

Gastonia Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2021 ~ 6:30 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

OPENING PRAYER - Meeting opened with prayer from Soror Harris

- Approval / Adoption of Ex. Board Agenda-
- Soror J. Richardson asked that the Archives and History be added to “ New Business”
Motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of the Archives and History committee made by Soror J. Richardson. seconded-Soror L. Reynolds. motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS

National- No National News at time of meeting

Regional-None

Local-

Communication by Soror Richardson

GAC Social Action Committee will host “ Delta and Doctors In The Community” Get The Facts About The COVID-19 Vaccine. Feb. 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Chapter Officer Reports

President’s Report: Soror Pettiford- (Will give recording secretary her written report)

Financial Secretary - Soror Frierson: As of 2/23/21- 3 Sorors paid dues: total of \$750.00 /Profits from Artful Greeting- \$64.66 totaling \$850.66. Total collected for the year: 5073.66- Dues will be collected again on 2/24. Question asked regarding reclaimed Sorors- how to get their paperwork completed during Covid? Soror Pettiford stated that those wishing to be reclaimed need to contact Soror Pettiford for directions. Dues will be collected at Soror Renee Davis' office.

Treasurer- Soror Walker:All dues collected will be deposited within 2 days. Sorors can still use the PO Box and PayPal is available. Please be aware of the fees for PayPal and follow the guidelines for additional fees.

- Disbursements: Courtesy Committee for cards and Academy & GEMS for Valentine roses for girls.
- Budget requests for the upcoming year have been received
- Contact Soror Walker if Sorors have questions regarding PayPal fees.

Committee Reports-

Arts & Letters- Soror Green

- Discussed the importance of reading books and the advantages of reading for Black girls and females . There are 7,000 Black girl books. We are encouraged to read with children. This Sunday 2/28 at 2 p.m. the club will discuss the ending of " Perfect Peace". Sorors are encouraged to see the PBS special " Roots of Black Religion". The Committee is open to suggestions for the next book to read.

Academy & Gems- Soror Knight

- Monthly workshop was held Saturday Feb. 20th from 10:00a.m.-12p.m. Soror Joyner presented an excellent interactive presentation on internet safety .Two objectives discussed: 1) Identify steps they can take to keep themselves safe while using the internet 2) Identify high-medium, and low risk internet behaviors.
- In recognition of Black History Month; each girl was asked to prepare a 60 second presentation (tick tock/snap chat, etc) on an African American female. Soror Coley collected each video and created a cumminating presentation.
- In honor of Valentine's Day, we gave the girls a mini rose plant with a balloon. They will be challenged to nurture and take care of the plant.
- Academy & Gems want to thank their committee members for delivering all the plants to the girls in a safe and social distance manner.
- There will be 3 Seniors graduating this May. Soror Knight will assure that they have the GAC scholarship application.
- The March 20th workshop will be “ Emergency Preparedness”.
- IMPORTANT REMINDER: Sorors please remember to support our Academy & GEMS by making donations to the Community Run 2021- under the name of “ Delta Research and Educational Foundation” (DREFT). Registration is now open. You can also register to be a virtual runner. www.cfgaston.org

Audit- Soror Burris

- The Audit is completed- Process is going well and we continue to reconcile old checks. Soror Burris stated that Finance and Audit committees will meet soon.

Courtesy- Soror Crawford

- Courtesies sent out to the following: Soror Pressley- loss of her mother-in law; Soror Tweety Steward (check spelling) for loss of husband; Soror Guthrie- Congratulations for recipient of Coretta Scott King- Virginia Hamilton Lifetime achievement award. 2/22 in memory of Soror Edna Saunders- her family was given an Omega Omega Floral Tribute. March- Delta Dears will receive a " Happy Sisterhood Month" Card.

Education- Soror Burris

- Committee met on 2/8. Due to the limitations at the schools, the committee decided to do monthly gifts i.e.- positive affirmations on mirrors with a letter from Chapter President on Chapter letterhead. March- Little Sisters; April- Journals; May- Afro Puff (possibly)

Fundraising- Soror Maxwell

- Asking for additional monies for scholarship. Asked- Are Sorors still pledging to donate \$100.00 towards scholarship? Soror Maxwell asked what monies are currently in scholarship. Soror Walker will follow up. Chapter will move forward with fundraiser- March 27, 2021- " Canvas Dolls" from 4-6 p.m. The painting- Jeans and Heels Painting. We will use "Eventbrite. There will be a location given to pick up kits. For participants out of town- they will need to pay and inform 2 weeks in advance due to shipping. Ads/Flyers need to be sent out asap. Cost: 25.00 + 10.00 - Total \$35.00. A Theme Needed asap.

International Awareness- Soror Harris-

- committee met on 2/10th. Soror Harris stated that the committee was noted in the regional magazine. The team decided that they would give to the National Approved International Awareness Sustainability Funds

Protocol & Traditions -Soror Maxwell

- A "Did you know" moment will occur during each chapter meeting. It will be in the form of a questionnaire. Members of the chapter will be able to select an answer to each question. In addition, we can have information placed in the Communique. It is important for Sorors to be reminded of the protocols and traditions for the sorority.

Social Action-Soror Williams & Soror Reynolds

- The Social Action Committee presents the Covid-19 live stream on February 28th at 6:30pm. Six local medical doctors will share vital information and attempt to rid some of the myths about Covid-19 and the importance to be vaccinated as soon as the age categories are made public. The committee also asks the Sorors help with this Chapter initiative by calling numbers on the phone bank distribution list provided by the Social Action Committee. Also please distribute to your church website about this event. This event will be virtual.
- Delta Days at the Capitol will be April 23rd-25th. This will be a virtual event.

Nominating-Soror Leach

- The deadline for applications is February 26th the committee will meet Sunday February 28th to review the applications submitted. The slate will be presented at the March Chapter meeting. A special call Executive Board meeting will occur Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 7:15pm.

Elections-Soror Green

- See the duty of The Election Committee: It shall be the duty of this special committee to act on the slate of officers received from the Nominating Committee.
- In the past, during Elections, Sorors were taken across the hall, given a paper ballot, and ballots were placed in the ballot boxes.
- The Election Committee ensures every Member that can vote has voted and the votes are counted by the Elections committee.
- The Elections committee shall receive from the Nominating Committee Chair the slate to be placed on the ballot.
- The GAC will hold elections for the following officers and positions:
 1. President
 2. VP
 3. Recording Secretary
 4. Corresponding Secretary
 5. Financial Secretary
 6. Treasurer
 7. Chair of Nominating Committee
 8. 4 members of Nominating Committee
 9. Chair Internal Audit Committee
- When the President opens the floor for nominations in the March/April meeting, and the nominating committee publishes the slate, the Nominating Committee provides the Election Chair with the slate.
- Voting will take place at the May Chapter Meeting. Voting this year will be done electronically. No paper ballots, no physical counting. The Chair shall submit the time, date, and location of the election.

Chapter Voting shall occur during the first thirty minutes of the May Chapter Meeting. Voting will be done electronically. Only those members eligible to vote will vote. Only one ballot shall be given to eligible members during the time designated on the meeting agenda. The Chair and committee shall tally ballots utilizing majority vote. Majority vote is more than half of the votes cast by members entitled to vote, excluding blanks, abstentions, **(example: $19 \times \frac{1}{2} = 10$ votes needed for the majority)**. If re-balloting is necessary, It shall take place immediately during the May Chapter Meeting. A Quorum has to be present in order to re-ballot. Only Chapter members shall vote. Absentee voting is not recognized in DST. Write-in candidates are prohibited.

- Chapter shall provide written notice via USPS or email at least 10 days for election of officers. Votes are tallied by the Elections committee and results will be announced prior to the formal closing of the meeting in which elections take place (May). The Chair presents the elections report. The Presiding officer shall announce the results of the election and introduce the officers for the upcoming biennium.
- A Motion to accept The Election Report after elections are finalized. Although in the national reports it says once the report is read there is no need to ask for a motion to accept it, it is a record now and needs no motion, but our policy says it may need a motion to accept the report of The Elections Committee.
- Concerns were discussed how to help the Delta Dears with the electronic voting process.

College Day-Soror Green

- The committee discussed ideas on what college day would look like in the virtual world as we are used to hosting an event in-person. Below are the ideas from the committee.
 - Dates- Part 1 March 27th, Part 2 April 24th
 - When creating the flyer, make sure all colleges are represented.
 - The first workshop on March 27th will focus on Financial Aid, SAT/ACT Prep and Scholarships. We noticed there is a need to educate students and parents as many parents are not knowledgeable about the process.
 - Talk about ways to go to school for free.
 - The second workshop will focus on Time Management in the Remote Learning World, Scholarships, “Exploring Your Career”/Career Readiness (Trade School), Community Colleges, Urban League and Next Gen Program.
 - Add a Virtual Tour of a college/university
 - Reach out to Sorors to provide Scholarship information from organizations, church, etc. (A google doc will be created by Soror Brewer to give to Soror President the week of February 15th)
 - Reach out to Soror Gibson to give parents information about our Chapter scholarship.
 - Creating a HUB? DST/GAC HUB on our Chapter website.
 - Time will be 11:00am-12:30 for both workshops.
 - The committee is in the process of reaching out to personnel to conduct the first workshop

Unfinished Business

Heritage & Archives-Soror Reynolds

- Books need to be removed from the church to complete the necessary folders.
- Soror Leach mentioned she will be at St. Stephens everyday with her after school program if we need to get anything. She will be there until 6:00pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) 5:00pm on (Wednesday's).
- Past Presidents submit documents as soon as they can

New Business

- None

Announcements & Adjournment

- Members of our chapter are in need of prayer. Please keep Sorors Brewer and Duggins in your prayers and thoughts.
- Meal train was suggested for Soror Duggins' family.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday February 28, 2021: 6pm Facts About the COVID-19 Vaccine!
- Community Foundation Run: Yard signs and magnets contact Soror Knight

Adjournment:

With prayer by Soror Harris

Attendance:- 22 present

Present:

R. Knight
M. Pettiford
T. Crawford
F. Harris
Y. Burris
D. Maxwell
W. Grier
R. Leach
R. Davis
L. Pryor Williams
J. Richardson
D. Gibson
K. Duggins
L. Reynolds
D. Bowden
A. Frierson
J. Hilliard
L. Walker
T. Lynch
M. Green
T. Johnson