-at-Arms, responded that a quorum was present.

Madam President shared with the chapter the letter from the Regional Director that we, as a chapter, are in compliance.

C. Adoption of the agenda

Soror Brenda Freeman moved to adopt the agenda. The second was given by Soror Judith Waddell. The motion carried.

Soror Jackie Sherrod was asked to present the new structure to the meeting. Soror Sherrod, along with the chair of the Protocol committee, Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard, presented the following procedures

1. Sorors are to stand when recognized and state their name
2. Sorors will be given 3 minutes to speak to the subject being discussed.
Committee members will hold up time cards
 - a. Green for START
 - b. Yellow for a 1 minute remaining warning
 - c. Red for STOP
3. Procedure for today's vote for Membership intake
 - a. VOTE card was given for financial members
 - b. Card is to be given to a committee member to receive the ballot for a yes or no vote
 - c. The committee will retire to a separate room to count the votes. A 2/3 majority of members present is needed to pass (65)
4. Soror Sherrod cautioned the members to limit side bar conversations.

D. Adoption of Previous Chapter/Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Soror Paula Frank moved to accept the previous minutes. Soror Teresa Wright gave the second. The following corrections were made by Soror Meta Coaxum:

- Under Social Action bullet 2 the name should be 'Sharon' Covington not 'Carol' Covington
- Under the Fundraising report (#6) word should be 'next' not 'nest'

- Under International Awareness and Involvement change ‘committee’ to ‘commission’
- Add the word ‘Programmatic’ to Five Point Thrust to read: Five Point Programmatic Thrust

Soror Patti Jordan asked to correct the spelling of her name under Delta GEMS and attendance roster for the Executive Board meeting.

Madam President noted the date for the Executive Board meeting should be the 27th not the 28th.

Soror Frank amended her motion to include the stated changes. Soror T. Wright gave the second and the motion carried.

E. Membership Intake Video/Vote

Madam President stated that the mandatory video will be viewed at this point with procedure on how we will vote to be given by Soror Sherrod at the conclusion.

Following a brief discussion to restate the procedure of turning in the vote card to receive the ballot, Soror Sherrod moved for the vote to proceed. Soror Awilda Graham gave the second and the motion carried. Madam President stated that we would proceed with the agenda and the results from the vote will be announced when the committee has completed the count.

F. Financial Secretary’s Report

Soror Toni Moore reported that as of today, we have 191 financial members. A handout was given for transactions from Wells Fargo and First Tennessee Banks (Capital Bank). She stated that the June report was accidentally omitted from the hand out and proceeded to read the statements from that month. The August figures were read as they were not on the hand out as well. The report was received as information.

G. Treasurer’s Report

Soror Jerial Bogan, treasurer, discussed the distributed copies of the Revenue and Expenses Financial Statement for the months of July and August. The statement included transactions from Wells Fargo and Capital Banks. She also brought attention to item #3 of the Bookkeeping Policies attached to the handout. Transactions of all financial business is done at Executive Board or Chapter Meetings (including writing checks), or during special business meetings at the request of the President. The treasurer’s report will now include balances for committees. Soror Bogan discussed the updates to the budget and moved that the updated version of the budget, to include the additions to the contingency fund, be accepted. Soror Myra Holloway gave the second and the motion carried.

She also reported that the branch of Capital Bank (First Tennessee) located in downtown Fayetteville where we have a safety deposit box is closing. The key to the box has not been located. The bank, in the presence of the treasurer and president, will open the box. The contents of the box will be reported at the next Chapter meeting. A new safety deposit box will be secured at the bank location on Ramsey Street, if it is determined, from the contents of the box, that one is needed.

H. Introduction of New/Visiting Sorors

Soror Awilda Graham, chair of the Membership committee, asked for new and visiting Sorors to stand and introduce themselves:

- Ethelen Baker initiated through Delta Xi 1953 Fayetteville State University
- Marceller Riddick initiated through Delta Chi Elizabeth City State University
- Sharon Riddick initiated through UNC-Charlotte
- Vivian Melvin Sallis

- Wanda Dockery initiated through Wilmington Alumnae 1995
- Elaine Chavis initiated at NC State
- Angel Wright-Lanier initiated through Knoxville Alumnae 1996

Soror Graham asked Sorors with birthdays in June, July, August and September to stand to be recognized and serenaded with the birthday song.

I. Reflections

Soror Gwen Brown read the poem "This Moment"

J. Correspondences

Soror Sherree Davis, corresponding Secretary, read the following:

1. Thank you notes were sent from the following Sorors and agencies:
 - Board of Directors Cape Fear Valley Health foundation
 - Sister's Network
 - Delta Sigma Theta Chief Executive officer of DREF
 - FSU College of Education (Marion Gillis-Olion Scholarship)
 - FSU College of Education (Dr. Valeria Fleming Scholarship)
 - Sorors Melody Boyd, Volnetta Jackson, Rayshonia Manuel, Victoria Rush and Emma Allan

K. Committee Reports

i. Five-Point Programmatic Thrust

1. **Economic Development**- Soror L. Malone –NO REPORT

- a. Adopt-a-Site Soror McLaurin
NO UPDATE

2. **Educational Development** – Soror M. Monroe:

The Educational Committees' kick-off event was a success. Committees are asked to submit their calendar of events as soon as possible. A monthly calendar of events will be posted on the chapter website and forwarded to the regional office

- a. Delta Academy- Soror Graham –NO UPDATE
- b. Delta GEMS –Soror Jordan – NO UPDATE
- c. Jabberwock- Soror Pippen:

Members of the committee will be available following the meeting for any Soror who would like to purchase tickets to the PowHerful event which will be held September 22, 2019 at the Botanical Gardens at 2:00 pm. A limited number of tickets remain.

- d. Princess- Soror Bullard- UPDATE

**** At this juncture, Madam President allowed the report from the Sergeant-at-Arms on the results of the vote for Membership Intake. Soror Sherrod reported that there was a discrepancy in the number of votes cast and the committee consulted with the Assistant Parliamentarian, Soror Evelyn Shaw, and was advised to move forward with the report. The required 65 yes votes (2/3rd of voting Sorors) were NOT received so the vote to have membership intake failed. After some discussion, Soror Gwen Henderson moved that the vote should be declared invalid. Soror La'Tiki Grey gave the second. After discussion, Soror Shaw was asked to share the reason for her decision to proceed. She stated that the number of the discrepancy votes would make NO difference in the outcome of the vote, so she advised the committee to move forward with the report. After a brief discussion, Soror Henderson withdrew her motion. The vote report was received and there will be no membership intake this sororal year.

Madam President invited Soror Vivian Tookes to speak on a suggestion for an alternative to our Adopt-a-Family committee. Soror Tookes works with the Foster Care Program through the Department of Social Services. The program services teenagers 13-18 years old who are in the Foster Care system. She suggested we replace the Adopt-a-Family initiative with the teen Foster Care Program. After discussion Soror Meta Coaxum moved to adopt the Foster Care initiative. Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard gave the second. After additional discussion it was decided that the information should be sent to the Economic Development thrust to further investigate and bring their recommendation to the chapter for a vote. Soror Coaxum withdrew her motion.

3. **International Awareness and Involvement**-Soror Degraphenreid:
Soror Virginia Ware, reporting, for the committee, stated that the committee is still seeking members. The committee will meet to determine a permanent meeting date.
4. **Physical and Mental Health**- Soror McNair- NO REPORT
 - a. **Healthy Lifestyle**- Soror Jordan-Huffum:
The monthly Walk and Talk will continue on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We will gather at 8:00 am in the Food Court of the Cross Creek Mall.
The Cumberland County Department of Health will hold a meeting entitled 'Medications and Falls' on Monday, September 23, 2019, from 10:00-Noon at the Smith Recreation Center. The center will have a medication drop box to discard old medications.
5. **Political Awareness and Involvement**- Soror Coaxum
 - a. **Social Action**- Soror Amanda Williams, reporting for the committee, stated that the Candidates Fair was a great success. The event was highlighted in Sunday's Fayetteville Observer newspaper.
The committee would like to present the School to Prison Pipeline resolution to the Cumberland County School Board on the 2nd Tuesday in October at their 6:30 monthly meeting. The committee needs approval from the chapter to make the presentation. Soror Meta Coaxum moved to approve the presentation. Soror Brenda Freeman gave the second. The motion was approved.
Soror Coaxum advised Sorors that a clipboard was being circulated for retired educators to sign.
 - ii. **Program Planning and Development**-Soror Miranda Monroe:
Soror Monroe stated that she is waiting for final information on the Risk Management Training information. Background screening must now go through the Delta National Committee. There will be a fee of \$19.95 for the screening.
Soror Monroe distributed the F.A.C. committee Calendar with meeting dates and Chair/Co-Chair information. She reminded committee chairs to submit their calendar of events to her with confirmed or tentative dates, times and place.
 - iii. **Internal Committees**
 1. **Coordinating Council**- Soror Figgins: Next meeting : September 30, 2019

2. **Finance-** Soror Bogan
Soror Bogan reported that a letter was received from the National Treasurer, Soror Pamela Hill, regarding amended fees made to the Constitution and Bylaws. Regarding nonrefundable Membership Application Processing Fees, in accordance with the amendment to Article II, section 4 the \$15.00 fee for collegiate and \$30.00 for alumnae will be effective on August 26, 2019. In accordance with the amendment to Article X, section 9, the annual Dues and Fees for Late fee of \$10.00 and Reinstatement Fee after more than 2 years of \$30.00 for alumnae will be effective on August 26, 2019.
3. **Hospitality-** Soror McAdams-Flores
Soror McAdams-Flores reported that the Omega Omega Service for Soror Marian Jones will be at 4:00 pm on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at Colvin Funeral Home on Murchison Road. Attire is Black, no pants. Arrival time for participants is 3:15. The funeral service will be at noon on Monday, September 16, 2019 at Hood Memorial on Rosehill Road. The family has requested that Sorors serve as flower girls. Those that desire to serve are asked to wear white with red accents. Please see her or Madam President if you wish to serve as a flower girl. She asked that she be contacted with information regarding Sorors . Her contact information is as follows: (c) 1-201-563-1200 email- wflores0529@gmail.com. Please leave as much detail as possible. She announced the passing of the husband of Soror Susie Pugh. Madam President suggested we do something for Soror Pugh. She is a Past President and was very active in the chapter. After discussion Soror Tracey Glover-Howard moved that we do something for Soror Pugh. Soror J. Sherrod gave the second. After discussion, it was suggested that we use Hospitality for the gesture. The motion carried.
4. **Internal Audit-** Soror Brenda Freeman
Soror Freeman reported the findings of the Internal Audit committee. Her report was for information and a copy of the findings will be attached to the official minutes.
5. **Membership-** Soror Awilda Graham
Soror Graham reported the success of attendance to the Fayetteville Woodpeckers Game at Segra Stadium and the production of 'Mama Mia' at Cape Fear Regional Theater. The committee will continue work on events for the chapter to attend. The fall state meeting is October 18-19, 2019. A clipboard will be passed around for Sorors interested in attending. ***A request for a show of hands determined there were not enough Sorors to charter a bus.
6. **MIT Results-** Soror Figgins: Results were given previously
7. **Nominating** – Soror Williams- Not needed due to Vote results
8. **Pan-Hellenic Council-** Soror Sylvia McPherson-
Soror McPherson stated that the Pan-Hellenic picnic was well attended. The next Council meeting is set for the first Saturday in October.
9. **Scholarship-** Soror Willis- NO UPDATE

L. **Unfinished Business-** NONE

M. New Business-

- a. The report of the 54th National Convention from Madam President
 - i. The formal Opening was on July 11, 2019. There were 12,380 Sorors reported at the opening.
 - ii. Four new honorary members were inducted: Andra Day, Sherrilyn Ifill, April Ryan and Dr. Eleanor Taylor. Soror April Ryan was the keynote speaker at the Social Action luncheon
 - iii. The convention was shortened due to the threat of Hurricane Barry. Soror National President will be scheduling webinars to vote on amendments that were not voted on at the convention. The amendments voted on that passed are: a nonrefundable application processing fee of \$30.00 for membership intake for Alumnae and \$15.00 for collegiate. The proposed amendment to increase initiation fees for a collegiate member from \$675.00 to \$1,350.00 and alumnae from \$725.00 to \$1,500.00 failed. The late fee was increased to \$10.00. The reinstatement fee remains \$15.00, with a fee of \$30.00 for Sorors who have not paid dues for two years or more. The workshops scheduled at National Convention will be scheduled during Fall State Meetings and through webinars.
 - iv. The Election results were as follows:
 1. Soror Beverly E. Smith- Reelected National President
 2. Soror Cheryl A. Hickman- Reelected National 1st Vice President
 3. Soror Diamond Compton- Elected National 2nd Vice President
 4. Soror Elsie Cook-Holmes- Reelected National Secretary
 5. Soror Pamela Hill- Elected National Treasurer
 6. Soror Leah Rowe- Elected Collegiate Member 2021 National Nominating Committee
 7. Soror Angela Chin- Elected Collegiate Member National Scholarship and Standards Committee
 8. Soror Hilton Cooper and Veda Stanley- Elected Alumnae Member National Internal Audit Committee
 9. Soror Shelia Jenkins- Elected Chair 2021 National Nominating CommitteeSoror Nadine Miller-Bernard was selected to participate in the inaugural Delta Pearl initiative.
After the elections, the Convention officially closed on Friday, July 12, 2019. The final count of Sorors at the Convention was 14,273.
Thank-you to Soror Brittany McLaurin for the Group Me set up that allowed FAC members in attendance to keep up with each other.
Thank you to the Sorors who assisted when the Alternate Delegate was not available.
- b. The date and place for the chapter photo will be announced at a later date
- c. The Fall State Meeting (October 18-19, 2019) is in Hickory, NC. The cost is \$70.00 for alumnae members. Deadline for online registration is October 9, 2019 at 11:59 pm. Chapter form registration deadline will be October 4, 2019 at 11:59 pm. ***After discussion Soror Toni Moore set the deadline to submit payment through the chapter as September 24, 2019. In compliance with the Finance rules, in person payments can only be made at the Executive Board meeting on that date. Sorors may mail their payment to the P.O. Box keeping in mind it must be received by September 24, 2019. **** Soror

Brittany McLaurin stated that members of the Communication committee are available to help any Soror desiring to pay online. It is encouraged to register online to be sure you are registered before capacity is reached. Soror Holloway informed Sorors that a process fee is charged with the online registration. The project for the Fall State meeting is 'Blessing in a Backpack'. Chapters are requested to donate \$100.00 toward the project. No vote is needed as a donation to State meetings is a budget line item.

- d. Sorors who are not receiving emails are asked to please contact Soror Melanie Cooper: (c) 484-336-9312 email: melaniescoop@gmail.com.
- e. Voting Items:
 - i. Ad for NAACP banquet: Soror Eva Williams moved to do a full color page ad at \$250.00. Soror Brenda Freeman gave the second. The motion passed.
 - ii. St. Jude – Soror Deloris Ingram stated a donation was a line item
**** Due to no longer having a quorum, other items requiring a chapter vote were tabled. Soror Tammy Phippen asked if voting items could be moved to an earlier position on the agenda to help ensure there would be a quorum for voting. Madam President said she would look into where it could be placed.

N. Announcements:

1. Red Velvet Book Club discussion of 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by D. Owens will be October 10, 2019. Led by Soror Rene' Corders, the meeting, beginning at 6:30 pm, will be held in the Butler Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church located on the corner of Moore and Ramsey Streets.
2. (from our Facebook page) Soror Sandra Jenkins is trying to contact a line sister Joyce Jones. They pledged together at Voorhees College in 1973. Please see the Communications Committee for details
3. Save the date: Miss FSU Alumnae Queens' Legacy Tea, Sunday, October 6, 2019, Rudolph Jones Student Center. Information and ticket purchase: FSU Box Office 910-672-1724
4. Iota Phi Theta Founders' Weekend Day Party September 21, 2019 3-8pm – ticket information : Paul Torrez 281-543-2586
5. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Zeta Pi Omega Chapter College Application Process Kick-Off Sunday, September 15, 2019 3:00 pm Pate room Headquarters Library
6. 'Alternatives to Suspensions: Rethinking School Discipline' panel discussion, Cliffdale Library Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm
7. Home is Where the Art is: an art auction to help homeless children succeed. Thursday, September 26, 2019 6:00 pm/ Studio 215. Tickets are \$35.00. See Soror Vivian Tookes
8. Fayetteville Branch NAACP 31st annual Life membership banquet, Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 5:00 pm John D, Fuller, SR. Recreational Athletic Complex. Tickets are \$50.00
9. The Links Inc. Breast Cancer Symposium, Friday, October 11, 2019 6-8 pm. The Capitol Room, 134 Person Street. Panel Discussion, Community Resources and Refreshments. www.fayettevillenclinks.org
10. Johnston County Alumnae Chapter Holiday Gala 2019. Saturday, November 30, 2019 6 p, to midnight. Preston Woodall House Bed & Breakfast, Inc. 201 East Hill Street, Benson, NC

11. Quaker House 50th Anniversary celebration luncheon, Saturday, September 21, 2019 11:30 am -1:30 pm Holiday Inn I-95 1944 Cedar Road ticket information [gpr@quaker.org/](mailto:gpr@quaker.org) 910-323-3912
12. Congratulation to Soror Delores Ingram for her election to serve as Secretary to the Board of Trustees of Fayetteville Technical Community College. She has served on the BOT for the past 6 years.
13. Soror Evelyn Shaw was reelected to the PWC Board for another four-year term. (2019-2023)
14. 'Remember my Name' an annual observance to remember those who have died as a result of family violence, Thursday, October 10, 2019 starting at 5:15 pm, Cumberland County Courthouse Steps. Wear purple in support of victims and survivors.
15. World Homeless Day hosted by Community Awareness Alliance, October 10, 2019, Headquarters Library Pate Room, 6:00 pm
16. The Pinwheel Masquerade Ball and Auction, to unmask Child Abuse. Sponsored by the Child Advocacy Center, Saturday, October 19, 2019 7pm-11 pm at the Cape Fear Botanical Garden. Information: www.CACfayNC.org or 910-486-9700
17. Organizing Against Racism-Fayetteville/ Cumberland County Groundwater Training offered by the Racial Equity Institute. Saturday, October 19, 2019 9 am -3pm, Methodist University Matthews Ministry Center. Registration is \$25.00. The FAC Social Action committee is one of the sponsors
18. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Seta Pi Omega Chapter present the Pink Carpet Affair: An Evening of Excellence, Saturday, November 23, 2019 Reception at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:30 pm, Iron Mike Fort Bragg Conference & Catering Center, Semi –Formal , \$65.00 per person. Proceeds utilized for future scholarships.

O. Adjournment:

Soror Pat Moore move to adjourn. Soror Myra Holloway gave the second. Motion was carried. Madam President adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted by
Soror Sharon Smith McNair
Recording Secretary