

Gastonia Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Chapter Meeting ~ December 12, 2019 ~ 6:30pm

Ritualistic Opening-Sorors Hager and Pettiford

A quorum was present

Call to Order Adoption of Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda report made by Soror Richardson; seconded by Soror Walker. Motion Carried with a vote of 17.

Motion to adopt the November executive board meeting minutes and the November Chapter minutes made by Soror Walker; seconded by Soror Maxwell with the corrections that Soror Hager did the opening and closing prayer at Executive Board. Motion carried with a vote of 17.

COMMUNICATIONS

Local- Soror Richardson

- Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Reynolds II and Boy Scout Troop 63 cordially invite you to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eugene Reynolds III. Tuesday December 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Charlotte, NC.
- Christmas card from the President/CEO from the Holy Angels.
- Gaston County Organization for Community Concerns, Inc. invited organizations to celebrate the late Dr. Martin Luther King , Jr. on Saturday January 18, 2020 at St. Stephens at 6:00 pm. Keynote speaker Rev. Carolyn D. Bratton. They are asking each organization to donate to their scholarship to deserving high school seniors, support the T. Jeffers Scholarship Endowment at Gaston College by January 3rd. The chapter will send a donation on behalf of the chapter.

National/Regional- Soror Hager

- Renowned artist Charles Bibb designed a piece to honor Delta called "Proud To Be Red" he has also donated the original version of the "Torch Bearer" which will be on display at the National Headquarters. Prints can be purchased online by using the following link <https://dsteditions.com/product/thetorchbearer/>
- The National Scholarship and Standards Committee will conduct two webinars on The Alcohol and Illegal Drug Policy of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The dates are Tuesday December 10, 2019 and Thursday December 12, 2019. Soror Maxwell will provide an update at a later date.
- The 31st Annual Delta Days in the Nation's Capital will be February 22-25, 2020. Online registration is now open and will close on January 31, 2020 at 12 noon. To register, log into the Sisters Only portal and click "events."
- The 54th National Convention Event Credit has been applied and is now reflected on the Sisters Only portal. Tickets purchased for the Collegiate Luncheon, Step Show, and Sisterhood Soiree are the only events eligible for this credit. Credits are non-transferable and can only be applied to the following events or transactions: 1) Delta Days in the Nation's Capital; 2) Delta Days at the United Nations; 3) regional conference; or 4) national membership dues for 2020-2021. The deadline to respond is December 5, 2019.

- The 2020 South Atlantic Regional Nominating Committee is now open. The following positions are open for nomination: Regional Director, Regional Representative, Member, National Scholarship & Standards Committee, Member, National Finance Committee, Member, National Nominating Committee, Chair 2022 Regional Nominating Committee, and Member, 2022 Regional Nominating Committee. The following link can access the forms https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNjldyPTxQcqQxyAlcArxNEwz_JzsTKtBP_F2m7ScF94kw/viewform. Additional information can be found on The 2020 call for nominations is now published. If you are interested in running for office you can go to the “members only” portal. Webinars for the nomination process will be Tuesday January 7th @ 9:00 pm EST. This link can be used to register <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6726339751079426317>. The deadline to submit nominations January 26, 2020.
- The Johnston County Alumnae Chapter will sponsor the 2020 North Carolina Statewide Founders Day in Raleigh, NC. It will be held on January 10-11, 2020. Keynote speaker will be our National President and CEO, Beverly E. Smith. Registration for Alumnae members is \$70, and for Collegiate is \$65 plus fees. Registration will close on December 20, 2019 or once capacity has been reached. Registration can be done through the chapter or the Eventbrite link (<https://jcacfoundersday2020.eventbrite.com>). A welcome reception will take place Friday January 10th from 7:00-11:00 pm at the Raleigh Marriott City Center. It will include a Casino Night. Tickets are \$15.00 before December 1st, \$20.00 after. In an effort to accommodate over 1500 sorors to the event, there will not be a Rededication Ceremony on Saturday. Sorors are asked to wear red, black, or white business attire and pants are acceptable for the luncheon. Union county is hosting a bus leaving Saturday morning to attend Founders Day, the cost is \$43.00. If interested email Soror Laverne White at 2ndvp@unioncountyst.org
- The PowerPoint presentations from Fall State Meeting have been posted on the regional website. Look under the Members Area section and click Regional Members. The password has been sent to you.
- Regional Conference: Regional conference to be held in Richmond, VA. Expecting 3 - 4K sorors. Dates of the conference to be announced. Each chapter is being asked to donate based on chapter size. Our donation amount is \$500.00. More info to come. There will be regional fundraisers. State Pin \$22. Should be available at state meeting. Regional Raffle to raffle off a Miki Moto Cultured Pearl Set.

Chapter Officer Reports

President- Soror Hager

- Thank you Soror Leach and Soror Green with the Heritage and Archives history book called “Rubies and Pearls.”
- Omega Omega Service for Soror Doris King on Saturday December 14, 2019 at 11:00 am. We need participants, please see Soror Crawford to signup. Attire is all black no pants.
- There will be no Spring State Meeting. 60th Anniversary Celebration of the South Atlantic Region will be held on March 14th in Durham. More information to come.

- Conversation about chapters having insurance anytime they are having an event the public is a part of.
- Fundraisers to support Regional Conference; State Pin \$22. Each chapter is being asked to donate based on chapter size. Our donation amount is \$500.00. A proposal will be presented in January and voted on.
- Thank you for participating with the Turkey Giveaway. We were able to serve 271 families. There was a great deal of positive feedback from the community.
- Calendar for Membership Intake:
 - December 19, 2019 -Membership Intake 6:30 pm Mt. Holly Municipal Complex
 - January 9, 2020-Applications Due back
 - January 10th-11th-screen applications
 - Applications sent to Regional Director for her review
 - January 27th-28th-Call for Interviews
 - January 29th-31st-Interviews (3 days)
 - February 1st-Chapter has 4 hours to review packets
 - February 2nd-Vote for those selected candidates
 - February 3rd-RD reviews packets
 - February 8th-Red Zone completion
 - February 9th-Call eligible candidates
 - February 10th-candidate orientation and collection of fees
 - February 13th Chapter meeting
 - March 3rd-Pyramid Induction
 - March 4th-12th-PPP
 - March 14th-Odyssey Experience
 - March 15th-Community Service Project
 - March 16th-21st-Jewel Night
 - March 22nd-Induction and Ceremony
 - March 23rd-New Member Orientation
 - March 28th-New Member DID Training/also open to any member who wants to learn about Delta
- Motion to accept Membership Intake calendar made by Soror Knight; seconded by Soror Love. Motion Carried with a vote of 19.
- Budget for Membership Intake:
 - Was submitted for information only- it will cover rental locations and food for Odyssey, snacks during PPP and jewel nights. One robe needs to be purchased.
 - Sisterhood Luncheon/NIP Tickets-Soror Werts and Soror Leach more information to come.
- Motion to accept Membership Intake budget made by Soror Reynolds; seconded by Soror Walker. Motion Carried with a vote of 24.
- Membership Intake-Service area is Gaston County, Letters of Recommendation from Alumnae Members must be dated after the Rush. Writing the letter- must be financial for two years. If you write a letter, there is verification form that must

be printed off from the Red Zone. There are 29 trained Sorors and they can attend: Rush, Induction, Jewel night, Odyssey, Ribbon pinning, and Initiation. GAC Members can attend: Rush, Induction, and Initiation. Other Sorors can attend Induction and Initiation.

Financial Secretary-Soror Frierson

- Submitted for information only

Treasurer-Soror Walker

- Submitted for information only

Membership Services- Soror Pettiford

- No Report

Internal Audit-Soror Burris

- Audit was completed for the first quarter. Question regarding dues for individuals who paid for 2020-2021. Those dues cannot be receipted in the system because The Red Zone does not open until January 1st.

Committee Reports-5 min each, please

Budget & Finance- Soror Walker

- Proposal for expenditures; we have taken over our budgeted amount. Two-line items to allocate money: \$500 Regional Fee for Chapter and \$150.00 Delta Tea. Also, we have \$500.00 from a scholarship we did not award. Community Day Care needs \$350.00. We will propose to move the needed funds to cover that expense from Scholarship. These items will be voted on at the January meeting.

College Day- Soror Brewer

- January 4th from 10:00-2:00 at Tabernacle. Flyers have been sent to school counselors in Gaston County.
- Vendor: Gotta Go Sandwich Shop: Deciding on hot dogs or subs.
- Sorors need to arrive by 8:30 am and we need all hands-on deck.
- The following colleges have committed: Florida A&M, Gaston College, Livingstone College, Delaware State, Bennett College, NC A&T, Norfolk State, Central State from Ohio, UNC Charlotte, NC Central, Voorhees, Winston Salem State, St. Augustine University, Belmont Abbey, Johnson & Wales, Johnson C. Smith and Elizabeth City.
- The link to register your student as well as share this information with others. [The Gastonia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and Tabernacle Baptist Church College Fair 2020!](#)

Community Daycare- Soror Burris

- Mrs. Reed from Woodhill Elementary would like for us to provide items for their silent auction to be held at the end of the school year. Her goal is to encourage more reading. The students will read and earn points through their reading program. She would like electronics, Gatorade, chips and other items elementary kids would like to go in the silent auction. If anyone would like to donate items, please let Soror Burris know. Mrs. Reed also would like for us to mentor girls throughout the school year. We will meet once a month to discuss topics such as college, etiquette, finance and other life skills the girls may need. All who want to participate must be

trained and once the training is over, we will set dates for Jan - May sessions.

Dinner Dance- Soror Reynolds

- Dinner dance: Feb. 8, 2020 7:00pm-12:00am will be held at the Sheraton Charlotte Airport on Scott Futrell Dr. hotel rate \$119.00 per night includes 2 tickets for breakfast
- Theme: "Mystique and Mascarade"- Delta Style, cash bar, 2 meats, photo booth and DJ
- Tickets sales will start in November, but we need tickets bought in December. Tickets are \$55.00
- Eventbrite has been setup for ticket sales
- Two Strolls: One for the Dears and One for Everyone. Practice will be Sunday December 15th at 6:00pm.

Protocol & Tradition-Soror Maxwell

- Appropriate: Business attire; business suit, clothes that are of a professional style. Dress, slacks, blouse, and sweaters. Delta sweaters can be worn with the shield. No big letters.
- Sergeant of Arms has the right to turn you away.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

Announcements:

- Welcome visiting Sorors: Patricia Fowler
- First Friday tickets are available for \$10.00. First event is Friday January 3rd. Doors open at 5:00 pm
- Rush flyer will go on the website after midnight and will come down on Thursday Dec. 19th.
- Soror Brewer completed her National Board certification

Motion made to adjourn made by Soror Walker; seconded by Soror Williams. Motion Carried.

Adjournment:

7:45 p.m. with closing prayer by Soror Hager

Ritualistic Closing

Present:

Willette Herring
Donyel Barber
Brenda Barnett
Treva Johnson
Teretha Jones
Deborah Bowden
Renee Knight
Priscilla Brewer
Helen Love
Yolanda Burris
Dawn Maxwell

Tega Crawford
Barbara McClain
Andrea Frierson
Deardre Gibson
Tennille Gladden
Africa Otis
Rosalind Graham
Cheryl Perkins
Marilyn Green
Michelle Pettiford
Wanda Grier

Tequel Hager
Tabatha Rainey
Faye Harris
Lisa Reynolds
Johnsie Richardson

Shannon Roberts
LaShannda Walker
Betty Wert
Karita Wilkes
Lillian Williams

Jamie Brooks
Kimberly Pryor
Sarah Feaster
Angela Dreher
Cynthia Ndelo