

**Gastonia Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes~December 28, 2020~ 6:32pm  
Zoom Meeting**

Opened with prayer by Soror Harris

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**National      Regional      Local**

**Chapter Officer Reports**

- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Census, seeking to obtain vital information for understanding our growing membership. The information collected through this survey will assist the Grand Chapter in developing strategic plan initiatives for growth, outreach, and marketing. The results of this survey will be disseminated to Delta Sigma Theta's National Board of Directors and National Headquarters staff. Participation in the 2021 Delta Census is voluntary. While we hope you will answer all questions, it is your prerogative to skip any questions that make you uncomfortable. All data will be stored on a password-protected computer, in a secure location only accessible to the National Institutional Research Committee. Completed census data will not be linked to your name or other identifying information. **Click [HERE](#) to access the 2021 Delta Census.** **You will have until Sunday, January 31, 2021, to complete the Delta Census.** Highlights will be presented to the membership at the 55th National Convention, late Fall 2021.
- Spend nine days ***Celebrating Our Legacy of Fortitude: Commemorating 108 Years of Joy in Our Sisterhood, Power in Our Voice, Service in Our Heart.*** The National Founders Day Celebration will feature three live streamed virtual events and showcase the National Founders Day signature celebration event on Saturday, January 16, 2021. Throughout the *Nine Days of Delta*, we will take over Grand Chapter's social media accounts with an overflow of joy in our sisterhood, power in our voice, and service in our heart. Please review the schedule below for dates and times for the three virtual Founders Day live streamed events: Ecumenical Service, Rededication Ceremony, and the National Founders Day signature celebration. **SAVE THE DATES January 9-17 2021** and plan to celebrate the legacy and fortitude of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. during the 2021 Virtual National Founders Day Celebration!  
<https://deltasigmatheta.informz.net/deltasigmatheta/data/images/Nine%20Days%20of%20Delta.pdf>
- The Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (PWCAC DST) will host a virtual celebration in honor of our Founders advocacy beginnings and our journey to continue partnering, educating, and serving our community. Their theme for this special event is: "Resiliency in our Advocacy... Power in our Voice... Dedication in our Hearts..." Please join PWCAC DST for the 2021 Founders Day Celebration webinar on Sunday, January 10, 2021, from 1 PM to 4:30 PM. Vendors will be available for your shopping pleasure:
  - Vendor Fair - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

- Founders Day Celebration - 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM
  - Vendor Fair continuation immediately following the program
- Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prince-william-county-alumnae-chapter-founders-day-celebration-tickets-132801824833>

## **Chapter Officer Reports**

### **President-Soror Pettiford**

- Reviewed and discussed the Rental Agreement with St. Stephens AME Zion Church; the following was discussed:
  - Change the 2nd Monday Date to Last Monday of the month (Executive Board meeting date), only go on the days we are assigned to go
  - We don't agree with the 2 year lease; looking at 6 month lease or month to month
  - The \$1300 covers 10 months; it needs to cover 12 months or the monthly rent needs to be adjusted
  - A meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss the logistics of the lease; a Trustee (Dr. Jonathan Williams) and the Pastor needs to be present at the meeting
  - Are we paying for storage? If so, what is that cost? Should we be paying full rent if no one is allowed in the church?
  - Need a clause in regards to termination of lease
  - Need clarity in terms of when we meet vs. going up there to our storage area
  - Maintenance needs to be addressed (tiles leaking and there is mold)
  - Look into other churches that may do rent free or a lower price because we are a public service organization
  - The Housing and Properties committee will be contacted to reach out to Omega Psi Phi in regards to renting out a space in their new chapter house
  - Reach out to Soror Johnson to find out if we can purchase a house at this time.

### **Financial Secretary-Soror Frierson**

- No Report

### **Treasurer-Soror Walker**

- Submitted for information only
- Will meet with Soror Crawford to reconcile books in regards to courtesies
- Email drafted for people with outstanding checks

- Disbursements for Academy and Gems for holiday gifts.
- Reimbursements will be done this week
- Send a copy of the reimbursement form to committee chairs.

Membership Services- Soror Gibson

- No Report

**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**

- The Arts & Letters Committee will meet every 1st Thursday so our next meeting is January 7, 2021 at 6:30pm.
- The GAC BOOK Club meets every 4th Thursday at 6:30pm, so our next book club meeting will be January 28, at 6:30pm.
- At our last Sorority meeting about 5 of us left early and Zoomed with Our 22nd National President Soror Gwendolyn Boyd who was the moderator of the Pride in our heritage Virtual tour. We listened to some intriguing conversations with Soror Boyd and Soror CNN White House Correspondent and Political Analyst April Ryan and Soror Andra Day grammy nominated singer-actress who is going to be in the new movie coming out about the life of Billie Holiday.
- The Arts & Letters Committee will take a look at what National has recommended and we will look at bringing in exercise and mental health components to our Book Club, like recording what we are doing to keep our minds active and alert. Yes reading is one thing but what else could we and should we be doing to help each other cope with so many issues.
- Our book club finally finished reading "Finding Joi" by Soror Joi Fisher. We are now reading "A Walk Down Phonics Lane" Walking with Nature, by Soror Cherie Feemster. The next book is titled: "Perfect Peace" by Daniel Black who was raised in Arkansas and now teaches at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia.
- From the National Arts & Letters Committee, the animation movie called Soul, is all about a musician who lost his passion for music and must find his way back. You can watch it on Disney Pixar on Disney Plus.
- Documentary about President Barack Obama in pictures, and how his photographer Pete Souza followed the president for 8 years taking pictures made a documentary coming on television on MSNBC 12/31/2020 at 8pm.

**Courtesy-Soror Crawford**

- The following courtesies were extended:

December

- Soror President, Michelle Pettiford received Congratulations card for graduating on December 12, 2020 & received her Doctoral degree.

- Soror Janet McCullough received Sympathy card due to the passing of her uncle, Mr Robert McCullough
- Soror Katrina Corbett received sympathy card due to passing of her aunt, Ms. Nancy Black

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

- The Delta Academy and GEMS committee and participants met on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 10:00am. The title of the workshop was “Realizing your Leadership Potential: The Power to Lead.” Our very own Soror, Soror Donyel Barber, was the keynote speaker. Soror Barber did an awesome presentation that focused on “becoming leaders in your community.” The workshop was engaging, as the girls were able to ask and answer questions about leadership. Soror Barber also touched base on African-American women who are currently in leadership, as the girls named Kamala Harris, Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Viola Davis, and many more. They were also given opportunities to express how they view leadership and how they are already showing some type of leadership, whether it's at home, school, church etc.
- The Delta Academy and GEMS participants were able to wear “holiday clothing” as they drank hot chocolate from their mugs that were gifts provided by the committee which were labeled Delta Academy or Delta GEMS. At the end of the workshop, the girls expressed that they enjoyed and learned so much about leadership from the workshop. We had a total of 19 Delta Academy/GEMS, and 9 Sorors who attended the workshop. Pictures have been emailed to the technology committee.
- Soror Knight has submitted the application for the Gaston Foundation Virtual Run and will be notified if we are participants by mid December.

#### **Emergency Response Taskforce- Soror Johnson**

- “Sisters, Service, and Safety”
- Soror Gibson attended a webinar on Delta Emergency Response. Beginning with the 2021-2022 sorority year, Emergency Response will be a chapter compliance item, with documentation to be completed in the red zone.
- Each chapter must have an Emergency Response chairperson at minimum, and ideally an ERT committee. Each chapter must submit a yearly emergency response plan, including providing Sorors with red envelopes with personal demographic/medical information.
- Sorors should have a red envelope in each of these places: their vehicles, at work, and when they go out in the community/attend events.
- There should be a communication plan and a “drill” at least twice per year for Sorors to be prepared to respond to an emergency, evacuation, natural or man-made disaster, or other event. Each chapter should submit documentation and pictures of their training.
- During and after an emergency, evacuation, a natural or man-made disaster or an event, a situation report (new) will need to be submitted to the state ERT

coordinator who will then forward the information to the regional ERT coordinator, who will then forward the information to the national ERT coordinator. The SITREP will describe the situation and the post incident. This report will generate information on whether Sorors are accounted for, and will determine whether a rescue phase and/or a recovery phase is necessary.

- During an emergency, a natural or man-made disaster or an event, chapters are to activate their chapter phone list.
  - ERT
    - Emergency Plan for your family
    - Red Envelope in your purse and care
    - Talk & tell a Soror (or family member/friend) the time and location of where you're going to be.
  - Helpful websites/Resources
    - cdc.gov
    - hhs.gov
    - sba.gov
    - State & Local Agencies
    - DREF (has a disaster assistance application)

#### **Unfinished Business**

- Donations for the Young Mother's Residence Home will continue due to low donations. A phone blast and the signup sheet will be sent out this week.
- Soror Pettiford will reach out to Soror Hillard about Founders Day activities

#### **New Business**

- None

#### **Announcements:**

- Kudos to the Technology and Delta Academy and Gems committee for all their hard work.
- Soror Pettiford will be pursuing a Masters degree in E-learning to write Educational Curriculum

#### **Adjournment:**

7:46 p.m. with daily reading by Soror Harris

Yolanda Burris  
Marilyn Green  
Faye Harris  
Wanda Grier  
Renee Knight  
Tega Crawford  
Renee Davis  
Cheryl Perkins

#### **Present:**

Michelle Pettiford  
Treva Johnson  
Johnsie Richardson  
LaShannda Walker  
Andrea Frierson

#### **Helpful Links:**

Committees:

[GAC Committees 2020-2021](#)

Reimbursement Form

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QBIIDmazviZ1gZAYq9gJC1pmE9INQRale/view?usp=sharing>

<https://gacdst.wufoo.com/forms/q10e8lc10u9rkvi/>

Zoom meeting request link

<https://s.surveymonkey.com/-Jx5D1L6y>

GAC Fundraiser Link

<http://www.artfulgreetings.com/>

Committee Summary Report:

