



Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter
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Executive Board Meeting
December 27, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Via virtual platform ZOOM

- A. **Call to Order:** President Figgins called the meeting to order.
- B. **Prayer: Soror Barbara Nubin**
- C. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Soror Sharon McNair; Second by Soror Judith Waddell. There were no corrections.
- 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.** Thank You cards were received from Sorors Betty Heron, and Genevieve Melvin. “Happy Holiday” greetings were extended from Soror Melody and the Fayetteville Area CVB.
- E. **Financial Secretary’s Report: Soror Toni Moore** read the Financial Secretary’s Reports for December 2021. The report was for information only.
- F. **Treasurer’s Report: Soror Rayshonia Manuel** provided the Treasurer’s Reports for December. This report was for information only.
- G. **Committee reports:**
- **Five Point Programmatic Thrust**
 1. **Economic Development: Soror Keshia Allen** No report.
 - a. **Adopt-a-Site: Soror La’Tiki Gray** reported the last clean-up date was held **December 18, 2021**, at 8:00 am. A short meeting was held afterwards.
 - i. The committee discussed extending the cleanup area past the Freedom Trail bridge to Bragg Blvd, to include both sidewalks and the grassy area between the two walkways.
 - ii. The committee/attendees were made aware of the proposed area, the additional responsibility it entails as

well as the process of requesting the area from the NC Department of Transportation (DOT). The 10 attendees voted unanimously to move forward with the additional area.

- iii. Six (6) cleanups will be conducted annually, per Parks and Recreations Adopt-a-Site guidelines, as well as any policies and procedures dictated by DOT once received.
- iv. Cleanups will take place on the 3rd Saturday of each even month:
 - 1. February 19
 - 2. April 16
 - 3. June 18
 - 4. August 20
 - 5. October 15
 - 6. December 17
- v. As a reminder, site is the Freedom Trail located on Bragg Blvd. 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.
- vi. Emails and announcements will be sent.

b. Foster Care Initiative: Soror Teresa Wright for Soror Patti Jordan. A “thank you” was extended to the Sorority for the generous donations of toys and monetary donation for the Foster Care toy drive. Two carts of gifts were delivered to Cumberland County DSS on Monday, December 13, 2021. A needs assessment will be done with Sorors at DSS to plan the next project through this initiative.

2. Educational Development: Soror Miranda Monroe.

a. Art and Letters: Soror Janice Robinson reported the committee met via Zoom.

- i. The second Red Velvet Book Club discussion selection is Wedding Gift by Marlen Suyapa Boddin on January 20th at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Soror Evelyn Shaw will lead the discussion. Door prizes will be presented. Register by January 16, 2022, via link to be provided in the FAC Announcements.
- ii. The second featured Red-Carpet movie, A Journal for Jordan, premiered on Christmas Day. Sorors may view the movie at AMC Market Fair 15 at 1126 Skibo Road on December 27-29 at 12:20 pm, 3:49pm and 6:50pm, OR

IMAX AMC Fayetteville 14 at 4761 Lake Valley Drive on December 27-29 at 12:30pm, 3:45pm and 7pm. Call the theaters for other dates and times. Wear your Delta paraphernalia and take a picture and text to Soror Janice Robinson at 910-578-5551. A survey will be sent out by January 20, 2022.

- iii. The Black History Youth Explosion is scheduled for February 2022. The Chapter will partner with Jack and Jill, Inc. More information forthcoming.
- iv. The sub committee for evaluating Arts and Letters' events requests Chapter evaluation forms.
- v. The Cape Fear Regional Theater invites FAC to the Launch Party to view the renovation of the theater at 5pm and 8pm on January 8, 2022. More details coming soon.
- vi. The Arts and Letters Committee will meet for the Red Velvet Book Club discussion on Thursday, January 20, 2022 via Zoom at 6pm in lieu of the monthly meeting.

b. Delta Academy: Soror Teresa Wright for Soror Awilda Graham reported.

- i. On Dec. 20th the Delta Academy held their zoom meeting. How the Fayetteville Urban Ministry services the community was discussed. Also discussed was how SHARE THE WARMTH-Blanket (including hats, gloves, scarves, and socks) Drive benefits those individuals in need. The annual drive will be held in January. The date for the drive-through event to be announced. A flyer with details will follow.
- ii. The girls discussed New Year resolutions and goals. They will work on Vision Boards to help track goal fulfillment.
- iii. A virtual gingerbread decorating activity/contest was held as the Holiday event. The girls enjoyed the gingerbread kits, a small gift and sharing their "ugly" Christmas sweaters.
- iv. Delta Academy is looking for young ladies, of middle school age, to join our group next year. Please submit names and numbers to Soror Awilda Graham, loveniece54@gmail.com or 910-797-5215.

c. Delta GEMS: Soror Yvette Carson for Soror Patti Jordan reported.

- i. The Gems received their Christmas gifts on Saturday, December 18, 2021. Thanks to Soror Yvette Carson for assisting with the drive-by pick up. "Thank you" to the Membership committee for the generous gingerbread houses which were part of the Gems gifts!

- ii. The committee will have a planning meeting in January in preparation for the Gems meeting January 18, 2021.

d. EMBODI: Soror Salena Staten reported.

- i. EMBODI's second program titled "All About Me" was held on Saturday, December 11, 2021, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. There were 7 young men and 7 committee members in attendance. Our Mentors were Craig Williams, Eric J. Bradley, Srand Danareyn Hamlett (all members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.). The Mentor's program segment was very engaging. Mr. Williams discussed self-growth and development. Mr. Bradley discussed the importance and value of character and education. Mr. Hamlett discussed healthy peer relationships to include peer pressure. Mr. Hamlett played a motivational video and ran the trivia game using Quizizz. Other program segments included a Black History Moment featuring Earl G. Graves and youth feedback. Most of the youths strongly agree that they learned something, and the information was meaningful to them.
- ii. The next program is scheduled on Saturday, January 8, 2022, from 1:30 pm to 3:30pm.

e. Jabberwock: Soror Lynette McMillan No report

f. Princesses: Soror Teresa Wright for Soror Yvette Bullard reported.

- i. On December 6, 2021, four (4) Princesses met with Soror Kay Harris to pick up their Christmas goodie bags. A special thank you to Soror Patti Jordan for allowing the Princess Committee to join in on their meeting date. Thanks, is also extended to Soror Amanda's committee for sharing Gingerbread Houses with the Princesses.
- ii. On December 18th four (4) Princesses and three (3) Sorors participated in a "Coding Class." The princesses learned about basic animation and how to make figures move. They also learned the basic elements of how to make a movie. Ms. Sharon from Brickz 4 Kid conducted the class. This activity fulfilled the STEM objective.

3. International Awareness & Involvement: Soror Virginia Ware reported.

- a. Committee members were thanked for their support of the IAI bringing awareness to the community of World AIDS Day and free HIV testing on December 1st.
- b. The Chapter donated \$1000 for Haiti Relief, which will be forwarded to National to support Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre Elementary School.

- c. The committee will partner with Ms. Tamara Morris and the Cumberland County Health Department to participate with the Health Department to educate the public about HIV/AIDS prevention thru educational web series:
 - i. February 7, 2022, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) and
 - ii. March 10, 2022, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWGHAAD) with an educational web series. Planning has just begun for this effort and a virtual planning meeting invitation will be sent.
- 4. **Physical & Mental Health: Soror Renee Ellis.** No updates.
 - a. **Healthy Lifestyles: Soror Teresa Wright for Soror Darnette Hall** reported.
 - i. On 12/18/21 at 10:00am the committee hosted *Mindfulness with Melanie: Bringing Mindfulness to Your Holiday Season* via Zoom, facilitated by Soror Melanie Shorter Cooper. Twenty-four Sorors attended the event. Soror Melanie's presentation was heartfelt, inspirational, and insightful. Plans are being discussed for another presentation in 2022.
 - ii. A sisterly fitness and weight loss challenge will be conducted by Soror Malika Bennett. More information to follow.
- 5. **Political Awareness & Involvement/Social Action: Soror Meta Coaxum** reported.
 - a. The Social Action committee met 1/4/2022 via Zoom at 6:30 PM. The "Vote No to the Vote Yes Fayetteville" campaign video was reviewed. One of the participants, Mario Benevante, a candidate for City Council, will not be included as to not give the appearance of any endorsement, even though the disclaimer indicates that those presented cannot use the video for any campaign activities nor as an endorsement. The next committee meeting will be 2/1/2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.
 - b. The "Votechella: Are You 2022 Ready?" subcommittee met 1/5/2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom to continue with logistic planning for the event to be held on March 18, 2022, at FSU's Student Union. The next subcommittee meeting will be February 2, 2022, at 6:30 PM via Zoom.
- 6. **Program Planning & Development/Internal Committees: Soror Sharon McNair.** No report.
 - a. **Armed Forces: Soror LaTiki Gray** reported. The committee discussed the planning and participation with the Fayetteville Area Veterans (NCFACF) on December 18, 2021, volunteering to lay wreaths at the Gilmont Cemetery 4107 S. Main Street, Hope Mills, NC 28348. A total of 57 participants from Fayetteville

Alumnae, family and friends helped Fayetteville Area Veterans (NCFACF) to remember and honor our veterans by laying Remembrance Wreaths on 75 graves of our country's fallen heroes. A special thank you is extended to Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter for sponsoring 37 wreaths.

- b. Communications/IT: Soror Erin White** reported. The technology team will sponsor a Technology workshop in January and February. Planning meeting will be held to finalize the dates.
- c. Delta Emergency Response: Soror Teresa Wright.** No report.
- d. Delta Lites: Soror Sharon McNair.** No report.
- e. Finance: Soror Rayshonia Manuel** reported. The dues cycle will be changing to calendar year. Updates to follow.
- f. Fundraising: Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard.** No report. Total will be given at the January meeting.
- g. GwG (Grow with Google): Soror Erin White.** See Communications/IT report.
- h. Habitat for Humanity: Soror La'Tiki Gray** reported. The Habitat for Humanity and ReStore committee met Via Zoom on the 7 December 2021. The Habitat for Humanity had to cancel the December 11th volunteer opportunity due to the lack of supply chain distribution, transportation, materials and funds to complete the last four homes in the Oakridge Estates. Mr. Collins and Mr. Price did present the committee with another opportunity to collaborate with the Fayetteville Rotary Club and assist with the FY21 Rotary Club Christmas Parade. The committee members voted yes to support and participate in Rotary Club Christmas Parade. There was a total of 26 participants from the Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter. This committee will not hold a meeting in January 2022 due to Area Founders Day activities. The next meeting will be Feb. 3, 2022.
- i. Heritage and Archives: Soror Awilda Graham.** No report.
- j. Hospitality: Soror Barbara Nubin** reported that the next meeting will be held at 8:30pm instead of 8:00pm.
- k. Internal Audit: Soror Brittany McLaurin.** No report.
- l. Membership: Soror Amanda Williams** reported.
 - i. FAC Founders Day Celebration will be held January 15, 2022, from 2:00-5:00pm at the VFW Post 6018, 116 Chance Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301. Soror should wear black business attire and pearls. Dr. Monica Leach, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Fayetteville State University has been invited to be the guest speaker. Soror Leach is a member of the Western Wake Alumnae Chapter. Her acceptance is pending.
 - ii. Reclamation Dinner, "We See You, We Need You, We Want You Back," will be held March 13, 2022, virtually.

Attendees will be encouraged to enjoy light refreshments during a virtual program planned to highlight FAC's adherence to the 5-Point Thrust (i.e., education, community service, etc.), our history and our legacy.

- iii. Chapter members are asked to inform the Reclamation Subcommittee of inactive Sorors they know and wish to reclaim. A FAC RECLAMATION form will require Sorors to provide basic contact information such as name and email address for each recommended Soror, but it will also ask for the year in which the Soror was initiated and the name/location of the chapter where they initiated.
 - iv. Sisterhood Month will be observed March 1-31st. The Sisterhood Month Subcommittee will present the Sisterhood month calendar at the February chapter meeting.
 - v. The Redbook is being developed by the IT committee. We hope to have a draft by the end of the month. A special thank you to Sorors Salena Staten, Debra Teasley, Erin White, and the IT committee for working with the Membership committee to complete this project.
- m. Pan Hellenic Council: Soror Sylvia McPherson.** No report.
- n. Policies and Procedures: Soror Willie Johnson** reported that the committee met on December 9th and began incorporating the new regional P&P template.
- o. Protocol and Traditions: Soror Toi Moore** reported. The protocol and Ritual and Ceremonies committees met via conference call on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 6:30 PM to discuss a continuous correlation between the 12th Edition of the Ritual and the 13th Edition of the Ritual.

The Pearls of Protocol focus will be updates to the 13th Edition of the Ritual pages iii-22:

- i. Page iii of the new Ritual is now the Message from the National President and CEO. This was previously the National Presidents message. The Foreword has been deleted.
- ii. The incorporation of the Founders, with the Founders picture and a listing of each National President by term.
- iii. The History of the Delta Ritual now recognizes the contribution of all Past National Presidents and Committees that assist in keeping the Ritual relevant and accessible.
- iv. Table of Contents numbering conventions is the same, however page numbers have changed.

- v. Chapter Meeting Opening Ceremony properties can now be found on page 247 appendix C. No other change to this ceremony.
- vi. No changes to the Chapter Meeting Closing Ceremony.
- vii. Regional Conference Opening Ceremony properties can now be found on page 247 of appendix C. No other changes to this ceremony.
- viii. No changes to the Regional Conference Closing Ceremony.

p. Scholarship: Soror Effie Willis. No update.

q. Step Team: Soror Rhesha Smith. No report.

H. **Unfinished Business: Madame President** reported. Area Founders Day will be January 21-22, 2022, at the Greenville Convention Center, hosted by the Kinston Alumnae Chapter. Public service project will be collecting luggage. More information to be provided at Chapter meeting.

I. **New Business: Madame President** reported that

- The National Headquarters building will be closed through January 3, 2022.
- Soror Elsie Cook Holmes has temporarily been assigned duties of National President while the National President is recovering from an illness
- Dues will be accepted January 1 – March 31, 2022. Reinstatement fees will not be waived this year.
- An Omega Omega service has been requested for Soror Allen, by Soror Coaxum.

J. **Announcements:** None

K. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Soror Nadine Miller-Bernard with a second by Soror Toni Moore. Meeting adjourned@ 7:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Wright
Recording Secretary

