

**Gastonia Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Chapter Meeting Minutes~December 10, 2020~ 6:35pm  
Zoom Meeting**

Opened with prayer by Soror Harris

A quorum was present

**Call to Order:** Motion to adopt the agenda made by Soror Harris; seconded by Soror Maxwell. Motion carried with a vote of 34.

Motion to adopt the November Executive Board meeting minutes and the November Chapter meeting minutes made by Soror Otis; seconded by Soror Maxwell. Motion carried with a vote of 32.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Local-** Soror Richardson

- Acknowledgments from: Soror McClain; Birthday card and Soror Love; Christmas Card

**National/Regional/Local-**Soror Pettiford

- (VIRTUAL) National Founders Day Celebration: January 16, 2021 at 4:00 pm ET. This grand celebration will feature a rededication ceremony, Founders Day address, and many more surprises. You won't want to miss this event as we come together for the first time virtually to commemorate 108 years of sisterhood, scholarship, and service.
- Regional Director Soror Johnson had a round table on Tuesday December 1st to discuss her new initiative for the South Atlantic Region. New motto for the region is *See The Power of Delta Through Our Founders Lens*. We are focusing on empowerment and engagement.
- Chapter spotlight at least once a month or every other month. A form will be sent to describe what we are doing for virtual fundraising and social media
- Soror Belinda Pettiford; NC State Coordinator and her team presented some information in regards to Founders Day. They discussed various activities, such as; The Rededication Ceremony, What Would The Founders Think Now Zoom, Dedicate 19 minutes and 13 seconds for 22 days of empowering yourself with Delta information from the sorority's documents, local policy and procedures and the national website. Dedicate 19 minutes and 13 seconds for 22 days by reaching out to soror's you haven't communicated with through email, text message, phone call, card or writing a letter. Record and share the number of soror's you reach out too. Dedicate 19 minutes and 13 seconds for 22 days updating chapter programs to achieve excellence. Host a DJ-nalia party night, shoutout music request from different eras.

**Chapter Officer Reports**

Financial Secretary-Soror Frierson

- Submitted for information only
- Received a refund from the church in the amount of \$165.00 for non-usage of the building due to COVID-19.

Treasurer-Soror Walker

- Submitted for information only
- Amendment of the budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year
- Outstanding checks need to be reconciled

**Committee Reports-5 min each, please**

**NOTE: Committee Reports need to be submitted prior to the Executive Board meetings each month.**

**Arts & Letters- Soror Green**

- Book club will meet on December 3 at 6:30 (due to Thanksgiving) to discuss the book "FINDING JOI" and the movie "All In: The Fight for Democracy" as the DSTv Fall spotlight. "All In" features Stacey Abrams, the first Black woman to become the gubernatorial nominee for a major party in the United States and founder of the voter suppression advocacy group Fair Fight Action. The film examines the often overlooked issue of voter suppression in the United States ahead of this year's major election. Complete the survey by November 30th <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSTvFall2020Spotlight?1=>
- December we will discuss "A Walk Down Phonics Lane" Soror Cherie Feemester book and watch "Soul"
- National Arts & Letters Commission presents "Pride in Our Heritage" Virtual Tour. Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:00pm to 10:00pm EST. **\$10.00 Non-Refundable Registration Fee.** This will be an evening filled with artistic expression that focuses on and uplifts our heritage. Join us as we celebrate all that makes us who we are. You don't want to miss this amazing representation of culture, beauty, and Black excellence! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#) **Registration Deadline: December 8 at 11:59pm EST**
- South Atlantic Region will host *Christmas Cantata: The Savior is Born* Sunday December 13, 2020 at 5:00pm on FaceBook.
- The Charlotte Alumnae Chapter will present *Christmas Blessings* on December 19th. The cost is \$10.00.
- Every 1st Thursday Arts and Letters Committee will meet at 6:30. Every 4th Thursday Book and Movie Club will meet at 6:30.
- Looking at having more virtual Round Table Discussions as we share meals with each. Also looking at more Sisterhood Bonding Activities, Like a walking club maybe collaborating with the Physical & Mental Health Committee.
- Please remember that Arts & Letters has to wait until National A&L sends us the featured films/movies. Our Arts & Letters Committee are and will decide what books for each month. As National sends us movies and featured films, our Arts and Letters Committee will also keep finding good books that we can share with the Sorors that offer Hope, Faith, Forgiveness, and that speak to our hearts and of course Sisterhood novels.

**Audit- Soror Burris**

- Need to work on outstanding checks and adding dates for alerts. December 1st is the deadline for information to be added to the system. The Gastonia Alumnae Chapter is in compliance.

**Courtesy-Soror Pettiford**

- The following courtesies were extended:

November

- Soror Barbara McClain received a sympathy card & \$50 due to the passing of her brother.
- Sorors Cheryl & Adrienne Perkins received sympathy cards due to the passing of their uncle.
- Soror Edna Saunders received a get well card & \$35 due to hospital stay.
- Soror Shalohm Bentley Jenkins received congratulations card

**Delta Academy & Gems- Soror Knight & Soror Brewer**

- The Delta Academy program had their first workshop, virtually, with their participants on Saturday November 17, 2020 at 10am. They had a total of 12 girls who participated. Sorors Maya Davis and Erica Berry did a powerpoint presentation on "Money Habits" focusing on Money Management. The workshop was a success as the girls learned about starting a savings account and talked about ways to save money for the future. The girls were given different scenarios to decide best ways to save. At the end of the workshop, the girls were asked to come up with a motto on how to encourage others to save money. The participants enjoyed the workshop as they stated they learned so much and appreciated the engagement.
- The Delta GEMS Money Management workshop was led by Soror Lisa Reynolds, who is a manager at an Investment firm. She presented a powerpoint on various ways high school scholars can save and manage their money and begin planning for their future. They were also given several scenarios on what can happen if they begin saving now vs. if they do not save and spend everything earned. The discussion was very interactive and each of the young ladies chose a stock to follow and will report on how their stock is doing.
- Soror Knight has submitted the application for the Gaston Foundation Virtual Run and will be notified if we are participants by mid December.
- The Delta Academy program will have their next workshop, virtually, with their participants on Saturday December 19, 2020 at 10am. Soror Barber will conduct the workshop "The Power to Lead."
- Christmas gifts will be dropped off to the participants; monogram mugs will hot chocolate and marshmallows.

**Physical & Mental Health- Soror Davis**

- Items for the Young Mother's Residence House will be delivered on Friday December 18, 2020. Soror Davis will be at her office on the following days and times to drop off items: **December 16, 2020: 12pm - 3 pm and December 17, 2020: All day until 4 pm.** If you cannot drop your items off during any of the above dates or times, please reach out to Soror Davis to make further plans. Her contact information is: [crendavis@aol.com](mailto:crendavis@aol.com)

#### **Founders Day-Soror Hillard McCray**

- GAC Founders Day will be Jan.24, 2021, at 1 p.m. South Atlantic Regional Director Dr. Trish Johnson will be the speaker with the theme, *Celebrating the Legacy of 22 with Class and Elegance*

#### **Fundraiser- Soror Maxwell**

- Moving forward with the fundraiser with Artful Greetings that will bring funds to chapter without having to collect money, take orders or be in public. We will receive 25% when an order is placed using the code "GASTONIA in the Fundraising comment field OR it could be placed in the comment field." If you have any questions, please reach out to Soror Dawn Maxell.  
<http://www.artfulgreetings.com/>

#### **Heritage & Archives- Soror Perkins and Soror Reynolds**

- To obtain, document, and preserve the history and archives of DST - Gastonia Alumnae Chapter so that current and future members may learn of its inception, growth, and development
- Brainstorming/Discussion of Goals for 2020-2021
- Write GAC's History from 1980 to 2000 or to Present (Discussion of which periods to include will continue)
- Possibly develop an input form for sorors who went through GAC Intake Process (Year Joined, # on Line, Name of Line, Name of Line Leader, Leader of Minerva Circle, Chapter President's Name, Noteworthy chapter/line accomplishments and year initiative took place)
- Organize archival items in our storage closet when we are able to get back in the church
- Committee members will work internally to determine the best method for obtaining information directly from past chapter presidents and other chapter members.

#### **Technology- Soror Horton**

- In the process of redesigning the website, links to social media pages and logo, delegate emails for committees. We have the following social media sites: Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.
- In order to use the official zoom account you must submit a request form. Please see the Zoom meeting request link <https://s.surveyplanet.com/-Jx5D1L6y>
- Wanda Grier Chapter Photographer will schedule Executive Board Headshots by December 12th. Website will be launched by January 14th.

- Committee Chairs there are delegated emails that can be used in place of personal email. Contact the committee for the email and password.
- If you are a new or reclaimed member and need access to the chapters "Members-Only" site, please contact Soror Spruill at 252-567-1376. Since we are no longer in person, the cards with logins and passwords are not available for distribution and cannot be shared electronically

**Protocol & Traditions-** Soror Leach

- The committee covered the following topics from the protocol manual (pgs. 28 & 29): Code of Ethics

**Unfinished Business**

- Risk Management Training will be January 7, 2021 at 6:30pm

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:**

- 2nd Tuesday in January Social Action
- Soror Renee Davis daughter will graduate from UNC Greensboro

**Adjournment:**

Motion made to adjourn made by Soror Perkins; seconded by Soror Harris. Motion Carried with 32 votes. 8:12 p.m. with closing prayer and inspirational word by Soror Harris

**Present:**

Michelle Pettiford  
Deardre Gibson  
Treva Johnson  
Johnsie Richardson  
LaShannda Walker  
Andrea Frierson  
Yolanda Burris  
Lisa Reynolds  
Faye Harris  
Karita Duggins  
Wanda Grier  
Renee Knight  
Marilyn Green  
Lillian Williams  
Priscilla Brewer  
Renee Davis  
Williette Herring

Africa Otis  
Cheryl Perkins  
Joylette Hillard McCray  
Betty Werts  
Donyel Barber  
Erica Berry  
Deb Bowden  
Tameka Dunlap  
Jannelle English  
Cherie Feemster  
Steffani Ford  
Tennille Gladden  
Romilda Glasgow  
Rosalind Graham  
Kandice Horton  
Jennifer Joyner  
Robin Leach  
Tabatha Lynch  
Dawn Maxwell  
Janet McCullough  
Rekita McDuffie  
Vontina McGrant  
Evelyn Pressley  
Wanda Reid  
Tasha Roberts  
April Spruill  
Tamara Thomas  
Denika Wallace  
Phyllis Williams  
Angela Wilson  
Betty Worthy

GAC Sorors:  
Jamie Brooks