

Gastonia Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Chapter Meeting Minutes~November 12, 2020~ 6:33pm
Zoom Meeting

Opened with prayer by Soror Harris

A quorum was present

Call to Order: Motion to adopt the agenda made by Soror Herring; seconded by Soror Walker. Motion carried with a vote of 35.

Motion to adopt the November Executive Board meeting minutes and the October Chapter meeting minutes made by Soror Harris; seconded by Soror Perrkins. Motion carried with a vote of 38.

COMMUNICATIONS

Local- Soror Pettiford

- None

National/Regional/Local-Soror Pettiford

- January 16, 2021 Nationals Founders Day-information to be shared later
- D4Women in Action: DST for African American Women for Political Power ("D4Women in Action"). D4Women in Action works to expand and invigorate the ability of Black women and women of color to create social, economic, political, and public policy change for communities around the globe.
- In their efforts to amplify Black and underserved communities' legislative and political power, D4Women in Action is mobilizing a widespread community to support political candidates who they believe honor this mission. To find out more about the D4Women in Action and the organization's platform, please visit their website at www.delta4womeninaction.org
- The President's Chat was November 5th and the South Atlantic Regional Leadership Team officers were presented. You can use the link to see the virtual reveal. <https://www.dstsouthatlanticregion.org/>
- Dates to remember: November 15th South Atlantic Regional Meeting-Soror Pettiford will attend, December 15th Chapter Compliance due at 11:59pm, and proposed National Founders Day activities; more information to come.
- Union County Alumnae Chapter will celebrate their 10th Anniversary of Services, Scholarship and Sisterhood. It will take place January 30, 2021. More information to come.

Chapter Officer Reports

President- Soror Pettiford

- November 10th Soror Pettiford attended a meeting with The Gastonia Divine 9 to finalize the logistics for the Turkey Drive that will occur Sunday November 22nd from 2pm-5pm. Sorors will need to arrive no later than 11:30 to deliver items and prepare for setup from 12pm-2pm. The location has changed and it will now take place in the parking lot nearest to Red Lobster at Eastridge Mall. GAC is responsible for bringing 300 boxes of stuffing and 50 turkeys. Each organization needs to have 5 volunteers to help with distribution. Paraphernalia will not be

worn and volunteers need to bring a mask and gloves. Soror Walker will have the \$80.00 check to give to the Pan-Hellenic Council of Gastonia. The list of volunteers:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Cd9sRsDG_01s0suhmRD025LMUnbXDrJf/edit

Financial Secretary-Soror Frierson

- None

Treasurer-Soror Walker

- Submitted for information only
- Amendment of the budget will occur for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year at the Executive Board and will be presented at the next Chapter meeting.

Committee Reports-5 min each, please

NOTE: Committee Reports need to be submitted prior to the Executive Board meetings each month.

Education - Soror Burris

- Woodhill Elementary School Principal Mrs. Reed would like snack items to promote reading for weekly rewards. She still has plans to have the silent auction, that will be discussed at a later date.
- Looking for new members to join the committee.

International Awareness- Soror Harris

- All Sorors are asked to wear red ribbons on December 1st, which is an International day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic. Due to COVID we cannot do social gathering to attend any events on that day. Asking Sorors to take a photo and send to the Technology committee to post.
- Our contribution to International Awareness Sustainability was used for Sustainability payments for May 2020. We need to determine how we want to divide money for the National Sustainability plan for 2021. Our next contribution will be due by March 31, 2021.

Arts & Letters- Soror Johnson

- Arts and Letters Red Table met on Thursday October 29th to discuss the book Vanishing Half (30minutes) and the movie Antebellum (30 minutes). Please complete the Red Carpet Virtual Survey by November 30, 2020
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VirtualDRCFall2020?1=>
- The new book "Finding Joi" by Joi Fisher will be discussed on December 3rd at 6:30pm.
- "All In: The Fight for Democracy" as the DSTv Fall spotlight. "All In" features Stacey Abrams, the first Black woman to become the gubernatorial nominee for a major party in the United States and founder of the voter suppression advocacy group Fair Fight Action. The film examines the often overlooked issue of voter suppression in the United States ahead of this year's major election. It will be

watched by December 3rd and please complete the survey by November 30th
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSTvFall2020Spotlight?1=>

- We have a new Soror that is an Author. Nationals Arts & Letters has been contacted to get her name added to the Delta Authors Directory
[National Area of the Sorority's website in the Arts and Letters Commission section.](#)

Courtesy-Soror Crawford

- None, but please govern yourself accordingly to the newsletter

Delta Academy & Gems- Soror Knight

- The Academy and GEMS had the first meeting “ Kickoff” on Saturday October 17, 2020. The response and attendance was very positive. The Q&A session allowed parents and girls to ask pertinent questions.
- Committee members were introduced and Soror Pettiford gave a virtual welcome to the girls. Each participant was sent the applications and the risk management information. The girls have until Oct. 29th to return application material.
- The calendar of activities were shared and our next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 21st beginning at 10 a.m. Topic: Money Management. Soror Reynolds will present to the Gems and Sorors Berry and Davis will present to the Academy.
<https://gacdswufoo.com/cabinet/3399801f-1896-4c26-aa09-a78ec45e3273>
- Sorors that have been trained in Risk Management are welcome to attend.
- Gaston Community Run: Deadline for submission is Nov. 19th by midnight. Details forthcoming.

Physical & Mental Health- Soror Davis

- Asking for an additional 5 minutes each month to present Physical/Mental Health topics and activities
- The committee would like to do FaceBook Live presentations, collaborating with Technology Committee; Monthly Awareness Topics with social media presence, collecting needed items for Domestic Violence Shelter, topic about Chapter initiative/activities for DeltaCare.
- Self Care activities; Zumba classes through Zoom, Walking groups, Self Care toolbox, Motivational Monday's
- Soror Richardson recommended we collect supplies for the MiraVia organization on the campus of Belmont Abbey for the month of December.
- **Facts About Influenza Vaccine: Important Strategies to Prepare, Prevent and Protect Against Influenza Infection-**As we enter into the eighth month of this very devastating COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical more than ever that we prepare, prevent and protect ourselves and our loved ones from influenza infection. Please review this brief guide prepared by Dr. Sophia McIntyre-Daniel,

Member, Physical & Mental Health Subcommittee to learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones from influenza infection and share the information in your service areas. ([Influenza Fact Sheet](#))

- November is Prematurity Awareness Month and November 17 is World Prematurity Day. Join our charitable partner, March of Dimes as they shine a spotlight on the maternal and infant health crisis. Click the link to the Prematurity Awareness Month Guide to view tips, tools, and resources to promote awareness in your service area. Share information on social media on World Prematurity Day, tag @MarchofDimes and use the hashtags listed in the guide. Delta Sigma Theta will join the fight for the health of all moms and babies this fall during Prematurity Awareness Month. ([March of Dimes Flyer](#)). Join the #BlanketChange movement to demand policymakers and political candidates prioritize our nation's moms and babies and take immediate action to improve their health. Learn more at <https://www.marchofdimes.org/blanketchange.aspx>
- Delta set a national goal to raise \$75,000 for our charitable partner, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, for the virtual Walk/Run, and to date we raised over \$123,000! 73 chapters who created teams and contributed to the fundraising effort. Although we have reached our goal, there is still time if you want to make a contribution. Donations received by December 1st will count toward this year's total. Please ONLY use the provided link to register on our corporate team page so that Delta Sigma Theta will be able to track and get credit for your participation. (link to [registration](#))
- The Elf Run Virtual 10K/5K Run is proud to support the mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: Finding cures. Saving children. Together as a running community, we have the power to end childhood cancer around the country. Get ready to run (or walk) the Elf Virtual Run! Choose the distance that works for you and complete it on your time, wherever you want. We'll ship the jacket, medal, winter beanie, and personalized bib right to you!
<https://ramraces.enmotive.com/events/register/2020-elf-virtual-run>
- Delta's National initiative to support sorors' overall well-being. Delta's partnership with Weight Watchers and Delta Walk. The Red Shoe Competition is still going on. Sorors can track their progress while keeping their bodies' moving. The Fall 2020 lines meet and walk together. Soror Joylette Hillard also walks at Martha Rivers Park. Soror Michelle Mills is CPR instructor and Zumba instructor. She can teach lessons virtually for the Chapter.

Fundraiser- Soror Hillard McCray

- The Artful Greetings fundraiser flyer has been developed. The DREF application has been submitted and we are waiting for approval. Once we gain approval we will launch the link to begin the fundraiser.

Social Action- Soror Williams

- The committee thanks everyone that worked the polls and the phone banks.
- Precinct directories need to be collected by the end of November and given to Soror Ballard.

Technology- Soror Spruill

- The committee discussed needed technology equipment and enhancing the social media sites, as well as; the chapter Website. The committee also attended the National Technology guidelines Webinar. Our immediate time-sensitive issue will be to take ownership of the Zoom chapter and committee meetings since we now have our own account.
- In the process of redesigning the website, links to social media pages and logo, delegate emails for committees. We have the following social media sites: Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.
- In order to use the official zoom account you must submit a request form. Please see the Zoom meeting request link <https://s.surveypal.com/-Jx5D1L6y>
- Wanda Grier Chapter Photographer will schedule Executive Board Headshots by December 12th. Website will be launched by January 14th.
- Committee Chairs there are delegated emails that can be used in place of personal email. Contact the committee for the email and password.
- If you are a new or reclaimed member and need access to the chapters "Members-Only" site, please contact Soror Spruill at 252-567-1376. Since we are no longer in person, the cards with logins and passwords are not available for distribution and cannot be shared electronically

Protocol & Traditions- Soror Joyner

- The committee covered the following topics from the protocol manual (pgs. 8 & 17): Secret passwords, grips, letters of motto from Delta to Delta, TTBOB should never be written, stationary used by the President and Soror sending correspondence. Don't title envelopes with Soror, anchor color is black for Delta clothing.

Unfinished Business

- Committee Chairs; the sign up list will be emailed out again for you to make any adjustments
- Reach out to Soror Williams if you would still like to purchase a Vote t-shirt

New Business: None

Announcements: On November 5th Soror Bowden and her line sisters celebrated 45 years in the sorority

Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn made by Soror Knight; seconded by Soror Harris. Motion Carried with 38 votes. 7:57 p.m. with closing prayer by Soror Harris

Present:

Michelle Pettiford
Deardre Gibson
Treva Johnson
LaShannda Walker
Andrea Frierson
Yolanda Burris
Lisa Reynolds
Faye Harris
Karita Duggins
Wanda Grier
ReneeKnight
Lillian Williams
Priscilla Brewer
Renee Davis
Williette Herring
Africa Otis
Cheryl Perkins
Joylette Hillard McCray
Betty Werts
Donyel Barber
Tega Crawford
Erica Berry
Deb Bowden
Brenda Boyce
Mildred Coley
Mary Connor
Katrina Corbett
Martha Davis
Tameka Dunlap
Cherie Feemster
Steffani Ford
Romilda Glasgow
Jennifer Joyner
Janet McCullough
Vontina McGrant
Evelyn Pressley
Wanda Reid
Tasha Roberts
ErinSherman
April Spruill
Tamara Thomas
Denika Wallace