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Chapter Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2021
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 confirmed by Soror Jackie Sherrod, Sargent-at- Arms.
- D. **Adoption of Agenda:** A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Soror Sylvia McPherson, with the following correction: add an “e” to the word *Awareness* in Thrust three: International Awareness and Involvement. The second was given by Soror Paula Frank. With noted correction, 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 Sylvia McPherson. The second was given by Soror Barbara Nubin. With no corrections noted, the motion carried.
- F. **Introduction of New and Visiting Sorors:** Soror Amanda Williams. There were no visiting Sorors present. Happy birthday wishes to Sorors celebrating November birthdays. Two trivia questions were asked:
 - a **Who was the Chapter President (of what is now FAC) in 1953?** Answer: Neutrice Wilson Merritt. Answered by Soror Sylvia McPherson.
 - b **Who was the author of “Go Tell It On The Mountain?”** Answer: James Baldwin. Answered by Soror Danita Wilson.
- G. **Financial Secretary’s Report:** Soror Toni Moore reminded Sorors: when sending payments through PayPal, please note *for what* the payment submission is intended. The Fundraising committee will be notified of payment shortages and time will be allowed for correction. Soror Moore confirmed receipts for the month of October. The report was for information only.
- H. **Treasurer’s Report:** Soror Rayshonia Manuel reported the financial status of the chapter for the period of October 2021. The report was for information only but will be posted on the Chapter’s website.
- I. **Reflections:** “Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin,” Soror Gwen Brown.
- J. **Pearls of Protocol:** Soror Jackie Sherrod reported Pearls of Protocol: “Raps” at Convention.

- a Sorors were reminded of the Rap order for meeting ceremonies and to wait for the rap to be completed before acting.
- b **One Rap:** Attention, be seated, and end of ceremony
- c **Two Raps:** Affirm the Sacred Vow, affirm the Sacred Trust
- d **Three Raps:** Sorors stand
- e Rap order is on page 13 of the Protocol and Traditions Manual 2021
- f **Alumnae** is pronounced (*uh-lum-nee*); page 24 of the Protocol and Traditions Manual 2021
- g When saying the Oath, it is “through the **bond** of devotion,” not **bonds**
- h When referencing the National Convention or Regional Conference, there is not an “S” on the end of National or Regional
- i **Camouflage**, with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. insignia, is not approved apparel to be worn by Sorors at any time.
- j Sorors were asked to avoid purchasing unauthorized Delta paraphernalia.
- k Two sweaters that have now been approved by HQ were shown to Sorors. Pictures will be shared in FAC Announcement post.

K. Correspondence: Soror Sheree Davis reported “Thank You” cards were received from Sorors Marion Olion, Jackie McLean, Ernestine G. Wall, Rosetta Pratt Norwood, and Constance Pratt.

L. Committee Reports: (Updates only)

Five-Point Programmatic Thrust

1. **Economic Development:** Volunteer opportunities will be sent to the Chapter. On December 3rd the Chapter members can assist in serving breakfast from 7:30 - 8:30 at Operation-In-As-Much.
 - a. **Foster Care Initiative:** No update
 - b. **Adopt-A-Site:** No update
2. **Educational Development:** No update
 - a. **Arts and Letters:**
 - a. On October 28 from 6-8pm, the Red Velvet Book Club’s review of “Caul Baby,” by Morgan Jenkins, was successfully attended by 51 participants.
 - b. The next book will be “**Wedding Gift**,” by Marlon Bolton. A flyer will be posted with contact information to notify Soror Janice Robinson for participation.
 - c. Sorors are encouraged to support Soror Dorothy Fielder by sharing information about her book WALL OF HONOR: A CELEBRATION OF FAYETTEVILLE'S EVERYDAY HEROES. Book orders can made directly from Soror Fielder.
 - d. **Red Carpet Movie: “*King Richard*,”** will be in theaters November 19th. More information to follow for Chapter viewing at the IMAX AMC 14
 - e. The committee’s next meeting is 11/18/21 via Zoom.
 - b. **Delta Academy:** Soror Awilda Graham reported that the Comfort Kits collected on October 30th were delivered to the Red Cross on 11/11/21. The Academy participants were educated on the

importance of the Red Cross and their use of the Comfort Kits. Oversized items (too large to be included in the comfort kits) were donated to *Veterans Empowering Veterans*. The participants were also educated about the purpose of the Food Bank. Sorors are asked to contribute non-perishable food items for the Helping Hands Food Drive from 3p-5p on 11/14/2021 at the Order of Tents

- c. **Delta GEMS:** Soror Patti Jordan reported that the first meeting will be 11/16/21 @6:30pm. Topic: "It's a Different World." Speaker will be Sydney Harris, President of the FSU Student Government.
- d. **EMBODI:** Soror Salena Staten reported that the first program was held with 10 participants. Its focus was "*appropriate interactions with police.*" Captain Alfred Ellis, Attorney Ronald Crosby, and Mauldin Austin served as mentors. The program was very well received.
- e. **Jabberwock:** Soror Toni Moore reported there are eight (8) paid participants and five (5) additional inquiries from potential interests. Applications have been mailed to them.
- f. **Princess:** No update

3. **International Awareness and Involvement:** Soror Virginia Ware reminded Sorors that World Aids Day is December 1st. Please wear red ribbons and take pictures to post onto the FAC Delta Facebook page.

4. **Physical and Mental Health:** Soror Renee Ellis reported that Soror LaShonda Williamson will be sharing her breast cancer story. TBA.

a. **Healthy lifestyles:** No update

5. **Political Awareness and Involvement/Social Action:** No update

ii. **Program Planning and Development:** Soror Sharon McNair reported that she attended a Community needs assessment meeting. Information will be shared with Thrust Chairs, December 12th at 4pm. Soror Brittany McLaurin will present awards. Risk Management training date has been set for 11/14/2021 at 4pm. This training is only for those who work/assist with youth initiatives.

iii. **Internal Committees:**

1. **Armed Forces:** Soror LaTiki Gray reported that the Armed Forces committee members participated in the Veterans Day Parade. Sorors are asked to participate in Wreaths Across America. Soror Gray will send a link to purchase the wreaths for December 18th.

2. **Communications/IT:** No update

3. **Collegiate:** Soror Miller-Bernard reported that as of August 19, 2021, Delta Xi was placed on a *Cease and Desist*. An investigation was held by a regional team. The FAC Advisory team relinquished their roles and Soror Monique King from the Ft. Bragg Area Alumnae Chapter was appointed as the temporary advisor. Madame President asked that Collegiate Connection Committee contact be suspended until further notice. Discussion will be held about continued financial obligations to the collegiate chapter. Madame President will reach out to the Regional Director for further clarification. A robust discussion ensued that resulted in more questions being raised than answers able to be given about "why" the turn of events occurred. A suggestion was made that a meeting should occur to clearly define issues that need

to be addressed with the Regional Director. The actual audience of the meeting was pondered: the former advisors with the President, the former advisors with the Chapter, the perceived lack of transparency if there is a meeting without the Chapter, and the inability of the former advisors to reveal desired answers. Madame President acknowledged she would be receptive to a meeting with the former advisors prior to speaking with the Regional Director and share what information could be shared with the Chapter but cautioned that there may be information that cannot be shared. Regarding the meeting with the former advisors, Madame President preferred not to meet alone, but rather with the Executive Committee present. A motion was made by Soror Teresa Wright that a meeting take place on Monday, November 15, 2021 @ 6:30pm with the former advisors, Chapter President and Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Soror LaTiki Gray. A vote by poll was called: 88% members voted "Yes" agreeing with a former advisor/President/Executive committee meeting; 12% voted "No" disagreeing with a former advisor/President/Executive committee meeting. The motion carried. Soror Erin White will send the meeting invitation to former advisors, Madame President, and the elected officers of the Executive committee.

4. Delta Emergency Response Team: *Emergency Preparedness: Know Your Numbers* PowerPoint and "Sister, Service, and Safety" factsheet will be submitted for dissemination to Sorors.

5. Finance: Soror Rayshonia Manuel reminded Sorors that HQ does not allow use of "Friends and Family" with PayPal. Fees are to be paid by the individual Soror. The committee met November 4th and discussed creating a flat fee for PayPal. Soror Brothers, National Financial Secretary, was consulted for authorization and stated a flat fee is appropriate.

6. Fundraising: Soror Judith Waddell reported that the committee thanks the Sorors for supporting the Building Pyramid Brick by Brick. A presentation was shown of the Sorors/bricks purchased at the different levels thus far. Donations will be accepted until June 2022.

7. Hospitality: No update

8. Internal Audit: No update

9. Membership: Soror Amanda Williams reported final Red Book pictures will be taken today at 306 McArthur Rd for Sorors whose last names begin with P-Z from 1-3pm. Sorors who did not take pictures previously can have pictures made from 3-6pm. Please arrive no later than 5:30. Sorors are asked to complete the Red Book Information Form no later than 11/17/2021, regardless of whether pictures were taken or not.

A. A poll was taken for preferences for the FAC 2022 Retreat in June:

a. Weekend June 10-11 = 35%

b. Weekend June 17-18 = 29%

c. Weekend June 24-25 = 36%

B. If the retreat is out of town, location preference:

a. Myrtle Beach = 50%

b. Wilmington = 39%

c. Caraway Conference Center = 11%

C. Would Sorors like a Christmas Social:

a. Yes = 54%

b. No = 46%

D. FAC Christmas Social: Riverside Seafood Restaurant on December 4, 2021, from 2-4pm. Cost is \$30 per person and can be paid through PayPal (\$32 total/fee). Final date to pay is 11/22/21. If mailing a payment, it must be postmarked by 11/17/21.

E. FAC Community Service Project: Gingerbread house kits for Falcon Children's Home. There are 100 children, mostly teens, we have been asked to sponsor. Kits can be given to Soror Darnette Hall at the Christmas Social.

F. Twelve Days of DST Christmas: Sorors post various Christmas themed pictures December 13-24.

10. Pan Hellenic Council: Soror Sylvia McPherson reported tickets are available for the Spa Day Raffle. The tickets are \$5. Funds will go to Scholarships and Community Support.

11. Policy and Procedure: Soror Willie Johnson reported that this was the official call for amendments to the current policies and procedures. Submissions are due by January 31, 2022. Forms will be sent next week. Those with computers must have written proposals submitted by January 31, 2022.

12. Scholarships: Soror Brittany McLaurin reported that applications are now open for former Miss Jabberwock contestants.

M. Unfinished/New Business: Madame President

a January 21-22, 2022 is Area Founders Day, hosted by the Kinston Alumnae Chapter. The cost is unknown currently. Former National President Cynthia M.A. Butler McIntyre will be the keynote speaker

b Thanks is extended to all Sorors who purchased the new Ritual. All have been sold. We will start using them at the December chapter meeting.

c National Convention will convene next week in Atlanta, Ga. Virtual participants will receive an email from PATHABLE with login information.

d Regional Membership Services would like for Chapters to send 10 -15 gift cards to be used as give-a-ways at the National Convention in The SAR Membership Services Hospitality Room. Soror Willie Johnson made a motion that ten \$10 gift cards be donated. Soror Judith Waddell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

e Soror Brenda Jackson is retiring from Social Service.

N. Announcements: None

O. Motion to Adjourn was made by Soror Sharon McNair. A second was given by Soror Sylvia McPherson. Meeting was adjourned at 12:36pm.

P. Ritualistic Closing was conducted per protocol.

Respectfully Submitted by

Soror Teresa Wright

Recording Secretary