

Gastonia Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Chapter Meeting~March 12, 2020~ 6:30pm

Ritualistic Opening-Sorors Hager and Barber

A quorum was present

Call to Order Adoption of Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda report made by Soror Richardson; seconded by Soror Harris. Motion Carried.

Motion to adopt the February executive board meeting minutes and the February Chapter minutes made by Soror Richardson; seconded by Soror Harris. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Local- Soror Richardson

- None

National, Regional, Local- Soror Hager

- Memorial Observation and Chapter Attendance is due to Nationals by April 15th.
- 2020 Census Tele-Town Hall meeting was on March 10th. National President and CEO Beverly E. Smith was the Featured Speaker. Spoke about the importance of us participating in the census.
- There was a message from the National Program Planning and Development Committee concerning Delta Emergency Response Team and Physical and Mental Health Subcommittee. Information was shared with those committees to act accordingly.
- The 2020 South Atlantic Regional Conference registration date has been pushed back to the middle of March. Keep a lookout for notification in the upcoming weeks. Registration \$310.00.
- The 2020 Slate of Candidates for regional officers committees
https://members.dstonline.org/getmedia/2e9e4540-5d1e-4901-b602-663ab2eac685/2020_regional_slate_of_candidates.pdf
- Florence Alumnae Chapter Third Annual Community Regional Prayer Breakfast. Registrations and payments should be received by Wednesday, March 25, 2020.
- South Atlantic Region Membership Services Committee created a Sisterhood Month Calendar and Sisterhood Month Suggested Activities. The Courtesy Committee Chair also has cards for the Delta Dears, Regional Director and National President. <https://files.constantcontact.com/99f3b5af501/a6a5fe5f-36dc-43a7-8a8b-8cfff3af044f.pdf>
<https://files.constantcontact.com/99f3b5af501/a92d6078-96f4-4934-906d-6bcb35bc0858.pdf>

Chapter Officer Reports

President- Soror Hager

- Fundraising efforts are in full swing as we draw closer to the 2020 South Atlantic Regional Conference. There are 60 North Carolina Pins. The cost of each pin is \$26 which includes shipping & handling (\$22 + \$4 shipping). The link will take you directly to each pin. NC Pin
<https://checkout.square.site/buy/TS74XPW6DZ64RXX2O4KRDCEK>

You may also buy raffle tickets for a set of Mikimoto Cultured Pearls & Earrings and a Brahmin 3 piece bag set. Raffle winners will be announced at the Host Chapter's Welcome Event. All sales support the 2020 South Atlantic Regional Conference.

Mikimoto Pearls & Earrings -

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/D5UXA36RUJB3RJYSEE36KVBC>

Brahmin Bag Set -

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/Z66ULBBYMCDAH63X4QIE5VES>

- The 60th Anniversary Celebration has been canceled. We ask that you contact the Sheraton Imperial Hotel Research Triangle Park or the Springhill Suites by Marriott Raleigh-Durham Airport directly for cancellation of rooms . Souvenirs will be mailed to chapters within the next three weeks. They plan to have a grand 60th Anniversary celebration during the 29th Regional Conference in Richmond, Virginia. There will be a Grand 60th Anniversary Celebration during Regionals. more information to come.
- The Chapter would like to submit Community Daycare for the Program and Planning Award for Gastonia. Deadline the end of May.
- Delta brand webinar discussing our brand. There will be a brand style guide available after April 1st. The discussion was about the logo and the standardized logo for all chapters. They have decided not to force Chapters to use the standardized logo. We adopted the South Atlantic Region logo but tailored it for our GAC. We will check to see if we can still use the logo. We do have a logo we used before and it should be tied to the chapter.
- The Community Fun Run is on April 4th. Make all donations to DREF. Soror Lynch will be our runner but more than one person can run. Registration sent out by Sunday March 15th.
- GEMS & Academy will be participating in the NAM NC State Pageant. Kaneisha Moore needs our support. Her goal is to raise \$1400.00. Her GoFundMe will be emailed.
- The Pyramids (18) are taking their test today. Saturday March 14, 2020 the Odyssey is still going on. MIT Revised Calendar-Sunday March 15th -20th-Jewel Night, March 21st-Initiation and Induction and Sisterhood Luncheon-\$25.00 tickets can be purchased on EventBrite, Sunday March 22nd-Church Service, Monday March 23rd-New Member/Orientation, and Saturday March 28th-DID Training.

Financial Secretary-Soror Frierson

- Submitted for information only

Treasurer-Soror Walker

- Submitted for information only

- Allocation of \$500.00 for Scholarship from the unallocated money in the education account. A young lady came back for her money and the \$350.00 was moved out of that account. A motion to reallocate \$600.00 from restricted funds back to scholarship to account for unawarded scholarships. Motion carried with a vote of 28.
- Budget Committee request needed for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. If a budget request is not submitted you will not have any money. Unused money that is in the current budget, do not request again. We have a zero based budget, any money not spent this year does not get carried over next year. All requests need to be in by the March chapter meeting.

Membership Services- Soror Pettiford

- Dues: \$452.00 (Current and Financial), \$262 (Life Member), \$467 (Inactive for 1 year), \$482 (Inactive for more than 2 years or more). Dues will be collected until March 23rd.
- Once Membership Intake is over focus will be on the Delta Dear Tea. Want Sorors to start thinking about venues but want to keep Chantilly.

Committee Reports-5 min each, please

Internal Audit-Soror Burris

Community Daycare-Soror Burris

- Met at Woodhill Elementary at 2:30pm on Tuesday February 25th. Eight girls attended with Five Sorors. Money Management was the topic. March 31st-Career Exploration, need 5 people to discuss careers. They will have to go through the volunteer process.

Delta GEMS/Academy-Soror Brewer/Knight

- On February 15th, the girls had a workshop on Finance and budgeting presented by Soror Yolanda Burris. Eight girls were in attendance.
- The Community Fun Run is on April 4th. Make all donations to DREF. Donations will be taken up until April 13th.
- On Saturday, March 28th at 10 am.girls will be attending the African American Museum. Soror Dot is preparing for this. They are inviting all Sorors to this outing and participate. Presentation will begin at 10:30 am.
- Risk Management training for parents and new Sorors will be after April 21st.
- Seniors need to submit applications for Scholarships.
- Working on the April college tour. Information needs to be submitted to Regional ASAP.
- Deposit was made for the May 16th closeout ceremony at the Dallas park

Emergency Response-Soror Gibson

- The World Health Organization and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) have given guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or the Flu.
 - Stay home if you sick
 - Wash hands no less than 20 seconds
 - Use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% rubbing alcohol
 - Avoid putting your hands and in your mouth
 - Use tissues when coughing

- Disinfect objects on surfaces
- Don't panic and anchor ourselves in faith

Dinner Dance- Soror Reynolds

- Dinner dance was a huge success. Profits from the dance will go towards Scholarship.
- Looking at a new hotel-Crown Plaza off I-77 and Tyvola
- Tentative Dates: Feb.6th or 13th
- Don't worry about decorating your tables, gifts are optional for your guest
- Profit-\$2,349 Deposit needed for hotel and photo booth-\$750 remainder to Scholarship

Physical & Mental Health- Soror Jones

- Thank you for signing up for Weight Watchers and using it. Drawing for \$25.00 gift cards from Chili's
- American Diabetes Association/Diabetes Awareness on the 4th Tuesday of March has a wake up call. Tuesday March 24th they will alert and inform you the importance and risk of Diabetes. They encourage you to find out if you or someone you love is diabetic. Ask your doctor for AIC-Blood Test, exercise 30 minutes 4 times a week, if you are diagnosed take your medication and don't walk around barefoot. As an incentive for a take home reminder by providing footies/socks as a gift.

Policy & Procedures-Soror Barber

- No recommendations received.
- Consider changing the lingo from Community Daycare to Community Educational Outreach.
- After Membership Intake will present in May.

Social Action-Soror Williams

- Thank those Sorors that participated with the phone bank.
- Current issue is we have people registered, getting them to go out and vote.
- Complete your Census report

Unfinished Business

- Keep all of Sorors lifted up in prayer during this time

New Business

- Executive Board meeting-Conference Call March 30th.

Announcements:

- **Pick up when you get our announcement phone call**
- Soror Khalid won the Weight Watchers drawing
- Soror Khalid's daughter was the #1 Girl Scout she sold 1,184 boxes of cookies
- Saturday April 25th Annual Building Health Year Highland Conference 10am-2pm

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

Adjournment:

7:59 p.m.

Ritualistic Closing

Present Members:

Tequel Hager
Treva Johnson
Teretha Jones
Deborah Bowden
 Karitsa Khalid
Renee Knight
Priscilla Brewer
Yolanda Burris
Tega Crawford
 Cheryl Davis
Johnsie Richardson
Faye Harris
Lisa Reynolds
Karita Wilkes
LaShannda Walker
Wanda Grier
Rekita Pitchford
Donyel Barber
Gale Bess Raynor
Deardre Gibson
Rosalind Graham
Willette Herring
Joylette McCray
Shannon Roberts
Edna Saunders
Elizabeth Sido
Carolyn Williams
Lillian Williams
Cheryl Perkins
Tennille Gladden

GAC Sorors:

Gayle Hopskins
Michelle Mills
Starla Littlejohn

Member At Large:
Kimberly Prince (Ramseur)