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Executive Board Meeting

September 28, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Via virtual platform ZOOM

- A. **Call to Order:** President Figgins called the meeting to order.
- B. **Prayer: Soror Miranda Monroe**
- C. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Soror Miranda Monroe; Second by Soror Judith Waddell. The following corrections were made:
- International Awareness & Involvement report will be provided by Soror Antoinette Howard.
 - Soror Salena Staten's first name
 - Soror Daphney Bunyan's first name
- Sorors were asked to vote "Nay" if there were objections to adopt the agenda with above listed corrections. Hearing none, the agenda was adopted.
- D. **Correspondence: Soror Sheree Davis.** A Thank You card was received from Soror Rosetta Pratt Norwood and Soror Connie Pratt.
- E. **Financial Secretary's Report: Soror Tamar Foster** read the Financial Secretary's Reports for August and September. Sorors are reminded that receipts are not received for PayPal payments. The report was for information only.
- F. **Treasurer's Report:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel provided the Treasurer's Reports for August and September. This report was for information only.
- G. **Committee reports:**
- **Five Point Programmatic Thrust**
 1. **Economic Development: Soror Keshia Allen** addressed the committee with concerns of "severe conflicts" with the scheduling/overlapping of Chapter committee events. The concern was that other committee events "overshadowed" pre-scheduled Economic Development events. A closer look at the Chapter's event calendar was requested. Madame President

suggested all events be sent to Soror Erin White and Soror Sharon McNair to be placed on the Chapter's website. This would minimize overlap, allow Sorors to see upcoming events and schedule their attendance accordingly.

- a. **Adopt-a-Site: Soror Daphney Bunyan** reported the next clean-up dates are scheduled for **October 16, 2021** and **December 18, 2021** at 8:00 am, weather permitting.

The Healthy Lifestyles Committee will lead a "Diva Walk" at 7 am prior to clean up. All are welcomed to join. Clean-up site is the Freedom Trail located on Bragg Blvd. Sorors are asked to 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: Soror Patti Jordan** reported an email was sent to the point of contact at the Cumberland County Department of Social Services to begin services for the three youth with whom the Chapter will work.

2. **Educational Development: Soror Miranda Monroe** reported the Education Kick-off was successfully held September 25, 2021, from 10am – 12pm via Zoom. There were 55 participants. A special thanks was offered to Sorors for their willingness to assist with the program.

- a. **Art and Letters: Soror Janice Robinson** reported the committee met 9/16/21 via Zoom. The committee will provide a \$100 sponsorship for a youth at the Youth Symphony. Sorors are asked to support Soror Felder's by reading her book, "A Wall of Honor." The committee supports the purchase of a new banner for \$100. Subcommittees will be established to fulfill the duties of the committee. Sorors are asked to Save the Date: May 12th, for a joint viewing of "The Color Purple" with the Ft. Bragg Area Alumnae Chapter. Sorors are asked to RSVP to Soror Robinson at (910)-578-5551 by 10/13/21. Tickets will be provided 10/25/21. A flyer will be sent via FAC Announcements.
- b. **Delta Academy: Soror Awilda Graham** reported collecting comfort kits will be the girls' first project. Sorors are asked to provide 1 gallon zip lock bags with toiletry items for a male and a female. Items/bags will be dropped off at the Order of Tents.
- c. **Delta GEMS: Soror Patti Jordan** reported a successful kick-off. The committee will meet every 3rd Tuesday from 6:30-7:30pm. First quarter activity reports were sent to the Thrust Chair.

- d. **EMBODI: Soror Salena Staten** reported the committee participated in the Educational Kick-off. There were 15 participants, 7 committee members and 5 parents/grandparents. Risk Management training for parents will be held Oct. 9th from 1:30-3:30pm. The committee chair would like to solicit businesses for gift cards.
 - e. **Jabberwock: Soror Lynette McMillan** reported that the committee is solidifying a calendar of events. They will be coordinating with GEMS and conducting an Interest Meeting on October 9th. A flyer will be posted on the Chapter's social media platforms. Subcommittees will be formed to carry out the duties of the committee. Currently there are 11 interested participants.
 - f. **Princesses: Soror Yvette Bullard** reported the committee met to prepare for Educational Kick-off held 9/25/21. There were 8 Princesses and parents/4 Sorors present. The participants will have a Escape Room activity on October 10 and will be making cards for VA Hospital residents. The committee will meet via Zoom on the 3rd Saturday at 10am.
- 3. **International Awareness & Involvement: Soror Antoinette Howard** reported that the committee corresponded via email 9/27/21. All Sorors are asked to send a free-will donation to support Cynthia Marie Butler-McIntyre School in Haiti. Feeding the Community event is being planned.
- 4. **Physical & Mental Health: Soror Renee Ellis.** No updates.
 - a. **Healthy Lifestyles: Soror Darnette Hall** reported that the committee held their first meeting 9/1/21 @7pm. The committee held its first DIVA Walk Sept 18th. The next DIVA Walk will be held on October 16th at 7:00am, just prior to the Adopt-A-Site cleanup at Freedom Trail. Not all future walks will be at 7:00am. The next committee meeting will be held October 6th.
- 5. **Political Awareness & Involvement/Social Action: Soror Meta Coaxum** reported that the Candidate's Fair will be held October 2, 2021, at Crossroads United Methodist Church-North, 306 McArthur Road 28311 from 11am-2pm. The committee is preparing a Voting Awareness event and Vote-Chella. Soror Lyndora Thompson and Soror Toni Morris will be "co-chairs in training," for the Social Action committee shadowing Soror Coaxum. On October 10th from 2-4pm a table will be manned for **Homeless Awareness** at Main Library on ray Avenue. Donations of toiletries will be appreciated. The next committee meeting time has changed from 6pm to 6:30pm via Zoom.
- 6. **Program Planning & Development/Internal Committees: Soror Sharon McNair** reported that this committee will meet quarterly September, December, and March. Committee chairs are asked to submit their final rosters, meeting dates and meeting times. Please ensure pictures taken during meetings or events are candid shots and note

posed. Chapter events will be submitted to the NPHC and a Risk Management training session date was requested because of the number of parents present at the Educational Kick-off and for Sorors still in need of training.

- a. **Armed Forces: Soror LaTiki Gray** reported that some committee members will meet 9/29/20/21 at VFW Post 6018 to meet Tuskegee Airman and pack Halloween bags.
- b. **Communications/IT: Soror Willie Johnson** reported the committee will offer G-mail, Zoom, and social media workshops. Date TBA.
- c. **Collegiate: Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard.** No report.
- d. **Collegiate Connections: Soror Brittany McLaurin.** No report.
- e. **Delta Emergency Response: Soror Teresa Wright** reported that the committee had a called meeting to discuss the development of a calendar for monthly trainings or advisories to be shared with the Chapter. After the October Chapter meeting the Delta Red Envelope inserts will be available to ensure Sorors will have emergency contact and medical information readily available for those attending the National Convention. A Halloween Safety Tips sheet, as well as Alternative Fall Festival events, will be provided. At the November chapter meeting, an Emergency Community Resource List will be available for Sorors.
- f. **Delta Lites: Soror Sharon McNair.** No report.
- g. **Finance: Soror Rayshonia Manuel.** No updates.
- h. **Fundraising: Soror Angela McLaurin.** The committee met on September 20, 2021 to continue planning the implementation of *Building the FAC Pyramid: Brick by Brick*, designing the donation pledge cards and determining the process for donation card receipts. A power point will be presented at the October chapter meeting showing the 3 levels of giving - \$100, \$150 and \$200.
- i. **GwG (Grow with Google): Soror Willie Johnson** reported that the committee met 9/26/21 to discuss implementation of Chapter and community workshops to assist women in improving their skills using Google tools. Participants will be required to create G-mail accounts.
- j. **Habitat for Humanity: Soror Shannon Booth** reported that the committee is awaiting confirmation of volunteer dates and events from Habitat for Humanity and ReStore. Dates will be shared with Sorors when they become available.
- k. **Heritage and Archives: Soror Awilda Graham.** No report.
- l. **Hospitality: Soror Barbara Nubin** reported that the committee will send Get Well cards inserts to prospective Sorors. The next committee meeting will be October 15, 2021. A graveside service will be conducted for Soror Mildred Bonner 9/30/2021 at

Rockfish Memorial Park at 11am. Sorors are asked to wear Black attire and pearls. An Omega Omega service will not be performed at the graveside, but possibly at a later date.

- m. Internal Audit: Soror Brittany McLaurin** reported that the committee is preparing for 1st quarter book audits.
- n. Membership: Soror Amanda Williams** reported that the committee met on September 13, 2021 at 6:30pm. They discussed the Red Book. Changes were made regarding the attire for Sorors. Carlton Hubbard photography loaned drapes for Sorors to wear; pearls and earrings have been donated as well. Sorors with last names beginning P-Z will take pictures 11/13/2021 from 1pm-3pm at Crossroad Church on McArthur Road. Any Soror who missed their originally assigned picture session can have their pictures taken 11/13/2021 from 3pm-6pm at Crossroad's church. Please note make-up pictures will be taken after P-Z Sorors have taken their photos. Subcommittees will be adopted to mirror Regional Office. Next meeting will be 10/4/21 at 6:30pm. Focus: prospective chapter events.
- o. Pan Hellenic Council: Soror Sylvia McPherson** was recognized as the new Council Vice President. Soror McPherson reported there are two proposed events requiring Chapter Presidents to sign *Letters of Support* for chapter participation. Madame President would like to bring the proposals before the Chapter to vote on whether to participate in the two events. The events are:

 - 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:** To be held 2/12/22 at the Ramada Inn from 7pm-12mn. Each chapter is asked to donate a Valentine basket or a Single's basket for Silent Auction. The exact ticket cost for the party has not been established but estimated ~\$25-\$30.
- p. Policies and Procedures: Soror Willie Johnson** reported that approval of the 2021/2022 P&P has been received from Soror Pamela Lewis, Regional Member National Scholarship and Standards. Transition to the new P&P template will hopefully be complete in October. Different sections of the P&P will be divided among the 22 committee members. Sorors are reminded that committee attendance is required at each committee meeting. Three consecutive absences will result in removal from the committee. The committee will meet every 4th Thursday.
- q. Protocol: Soror Jackie Sherrod** reported that National Convention protocols will be presented at the October Chapter meeting.

- r. **Scholarship: Soror Brittany McLaurin** reported that the committee met September 9th. Soror Evelyn Shaw will serve as co-chair, Soror Veronica Langston will serve as secretary, and Soror Connie Pratt will serve as assistant secretary. A virtual test will be presented at chapter meeting. A request to clarify the verbiage of awards, should there be more than one awardee, has been posed to the committee.
- s. **Step Team: Soror Rhesha Smith** no report.

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

- 1) Sorors attending Convention are asked to register and attend some of the early-bird workshops
- 2) Regional Meeting is scheduled for 10/16/2021 from 9:00am-1:30pm. Registration links will be sent 10/1/2021, and acceptance will be on a first come basis.

I. **New Business: Madame President** reported that an email was received from the Regional Director asking Sorors to sign up for the South Atlantic Region (SAR) website's *Members Area*. Members are asked to sign up by 10/4/2021 using the email used/on file on the National website.

J. **Announcements:**

- **Candidate's Fair** will be held 10/2/2021 from 11am – 2 pm at Crossroad UMC North, 306 McArthur Rd. Candidate information will also be shared on Bronco iRadio station.
- **Pinwheel Masquerade Ball** will be 10/2/2021 at the Cape Fear Botanical Gardens, sponsored by the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) from 7pm – 12MN. Volunteers are requested for Silent Auction and Culinary stations. Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter has been partnered with CAC since 2013. CAC was a chapter initiative and there is a plaque recognizing the chapter for its monetary donation. The chapter has been part of the Human Trafficking program and volunteers to present educational programs in the community on domestic, minor, and child sex trafficking. The Chapter has shown and lead discussions on *Chosen*: a documentary video by Shared Hope International, that equips teens to recognize the warning signs of sex trafficking and how to protect themselves and their peers from being recruited for sex trafficking. Contact Soror Meta Coaxum at metaJ9@yahoo.com if interested.
- The Community Awareness Alliance will host a **“World Homeless Day”** on 10/10/2021 at 300 Maiden Lane (Headquarters Library) from 2pm – 4 pm. World Homeless Day was born out of discussions between aid workers around the world, all of whom were helping the homeless in their own countries. The aim and slogan of the Day is ‘locals act locally on a global

day'. The emphasis is on giving hands-on aid that is sensitive to local needs in Cumberland County, while being aware of the global problem of homelessness and feeling solidarity with other individuals around the world. The community is asked to use this Day (October 10th) as an opportunity to educate people about the homelessness in your area. World Homeless Day events can be converted into actions which will help the homeless long after the Day is over. Grassroots campaigns work at the local level, while increasing the publicity and solidarity a global platform provides. **Please contact Soror Coaxum at 910 864 5983 if you would like to donate items to include, but not limited to hotel/travel size toiletries, white socks, wash cloths or whatever you see fit that you could donate for the homeless.**

- The **5th Annual HBCU College Fair** will be held 2/5/2022 from 10am – 1pm at the Smith Recreation Center in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department

K. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Soror Sylvia McPherson with a second by Soror Paula Frank. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Teresa Wright
Recording Secretary