

Gastonia Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Chapter Meeting~May 14, 2020~ 6:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Opened with prayer by Soror Harris

A quorum was present

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

Motion to adopt the May executive board meeting minutes and the March Chapter minutes made by Soror Reynolds; seconded by Soror Perkins. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Local- Soror Richardson

- None

National, Regional, Local- Soror Hager

National Update: Please check your email from national for further details

- The Regional Nominating Committees of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are pleased to present the profiles of the 2020 Slated Candidates for regional office, positions and committees. Candidate Profiles are posted on the [national website](#) in the *Member Portal* area. You can access the profiles by selecting the *National Area link*, then the *Nominating tab*. Candidates are willing to participate in chapter meetings to discuss their platforms.
- The National Social Action Commission and the National Program Planning and Development Committee will jointly present a series of webinars to update our sisterhood as we continue to live through this global crisis. A webinar flyer and registration link are below.

<https://deltasigmatheta.informz.net/deltasigmatheta/data/images/COVID-19%20Webinar%20Flyer-FINAL%20edits.jpg?cb=513164>

Regional Update:

- The 60th Anniversary Celebration of the South Atlantic Region, had a Coronavirus Rent Relief Campaign. **"Virtual Club Delta"** was on Facebook Live, **Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 11:00am - 1:30pm.**
- The NC Divine 9 Virtual Legislative Day was scheduled for May 13th via Zoom. Please check your email to register if you have not done so already.
<https://rebrand.ly/2020-Divine9>
- Chapter donations for outgoing Regional Officers will be sent.
- We are encouraging all sorors to complete the Census as soon as possible and to encourage other friends and family members to do the same. The deadline to complete the count has been extended to **August 14, 2020**. You may complete your confidential Census questionnaire at: <https://my2020census.gov/>

Chapter Officer Reports

President- Soror Hager

- Opportunity for Regional Candidates to be invited to a meeting to share their platform. Heard from Soror Lisa King, Candidate for Regional Director.

- Service Awards for 25, 50, and 75 years in the Sorority has been submitted. The following members will receive awards; Soror Treva Johnson, Soror Adrienne Perkins, Soror Willette McCray and Soror Joylette Hillard.
- National's has a Zoom account, there is a fee and we will determine if it is necessary for our Chapter.
- The Fall National Leadership Conference has been canceled
- Virtual Regional Conference will be held Saturday August 1st. More information will be provided.
- Internal Audit Report due August 31st. Webinar will be held June 3rd at 9:00pm, July 24th at 9:00pm and August 18th at 8:00pm and 10:00pm.
- Dues are still being collected for 2020-2021. Late fees have been waived due to financial hardship for Sorors. Late fees for Members not financial last 2 years will have to pay reinstatement fee.

Financial Secretary-Soror Frierson

- Submitted for information only

Treasurer-Soror Walker

- Submitted for information only
- Scholarship-\$3,000.00 of restricted funds will be allocated funds for the 2020-2021 budget. Sorors won't have to make a donation. Motion made by Soror Williams; seconded by Soror Gibson. Motion carried with a vote of 27 out of 34.
- Budget Committee request forms will be emailed on May 14th. The forms are needed back so the budget can be presented at the June meeting. 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.

Membership Services- Soror Pettiford

- MIT-no communication from Soror Massenburg; submitted revised calendar
- May Week-various activities; prayer day, call a Soror, exercise with a Delta. TBD activities from last year's calendar.
- Delta Dear Tea planning to do some different things.

Committee Reports-5 min each, please

Policy & Procedures –Soror Barber

- Courtesy correction-Bereavement should \$50.00 instead of \$35.00
- Community Daycare the name needs to be changed
- Leader of the Minerva Circle needs to be listed under the Vice President duties. Soror Pettiford will provide Soror Barber the necessary changes.
- Motion to adopt policies and procedures with the recommended changes and updates made by Soror Walker; seconded by Soror Harris. Motion Carried with a 26 out 33 vote.
- Major changes can be submitted to Soror Barber and her committee will meet over the summer to present to the Chapter in the fall.

Courtesy-Soror Crawford

- Would like to send something three times a year to the Delta Dears
- April
- Thinking of you cards were mailed Delta Dear Sorors Jane Patrick & Peggy Bryant

- May
- Soror Helen Love, \$50 check & sympathy card due to the passing of her husband, Mr. Carl Love
- Soror Edna Saunders, \$35 check and get well card due to surgery on hip/hospital stay.
- Soror Michelle Pettiford, sympathy card due to the death of her Aunt.
- Pyramid Mildred Coley, \$50 check & sympathy card due to the passing of her mother, Ms Helen Coley
- Pyramid Katrina Corbett, \$35 check & get well card due to hospital stay

Delta Academy/Delta Gems- Soror Knight

- Sent a letter to participants appreciating them
- Preparing to send gifts to the graduating seniors, "Oh The Places You Will Go" book, \$50.00 gift card and other gifts. The recipients will be Mia Carter-Hunter Huss and Amina Mohammad from Charlotte.

Dinner Dance- Soror Reynolds

- Met with Hyatt Hotel trying to come up with a final contract. The space is close in size to the Sheraton. The dance will be Feb. 6, 2021. Will meet with the Renaissance hotel.
- DJ 06 is available.
- There will be no more dinner buffets due to COVID-19, only plated meals. Tickets may be higher. May have to limit ticket sales to 400 due to social distancing.

Social Action- Soror Williams

- Become a member of your local NAACP
- Make sure you are completing your Census forms. Get your neighbors registered. You may complete your confidential Census questionnaire at: <https://my2020census.gov/>
- The NC Divine 9 Virtual Legislative Day was a success. They discussed joining food banks, elections, and checking voter registrations.
- Contacting people over the summer for polling.

Scholarship- Soror Pettiford

- Discussed the status of the 5 applications. One application was received after the Executive Board meeting.
- Voted on whether to halt the process after quarantine, 60% voted on this option.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

Announcements:

- May 16th-Maryland Alumnae Chapter webinar on Human Trafficking
- May 17th Johnston County Alumnae Chapter Entrepreneurship webinar

- Gifts for Pyramids-Marilyn knows someone at her church that sell quality t-shirts for \$15.00

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

Adjournment:

8:08 p.m. with closing prayer by Soror Harris

Present Members:

Tequel Hager

Michelle Pettiford

Treva Johnson

Johnsie Richardson

LaShannda Walker

Andrea Friesion

Karita Wilkes

Wanda Grier

Willette Herring

Joylette McCray

Elizabeth Sido

Carolyn Williams

Lillian Williams

Cheryl Perkins

Tennille Gladden

Betty Werts

Dawn Maxwell

Shalohm Bentley Jenkins

Robin Leach

Jannelle English

Angela Wilson

Brenda Boyce

Valerie Waddell

Rosalind Graham

Faye Harris

Yolanda Burris

Lisa Reynolds

Marilyn Green

Donyel Barber

Tega Crawford

Adrienne Perkins

Africa Otis

Betty Worthy

Rekita Pitchford

Deardre Gibson

GAC Sorors:

Michelle Mills

Jamie Brooks