

St. Louis Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Saturday, April 2, 2022 - **CONFIDENTIAL**

The First Vice President, Bernadette White, called St. Louis Alumnae Chapter meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. with the formal opening. 213 members were signed in 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. Teresa Hargrow-Simmons moved that we accept the agenda as printed Carolyn Thomas seconded the motion. The chapter voted 205 for and 0 against to accept the agenda with corrections. The motion passed.

President's Remarks – DeJeanette Williams/Bernadette White

National Updates

- The president attended Delta Days at the Nation's Capital and Delta Days at the United Nations and shared highlights from both events.

Central Region Updates

- The 50th regional conference will be held May 19- May 22, 2022 in Des Moines, IA. Registration is open and closes on April 30, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. The president gave updates on the status of registration and housing.
- The Des Moines Chapter is collecting items to be donated. Members should refer to the Call to Convention for details. The chapter that donates the most items will win a prize.
- Sorors who plan to attend the conference and have purchased a ticket to the trivia night event and is interested in joining the Saint Louis Alumnae team, please see the president for more information.
- The chapter is completing the process to submit for regional awards. The deadline to submit is April 2, 2022.

Chapter Updates

- Kudos to the Reclamation and Retention for executing successful Sisterhood Month activities.
- Kudos to the Founders Day and Check Out the Church committees for a successful Founders Day weekend celebration.
- There are five Ariya participants. They have begun the process. The ad deadline is April 15, 2022.
- The Agreement committee for the chapter met with the Agreement committee for the Saint Louis Delta Foundation on March 15, 2022. The goal is to have a document ready to be reviewed in May to be presented for a vote at the June 2022 chapter meeting.
- Seven members were awarded gas cards for participating in the 95 Acts of Kindness Challenge. Melva Jones, Lynette Watson, Rita McCain, Darlene Young, Carol Primm, Shonte Jamison, Beverly Dol and Chelsea O'Kelley
- There will be two district conferences in the area in April 22, 2022
 - Omega Psi Phi will have their district conference beginning on April 28, 2022
 - Zeta Phi Beta will have their regional conference beginning on April 22, 2022
- Nicole Martin moved that we support Omega Psi Phi by hosting an event for approximately 150 people at the Marriott Hotel during their district conference on April 28, 2022. Miranda Avant-Elliott seconded the motion.
 - Wray Clay moved that we end the discussion, The chapter voted 208 for and 24 against. The motion passed
 - The chapter voted 199 for and 36 against to host the event for the Omega Psi Phi district conference.
 - Miranda Avant-Elliott moved that we have a budget of \$1200 to host the event for the Omega Psi Phi. Deltra Hudson seconded the motion. In discussion Barbara Hudson suggested in addition we "pass the hat" or take a collection for additional funds. Miranda Avant-Elliott amended the motion to include that we "pass the hat" to collect additional funds. The chapter voted 182 for and 48 against. The motion passed.
- There will be a Pan-Hel scholarship party on May 13, 2022 at the Polish Heritage Center. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.
- The Unity Worship Service will be held on June 19, 2022 at Shalom Church
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Minutes – Tracey Carter

The chapter reviewed the March 2022 chapter meeting minutes. The minutes will stand as presented.

Nominating – Dana Bell

The chair introduced the members of the nominating committee.

The following sorors have been nominated for the 2022-2024 Saint Louis Alumnae open positions. All sorors have been approved by the nominating committee and are eligible candidates for their respective positions.

- Chair Internal Audit Committee – Nicole Randal

- Assistant Treasurer – Rita McCain
 - Assistant Financial Secretary – Carolyn Thomas
 - Assistant Financial Secretary – No candidate
 - Financial Secretary – Gayle Abram
 - Corresponding Secretary – Katrina Kerr
 - Recording Secretary – Rose Carnes-Bruce
 - Second Vice President – Tracey Carter
 - First Vice President – LaVerne Bady
 - President – Bernadette White
- The president opened the floor for nominations.
 - No nominations for the audit chair were submitted. The nominations closed.
 - No nominations for the assistant treasurer were submitted. The nominations closed.
 - Stacey Jefferson nominated Latashuia Browning for the position of assistant financial secretary. The nominations closed.
 - No nominations for the financial secretary were submitted. The nominations closed.
 - No nominations for the corresponding secretary were submitted. The nominations closed.
 - No nominations for the recording secretary were submitted. The nominations closed.
 - No nominations for the second vice president were submitted. The nominations closed.
 - No nominations for the first vice president were submitted. The nominations closed.
 - No nominations for the president were submitted. The nominations closed.
 - The chair reviewed the campaign guidelines.
 - Candidates may not begin campaigning until slating notifications have been received
 - Campaigning may begin after the close of the April 2, 2022 chapter meeting and will end on April 26, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.
 - Campaigning may take the form of telephone calls, emails, flyers, and other modes of communication.
 - Campaign expenses may not exceed \$500. Candidates who do not submit an expenditure form may be disqualified.

The official slate is as follows:

- Chair Internal Audit Committee – Nicole Randal
 - Assistant Treasurer – Rita McCain
 - Assistant Financial Secretary – Carolyn Thomas
 - Assistant Financial Secretary – Latashuia Browning
 - Financial Secretary – Gayle Abram
 - Corresponding Secretary – Katrina Kerr
 - Recording Secretary – Rose Carnes-Bruce
 - Second Vice President – Tracey Carter
 - First Vice President – LaVerne Bady
 - President – Bernadette White
- Donna Dansberry moved to accept the report of the nominating committee. Mavis Thompson seconded the motion. The chapter voted 176 for and 0 against. The motion carried.

Welcome and Kudos – LaVerne Bady

Visiting sorors were welcomed by LaVerne Bady.

Kudos

- Reclamation and Retention committee for Sisterhood activities
- Physical and Mental Health and Reclamation and Retention for the Sip and Share event
- Founders Day for a successful Founders Day celebration
- Maurya Cockrell for being one the contributing authors in the book “Overcoming: Living Our Best Life in Spite Of”
- Teresa Hargroe-Simmons for being reelected as vice chair and treasurer for the St. Louis Public Schools Adult Basic Education Foundation
- Victoria Harris will graduate on April 23, 2022 with her doctorate degree in higher education leadership from Maryville University

- Brooke Smith has been promoted to deputy city manager in University City, MO
- Yvonne Thomas on being selected as an election judge for the April 5, 2022 election
- LaShonda Barnes, **Shaire Duncan**, and Vanessa Cooksey for being subjects in a book by Pat R. Coleman titled "Overcoming – Living Our Best Lives in Spite Of".
- Angela Dickerson graduated from the FBI National Academy
- Tiffany Davis Jones defended her dissertation for her doctorate of education in organizational leadership. learning and innovation
- Derian Taylor will be graduating from St. Louis University School of Medicine on May 20, 2022
- McCluer Pommie's coaches, Rega Wesley-Stewart and Jackie Allen, on receiving a \$500 donation at the reopening of the McDonalds on Pershall Rd.

Correspondence – Kelli Jordan-Dedeaux

The chapter received the following correspondence:

- Thank you cards:
 - Family of Yvonne Jordan Matthews for the loss of their sister and aunt
 - Dr. Hadiyah-Nicole Green for the donation the chapter made to the Ora Lee Smith Cancer Research Foundation
- Boys and Girls Club Table for 4 fundraiser - April 14, 2022 contact Karen Jordan for more information.
- Mother's Day Fashion Show and Dinner May 8, 2022 Tickets are \$45
- An overview of national and region correspondence received via email was presented
- April birthdays were acknowledged.

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 month of February 2022. The report will be filed pending audit.

Treasurer – Valerie Hayes

The treasurer reported on the bank balances for the Operational, Ariya, Education, Fundraising, Money Market, 12-Month CD, and Social Action accounts for the month of February 2022. All reports will be filed pending audit.

Program Planning and Development – Bernadette White

An overview of Delta Days at the Nation's Capital was shared.

Community Awareness and Involvement

- Congratulations to the committee on raising \$5,068 during the Covenant House Sleep Out event. Donations are still being accepted.
- Trunks Up Extravaganza April 30, 2022 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m.– See the flyer in the newsletter to participate and for additional information.

Dive into Books

- Books were delivered to Pershing Elementary School in the University School School District, Twillman Elementary in the Hazelwood School District and Jefferson Elementary in the Saint Louis Public School District

Economic Development

- April 30, 2022 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Mad City Money Simulation. The youth groups have been invited to participate.

Educational Development

- The amount raised for scholarships was communicated. Thank you to sorors for donating and making a difference in the lives of children in the community.
- The donation deadline is April 5, 2022

Physical and Mental Health

- Rollin' Back to the 90's Skate Jam – April 23, 2022 1:30-3:30 at the Brentwood Outdoor Rink. No cost to attend.
- The challenge to walk 9500 steps daily continues. January leaders were Tamara Clark 11.8K daily average, Phyliss Rogers-Goodman 11.5k daily average, March leader so far is Phyliss Rogers-Goodman 13k daily average

Membership Services – LaVerne Bady

Check Out the Church

- The committee delivered a successful Founders Day Ecumenical Service. Thank you to the committee

Cheer Courtesy

Condolences

- Joyce Hawkins on the loss of her son, Roderick Hawkins
- Ingrid Taylor on the loss of her father, Fredrick Taylor
- Kathy Tharp on the loss of her sister, Sheila Tharp

Omega Omega

- The chapter performed the following Omega Omega service:
- Beauton Roberts on Saturday, March 26, 2022

Recovering Sorors

- Danette Davis is recovering from surgery
- Katrina Kerr is recovering from surgery

Delta Choir/Voices of Fortitude

The committee performed at the following events:

- Founders Day Celebration on March 26, 2022
- Ecumenical Service on March 27, 2022

Delta Dears

- The committee is planning a Delta Dears garage sale. Additional details are forthcoming.

June Luncheon

- The luncheon will take place prior to the June meeting on June 4, 2022 at the Saint Charles Convention Center

Founders Day

- The committee delivered a successful event which included a fashion show and hat contest.
- The theme is "The Legacy of the 22... Giving Back, Paying it Forward, and Making a Difference."

Reclamation and Retention

- The committee worked to bring the following events during Sisterhood Month:
 - Prayer Line
 - "A Sisterhood Event"
 - Cooking with Andretta's Sweets
 - Family Fun Night
 - Sip N' Share
 - Prayer Line
- Save the date: Delta Dears Event May 14, 2022
- A challenge was extended to reclaim 22 sorors by May 31, 2022

Elections – Maria Burton

- Committee members are Ida Casey, Elaine Williams, Lawanda Hall, Maurya Cockrell, Nicole Martin, Cynthia Whitaker, and Arika Cannon
- The elections will be held at the May chapter meeting on May 7, 2022 during the chapter meeting.
- Members must be present to vote.
- Voting will take place electronically.
- There will be no write in candidates
- Any violations will be reported to the regional director.
- Details about the election will be sent out 10 days prior to the election.

Policies and Procedures – Odessa Chambers/Donna Dansberry/Utica Morris

- An updated template was created by national headquarters.
- The committee will update the draft and present it to the chapter for review.

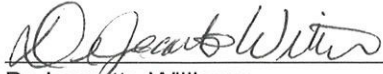
New Business None

Announcements

Beverly Dummett moved to adjourn the chapter meeting. Donna Dansberry seconded the motion. The chapter voted 148 for and 0 against to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.



Tracey Carter
2020-2022 SLA Recording Secretary



DeJeanette Williams
2020-2022 SLA Chapter President