

**Gastonia Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes~January 25, 2021~ 6:32pm
Zoom Meeting**

Opened with prayer by Soror Harris

COMMUNICATIONS

Local- Soror Richardson

- None

National/Regional/Local- Soror Pettiford

- Member annual chapter and Grand Chapter dues and fees for the 2021-2022 fiscal year are payable January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Unless you have a paid in full Life Membership, dues paid after March 31 will incur a late or reinstatement fee. The late fee is payable and applicable from April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. A reinstatement fee is payable and applicable if a member is currently not financially or remits annual chapter and Grand Chapter dues and fees after June 30, 2021, or has not paid these fees for two or more years (excluding Life Members). Please refer to Article X, Dues and Fees, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws for more information. The dues financial status table may be viewed [here](#).
- Electronic payment options will be available for chapters to remit dues to headquarters. No wire transfers, no checks, no stamps! Chapters will now submit and remit member dues within the Red Zone. For fiscal officers, the ability for selecting 2021-2022 dues in the Red Zone will be available on February 22, 2021. If you have already received payments for the next fiscal year, you will begin submitting them in the Red Zone on this date as well. Detailed instructions for this process will be emailed to the chapter president and treasurer.
- The 54th National Convention credit will be applied to the 2021-2022 membership dues. As a reminder, credits for dues may only be applied for the national dues and per capita fees, up to a total of \$200 (\$190 national dues plus \$10 per capita). This only applies to one Soror.
- Gastonia Alumnae Chapter dues can be mailed to PO Box (a timeline will be given when mail will be collected each week. Electronic payments may be an option through PayPal; waiting for further directives. There may be drop off date options available. **Dues are \$452.00 (\$250.00-Local, \$195.00-National, \$10-Capita, and \$2.00-International)**

Chapter Officer Reports

Financial Secretary-Soror Frierson

- Submitted for information only

Treasurer-Soror Walker

- Submitted for information only
- Disbursements checks for new Sorors (MIT).

- Outstanding checks six months old or older a suggestion was made to stop payment on those checks between a certain check range. A new check can be issued. There will be another attempt to reach out to individuals with the outstanding checks. If there is no response a stop payment will be issued.
- Committee Chairs need to submit a budget request by February 20, 2021.

Membership Services- Soror Gibson

- A Members and Reclamation Virtual Paint Party has been discussed at the end of February. The cost would be \$27.00 per person. The cost would include canvas, paints and supplies. It would be a contactless drive thru pick up. The vendor will be Canvas Doll
- It was determined to table this proposal and the information would be sent to the Social Committee.

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 February 4, 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.
- The book for this month, and we will read the first 150 pages, is a Nonfiction book recommended by Soror Jennifer Joyner called *Perfect Peace* by Daniel Black. We will also read the 9 page book by Soror Cherie Feemster called: *A Walk Down Phonics Lane*.
- The next featured film we will watch is called: *SOUL* on Disney Pixar and *Sylvie's Love* is on Amazon Prime.

Delta Academy & Gems- Soror Knight & Soror Brewer

- On January 16th, the Academy and GEMS virtual meeting topic was "College and Career Planning".
- This fabulous and interactive workshop was led by Soror Mildred Denise Coley. She provided all of the materials for each girl in preparation for completing a "Vision Board 2021". Soror Coley had the girls think about their values, what brings them joy and "WHY" they are doing what they do.
- There was total group participation and discussion by the girls as well as Sorors that were present. The girls also had access to their journal books in which they reflected and wrote their thoughts and goals. We had 24 girls participating on Saturday and about 10 Sorors.
- The next workshop will be held February 20th and the topic will be "Internet Safety, Privacy, Security and YOur Digital Footprint."
- The Gaston Foundation Virtual Run-February 1st Sign-up and donations. April 17th event day and one volunteer per non-profit. When making a donation select DREFT.

Courtesy-Soror Crawford

- The following courtesies were extended:

January

- Soror Cynthia Ndelo Murray, Congratulations card for the birth of her baby boy, Aiden in December

Dance- Soror Reynolds

- Met to discuss 2021 Dance ideas- virtual or continue to postpone until 2022
- Possible early fall dance, will connect with the technology committee to brainstorm options
- Asking Sorors to connect with the previous guest by sending a card to let them know they are not forgotten.

Fundraiser- Soror Maxwell

- The following ideas will be presented to the chapter:
 - Walk a thon. To take place during Sisterhood month. It can be virtual or at Martha Rivers park. Fee has not been determined. It will include a t-shirt . We will work with the wellness committee.
 - Dining with Deltas luncheon. This will also take place during Sisterhood month. We will coordinate with a restaurant to pick up lunch(i.e boxed lunch from Honeybaked Ham). We would also like to give a gift bag. We can invite anyone to participate. Cost TBD.
 - Gift basket raffle.
- We will schedule bi weekly meetings to plan these activities.
- We will ask technology to help us with marketing our current fundraiser. It needs to be distributed to other organizations.
- The committee discussed our current fundraiser and where we are financially. We also discussed additional ways of raising funds. Suggestions were to do a virtual bingo, gift basket raffle or May week tshirts. Another suggestion was to ask each Soror to donate \$50.00.

Heritage & Archives- Soror Perkins

- Completing the GAC History Project (since 1980) will begin by sending journals to collect information from the following past Chapter Presidents: Brenda Boyce (1980; 2003-2005); Anne Robinson (1981- 1983); Ann Corry/Deceased (1983-1985); Johnsie Richardson (1985-1987; 2001-2003); Lillian Pryor-Williams (1987-1989); Dorothy Dingle (1989-1991; 1999-2001; 2005-2007); Barbara McClain (1991-1993); Jane Patrick (1993-1995); Michelle Mills (1995-1997); Dorothy Chambers/Deceased (1997-1999); Barbara Tate (2007-2009); Donyel Barber (2009-2011 & 2011-2013); Marilyn Ashford Green (2013-2015 & 2015-2017); Tequel Hager (2017-2019 & 2019-2020)
- Committee members have been assigned to obtain documents from the family members of our deceased past Presidents

- Lisa Reynolds will contact the Grand Chapter to see if we can obtain annual reports from each Chapter President's term.
- The Letter & Journal Entry Booklets will be ready to be sent out to past Presidents by January 15, 2021.
- A survey for collecting information from GAC sorors initiated since 1980 will be created

Risk Management- Soror Lynch

- The second Risk Management training on Jan 12th. This training was open to untrained Sorors as well as parents from Academy & GEMS. Only Sorors attended. Sorors were given background check information to complete.
- There is a pending action in regards to the line picture dispute. The matter will be addressed in the Post DID Training; Session 1: Code of Conduct-Saturday February 6, 2021 8:30am-12:00pm. Session 2: Sisterhood-Thursday February 25, 2021 6:30pm-9:30pm **This training is for the new Sorors only.**
- Suggestions made for the entire Chapter: DID Training, Chapter Bonding Retreat, and Mentor (Seasoned Sorors)/Mentee(New Sorors)

Nominating Committee- Soror Leach

- The Candidate Profile application will be sent out after the meeting. The completed profile is due on or before midnight on March 18, 2021 and will be returned to nominating@gastoniaalumnaedst.org
- The following officers and positions are up for election: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of Nominating Committee, Core members of the Nominating Committee, and Chair of the Internal Audit Committee.
- The responsibilities and duties for these positions can be found in Article 3 Section 1 in the Policies and Procedures Manual
- Candidates for nomination should have attended one State Meeting, Regional Conference, and/or Nationals Convention prior to her nomination. Candidates for President and Vice President should have attended all three.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

Announcements:

- Soror Pamela Wallace passed away and she lived in Gastonia. The Chapter wants to extend the Omega Omega Service. Soror Barber will follow up with more details.

Adjournment:

8:55 p.m. with daily reading by Soror Harris

Present:

Michelle Pettiford
Deardre Gibson
Treva Johnson
Johnsie Richardson
LaShannda Walker
Andrea Frierson
Yolanda Burris
Marilyn Green
Faye Harris
Wanda Grier
Renee Knight
Tega Crawford
Renee Davis
Cheryl Perkins
Deb Bowden
Joylette Hilliard
Lisa Reynolds
Karita Duggins
Tabatha Lynch
Dawn Maxwell
Lillian Williams
Donyel Barber
Robin Leach

Helpful Links:

Committees:

[GAC Committees 2020-2021](#)

Reimbursement Form

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QBI Dma zviZ1gZ Ayq9gJC1pmE9INQRale/view?usp=sharing>

Committee Summary Report:

<https://gacd st.wufoo.com/forms/q10e8lc10u9rkvi/>

Zoom meeting request link

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

GAC Fundraiser Link

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

