

St. Louis Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Saturday, December 5, 2020 - **CONFIDENTIAL**

The Chapter President, DeJeanette Williams, called St. Louis Alumnae Chapter meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. with the formal opening. 139 members were present at the start of the meeting and a quorum was established.

Adoption of the Agenda

The chapter president presented the agenda to the chapter for approval Carolyn Thomas moved that we accept the agenda. Doris Graham seconded the motion. The chapter voted 146 for and 0 against to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

President's Remarks – DeJeanette Williams

- National Headquarters has approved chapters to have opening and closing ceremonies for chapter meetings.
- Omega Omega services may be conducted virtually. Up to three ceremonies may be performed at one time.
- Please review the message from regarding the "Pride in Our Heritage" event which will take place on December 10, 2020. The cost is \$10.
- Save the date: December 10, 2020 for the National Holiday Meeting.
- Virtual Founders Day will be on January 16, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. CST. Registration details are forthcoming.

Regional Updates

- Please register for the Central Region Jingle and Mingle which will be held on December 19, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Chapter Updates

- The January chapter meeting will be held on January 9, 2021. Sorors must register to attend.
- The National Pan Hellenic Council is having their annual Adopt a Family event. A toy drive to support the event will be on December 10, 2020 at Elmo's from 5-9 p.m.
- December 19, 2020 is our chapter's 94th anniversary.
- Reminder: Members are to direct visiting sorors to the chapter website for instructions on how to join our chapter meetings. Information is needed 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Minutes – Tracey Carter

The chapter reviewed the November chapter meeting minutes. No corrections were communicated. The minutes will stand as presented.

Welcome and Kudos – LaVerne Bady

Kudos

- Soror Joyce Love-Wilkes has been appointed Vice Moderator of the Giddings-Lovejoy section of the Presbyterian Church
- Soror Debbie Jones-Fowler received her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Maryville University, St. Louis, MO Cohort 30, Conferred on December 5, 2020.

Visiting sorors were welcomed by the president

Correspondence-Kelli Jordan-DeDeaux

Pictures of sorors participating in the voting process were highlighted.

Correspondence and other items:

- Thank you card from Soror Glenise Cloudy
- Thank you card from Soror Aryn Bostic and Shelia Jones
- Thank you card from Soror Carol Primm
- Thank you card from Soror Cheryl Jones for supporting Girls Inc. gala
- Sorors who are not receiving emails should send a message to sladstcorrsecy@gmail.com
- The newsletter deadline is December 21, 2020
- Please follow the chapter on media channels. @SLADST1913 is the tag.

The chapter offered birthday greetings to sorors born in December.

Financial Reports

Financial Secretary's Report – Gayle Abram

The financial secretary reported on the receipts for the Bank of America and Regions Bank accounts for the months of October 2020. The report will be filed pending audit.

Treasurer – Patricia Stewart

The assistant treasurer presented the actual 2020-2021 budget and reported on the bank balances for the Operational, Ariya, Education, Fundraising, and Social Action accounts for the months of October 2020. The report will be filed pending audit.

Program Planning and Development –Bernadette White

National Headquarters

- Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., DeltaCare+WW Happy Hour Mixer. Registration is required. St. Louis Alumnae
- Special Holiday Project – December 1-30, 2020
 - Theme: “The Central Region Lights Up Our Communities!”
 - The Regional Program Planning and Development committee asks each chapter to restock supplies for a local homeless shelter. The Community Awareness and Involvement committee will participate in the challenge.

Breakfast with Santa

- The committee has identified three agencies to support.
 - Almost Home – will receive items from the Amazon to assist with purchases for first apartments and baby items
 - Crisis Nursery – committee will provide items to the Holiday Hearts Program (Amazon and Walmart gift cards)
 - Haven of Grace – committee will adopt two families (each family consist of 1 mom and 3 children)
- Will provide 15 toy bags, pampers, lotion, soap and books donated by Dive into Books with Delta.

Community Awareness & Involvement

The committee will meet on November 15, 2020. The following agencies will be supported in December:

- Our Little Haven – holiday gifts and essential items will be provided
- Wesley House – the committee will present Deck the Halls with DST. Elders will be provided with DST COVID Care Packages and holiday gifts
- Angel Tree – the committee will provide holiday gifts to youth with incarcerated parents. The goal is to collect 100 - \$20 gift cards from Walmart.

Delta Academy

- The committee meets weekly on Tuesdays and is developing an activities calendar.
- The membership application is posted on the chapter’s website.
- The committee will meet with the Bernadette White and Glenise Cloudy to plan the parent orientation.

Delta GEMS

No report

Delta Twinkles

The leaders of the Twinkles prepared a Thanksgiving packet for all of last year’s participants.

Dive into Books with Delta

- The committee met to sort and take inventory of books collected and purchased last year.
- The committee will work with the Breakfast With Santa committee to provide books to Haven of Grace and the Crisis Nursery.
- The committee has also identified schools to receive books in several districts starting in January or when the children return.

Economic Development

- Registration for the SLA Business Directory will close on November 30, 2020

- The committee will be spearheading the dfree Young Money Youth Module which is an initiative from National Headquarters. dfree Young Money focuses on the economic and financial planning needs of young people ages 12-27 including sorors and community members. The six week pilot course is a virtual class. More information will follow.
- On November 5, 2020 the chair and co-chairs were invited to participate on a Zoom Webinar with the dfree organization and National Economic Development subcommittee regarding launching the Billion Dollar challenge.
- Soror Gwen Blackmon will serve as the contact for this initiative. The goal is to have 100 sorors to join the savings program.

Educational Development/Mind Guard/Scholarship

- The committee launched its Mind Guard giving program at the November Chapter meeting. During that meeting, a giving challenge of \$100 was made. Fifty-seven sorors pledged.
- The committee is planning other giving incentives and recognition programs.

International Awareness and Involvement

- The committee developed a project for World AIDS Day on December 1, 2020. The theme is “Rock the Ribbon Together”. The committee is asked members to submit a picture wearing a red ribbon or red clothing by November 21, 2020 to Kelli Jordan. \$5 will be donated to Grand Chapter for each picture submitted.
- Three agencies will receive donations:
 - Doorways – a local organization whose mission is to provide affordable, secure housing and related services for people living with HIV/AIDS.
 - Mary Help of the Sick Hospital – (Kenya)
 - Delta House/Vashti Village (Swaziland)

Physical and Mental Health – No report

Risk Management

- Five Risk Management training sessions have been conducted.
- The Risk Management Chapter Orientation recording is on the chapter website.
- Trainings will be conducted on November 30 and December 13, 2020. See the registration link in the newsletter.

Membership Services – LaVerne Bady

Check Out the Church

- The committee will collaborate with the Founders Day committee to assist with the virtual ecumenical/Sisterhood Month service to be held following the Founders Day program.

Cheer Courtesy

Condolences

- Soror Glenise Cloudy on the loss of her father, Mr. Franklin Arthur Cloudy, Sr.
- Soror Carlett Lewis-Rhone on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Eula Mae Lewis
- Soror Keita Todd on the loss of her mother-in-law, Annie Todd. Services were private.
- Soror Shelia Jones and Aryn Bostic on the loss of her mother and grandmother, respectively, Mrs. Hattie Jean Charles. A memorial will be held at a later date.
- Soror Carolyn Lang on the loss of her sister Sylvia Micheaux. She was also the aunt of Soror Collette Lang.
- Soror Betty Griffin on the loss of her husband, Mr. Leonard Griffin. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Delta Dears

- In honor of the 70-year milestone anniversaries, of Sorors Betty M. Griffin and Ruth B. Johnson, the committee did a surprise drive-by to present them with their sashes and plaques.
- The committee will plan a 75-year celebration for Soror Nancy Brown Collins at a later date.

Delta Choir

- This committee does not meet monthly.
- The choir performs at the request of the chapter.
- An inspirational video has been created for chapter viewing.

Founders Day

- Sub-committees have been formed and members are planning for the program.

- Members discussed the cost and recommended the cost be \$22 for all attendees. Members who paid their dues with perks would also pay \$22 for the 2021 Founders Day event and the perks amount would be carried over to the 2021-2022 dues.

Beverly Dummett moved that the chapter accept the recommendation of the Executive Board and charge attendees a fee of \$22 to attend the 2021 Founders Day event and for members who paid with perks for 2020-2021 sorority year, to have their perks funds moved to the 2021-2022 sorority year. Doris Graham seconded the motion. That chapter voted 147 for the motion and 7 against. The motion passed.

- The committee drafted a budget which will be shared with the chapter once actual expenses are determined.
- The next meeting will be December 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

June Luncheon

- Kathy Thomas and Kimberly Braxton delivered membership milestone and retiree plaques to homes of several sorors.
- 19 plaques remain to be delivered

Reclamation and Retention

- New member orientation is planned for January.
- The committee hosted the National Reclamation and Retention initiative, "Family Reunion" on November 7, 2020. Sorors were asked to invite their line sisters and other sorors.
- The committee will host a holiday fellowship event prior to the December chapter meeting. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m.
- Visiting Sorors – Gifts will be forwarded to visiting sorors who provide contact information.

Rededication

- No ceremonies are to be held virtually until further notice from Grand Chapter.

Sergeant at Arms

During the November zoom sorority meeting, the Sergeant-At-Arms chairperson Joyce Jefferson, and co-chairperson Cheryl Peoples worked in collaboration with the Technology Committee. Their charge was to monitor the attendance. During the meeting, they searched for persons that are non-financial and names of unrecognizable persons. Non-financial sorors may attend as a visitor but must be cleared prior to sorority meeting.

Sisters in Support

Condolences were given for two sorors in November:

- Danita Cole-Brown - Mother
- Carol Merritt – Father
- Cheryl Lee – Father
- Glenise Cloudy – Father
- Carlette Lewis-Rhone - Mother

Telephone/Calling All Sorors

- The committee continues the work of reaching out to sorors and calling those that do not have or prefer not to use internet service.
- The committee is also collaborating with the Delta Dears committee and a special committee on a service project to that will benefit the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter Delta Dears.

Fundraising– Mia Harsley

- Thank you to those who participated in "Pandemic Moves" on November 28, 2020

- "108 and Jazz" on January 13, 2021 6-9:30 p.m. The entertainment will be Rhoda G. and DJ Fat Mack. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased via EventBrite.
- "Pandemic Moves" is a series and the next session will be January 16, 2021 at 9 a.m. with Soror Dorlita Adams. The cost is \$5.

Policies and Procedures – Gloria Reno

- The first meeting was on November 30, 2020. There are 17 members. All are welcome to join. Please email Gloria Reno for additional information.
- The next meeting is December 30, 2020.
- There is a new form for Policies and Procedures to submit recommended changes. The form must be used to submit recommendations.
- Forms are due by January 15, 2021.

Social Action – Beverly Isom

- The committee will be meeting in January after the National Founders Day event. The actual date is to be determined.
- The committee will be focusing on redistricting
- The issues that may impact St. Louis Alumnae social action efforts in 2021:
 - Census and possible recount under the new administration
 - Public education campaigns to inform public about upcoming changes:
 - Missouri legislation that will avoid counting children under 18 and "noncitizens" in redistricting map making
 - City of St. Louis new election process for mayor and others
 - Determine what programs we can continue from 2020 under current COVID-19 guidelines.
 - Central Regional Social Action Update:
 - Preparation has begun with regular meetings for the first-ever virtual Delta Days at the Capital scheduled for this spring.

Robin Wright Jones


Missouri Delta Days

- Legislative session on redistricting with the Black Caucus Chair and senators.
- The collegiate sorors will facilitate a session on policy making.
- There will be a session on mental health and stress.
- A session on how to be an elected official which will include information on what you have to do to win a race and what to do you when or lose a race.

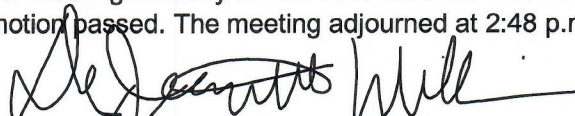
New Business None

Announcements None

Odessa Chambers moved to adjourn the chapter meeting. Beverly Moore seconded the motion. The chapter voted 147 for and 0 against to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.



Tracey Carter
2020-2022 SLA Recording Secretary



DeJeanette Williams
2020-2022 SLA Chapter President