

Gastonia Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes~October 26, 2020~ 6:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Opened with prayer by Soror Harris

COMMUNICATIONS

National Regional Local

Chapter Officer Reports

- 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. Today, D4Women in Action is announcing its full slate of endorsed candidates. While this announcement does not equate to an endorsement by Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. these candidates do represent the ideologies and positions that our Sorority has adopted through our resolutions. As we approach one of the most pivotal presidential elections in our nation's history, we urge everyone to exercise the power in their vote on or before November 3. To find out more about the D4Women in Action and the organization's platform, please visit their website at www.delta4womeninaction.org
- President's meetings will start November 5, 2020 at this time new Soror's will be introduced with their new positions.

Chapter Officer Reports

President-Soror Pettiford

- Per communication from Soror Trish Johnson and mandates from our National Headquarters, "all in-person chapter sponsored events are prohibited per the National President." If it is the desire of members to participate during the handing out of the prepackaged meals to families, this may be done so on an INDIVIDUAL basis only. You are not to add Delta Sigma Theta through the wearing of letters, having a tent and/or chair with Delta Sigma Theta or the chapter name on it, etc as this will be viewed as a chapter event, which is not permitted at this time. If chapter members are volunteering, they must do so as members of the community, not as members of Delta Sigma Theta." With that being said, the chapter will still fulfill their commitment of donating the \$80 to purchase the bags in addition to purchasing the box stuffing and the Turkeys. If you would like to still participate, please send Soror Pettiford your name so she can inform the appropriate individual, however, the cap for individual participation

is five. If you make the decision to participate and select a uniformed color to wear during these events, it must not have any logo that states GAC or DST.

Financial Secretary-Soror Frierson

- Submitted for information only
- Reclaimed Soror Sharon Smith paid dues

Treasurer-Soror Pettiford

- Submitted for information only
- Soror Pettiford and Soror Walker will meet to finalize reimbursements for Sorors. Sorors will need to turn in documentation/receipts to receive refunds by the closed of business day on Friday October 30, 2020. There will be a scheduled day to reconcile reimbursements. Please use the following reimbursement form <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QBIbmazviZ1gZAyq9gJC1pmE9lNQRate/view?usp=sharing>

Membership Services- Soror Gibson

- No Report

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.
- Waiting for risk management clarification and directives from National.

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.
- 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 Green

- Arts and Letters will meet on Thursday October 29th to discuss the book Vanishing Half (30minutes) and the movie Antebellum (30 minutes). Complete Red Carpet Virtual Survey by November 30, 2020 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VirtualDRCFall2020?1=>
- New books will be presented and one will be chosen for the next book club discussion on December 3rd at 6:30pm.

- 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.](#)
- "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. Complete the survey by November 30th
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSTvFall2020Spotlight?1=>

Courtesy-Soror Crawford

- The following courtesies were extended:

October

- Soror Robin Worthy Leach received a Get Well Card and \$35 due to back surgery & overnight hospital stay.
- Soror Erin Sherman received Sympathy card & \$50 due to passing of mother, Elaine Marika Sullins-Lollis
- Soror Barbara McClain received Get Well Card & \$35 due to hospitalization
- Soror Dorothy Dingle received thinking of you card
- Soror Barbara McClain received birthday cards for her 83rd birthday!

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.
<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

- The committee would like to collect toiletries/items for the Domestic Violence Shelter to deliver in December 2020.

- 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
- Soror Richardson recommended we collect supplies for the MiraVia organization on the campus of Belmont Abbey instead of the Domestic Violence Shelter who has tons of supplies.

Fundraiser- Soror Maxwell

- Moving forward with the fundraiser with Artful Greetings that will bring funds to chapter without having to collect money, take orders or be in public. We will receive 25% when an order is placed using the code the company provides. We will register with the company to get a virtual code. The link will be provided at Chapter meeting.
- The committee will be working to create a flier to put on social media(Facebook, Instagram). Create an email blast, have Soror Richardson send a mass message via telephone service.
- Soror Green will contact Soror Lisa Reynolds to get tips on fundraising as she has done for her daughter in Girl Scouts
- Soror Maxwell will reach out to Soror Deb Bowden to get help from the Technology committee
- Soror Maxwell will call the company to get clarification on a few questions presented in our meeting
- The selling goal-\$10,000. \$100.00 per Soror
- First check in will be on Dec 31. Close out June 30, 2021
- The committee is deciding on incentives for most sales to keep the momentum going

Social Action- Soror Williams

- "Based on our National President's directives provided at the beginning of this sorority year, chapters may not conduct any in-person programming, which includes social action events. Your chapter can not disseminate water or other items at polling sites."
- It is our civic duty to be knowledgeable about "the right to vote" and what that means

Technology- Soror Bowden

- The committee welcomes new members, Candice Horton, April Spruill, and Wanda Grier. Soror Grier will serve as the Technology Committee and chapter photographer.
- 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.
- Since there are no in-person gatherings, the chapter picture will be scheduled at a later time.
- 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.

Unfinished Business

- The names of Sorors that signed up on SignUp Genius for committees will be sent to committee chairs so a final list of members can be composed.

New Business

Announcements:

Adjournment:

8:18 p.m. with closing prayer by Soror Harris

Present:

Michelle Pettiford
 Deardre Gibson
 Treva Johnson
 Johnsie Richardson
 Andrea Frierson
 Yolanda Burris
 Faye Harris
 Karita Duggins
 ReneeKnight
 Marilyn Green
 Lillian Williams
 Lisa Reynolds
 Renee Davis
 Wanda Grier
 Dawn Maxwell
 Deb Bowden
 Tega Crawford

