

Gastonia Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Chapter Minutes~September 10, 2020~ 6:33pm
Zoom Meeting

Opened with prayer by Soror Harris

A quorum was present

Call to Order

COMMUNICATIONS

Local- Soror Richardson

- None

National,Regional,Local-Soror Pettiford

- The South Atlantic Virtual Regional Conference was held Saturday August 1st. There were 4,165 registered members; 3,806 in attendance, 156 Chapters with 53 being collegiate and 103 alumnae chapters.

- **Nominating Report:** One candidate nominated from the floor for Regional Director: Soror Trish Johnson, Hickory Alumnae Chapter

- Two candidates nominated from the floor for Chair, Regional Nominating Committee: Soror Lisa Rogers, Portsmouth Alumnae Chapter & Tarsha Burroughs Raleigh Alumnae Chapter

- **Elections Report:** New officers are as follows for 2020-2022:

Dr. Trish Johnson; Regional Director-Hickory Alumnae, Illana Jamison; Regional Representative-Omicron Phi (Clemson University), Pamela Murphy Lewis; Member, National Scholarship and Standards Committee-Charlotte Alumnae, Kimberly Brothers; Member, National Finance Committee-Newport News Alumnae, B. Lisa Downey-Hood; Member, 2021 National Nominating Committee-Portsmouth Alumnae, Tarsha Burroughs; Chair, 2022 Regional Nominating Committee-Raleigh Alumnae, Shenita Cunningham; Member, 2022 Regional Nominating Committee-Western Wake Alumnae, Joyce M. Diggs; Member, 2022 Regional Nominating Committee-Fredericksburg Area Alumnae, Janet Lawrence-Patten; Member, 2022 Regional Nominating Committee-Conway Alumnae, and Erin Belmar; Collegiate Member, 2022 Regional Nominating Committee-Omicron Phi (Clemson University)

- **Regional Officers State of the Region Report:** 1,766 New Initiates by the fall; Attended events for Alpha Eta Oldest Collegiate in the South Atlantic turned 90 yrs. old; Norfolk Alumnae Oldest Chapter in the South Atlantic turned 90 yrs. Old.

During the biennium awarded \$2,307,126 in scholarship throughout the region

\$20K raised for rental relief through party w/a Purpose Fund

Reclaimed 3,539 sorors over the last 2 yrs.

- **National President Report:** Currently there are 1,055 chapters representing 324,944 members. Still an open investigation against former National Ex. Director.

\$8,753,218 scholarship money awarded.

Organization has over 1MM followers and likes on Facebook. We are recognized for our messages on social media.

MIT: conducted 416 New Deltas in the Spring using a virtual platform.

~10K sorors attended Bloody Sunday in March in Selma Alabama. We out showed all other Greek Organizations.

July 1st, the Delta created a new organization: D4 Women in Action. This organization allows us to actively lobby legislation in congress; endorse candidates, fund candidates, etc.. This organization is a standalone entity. It is a 501C4 organization. For more information, please reference the Aug 18th mailing from national.

Chapters are asked to consider purchasing a Zoom license to conduct Delta business virtually. The cost will be \$216.00 annually. Motion to purchase the Zoom license made by Soror Harris; seconded by Soror Duggins. Motion carried with 26 votes and 1 against.

- **Social Action Committee:** Census 2020 #DSTUCount; Census represents Money & Power; Federal Funding; Redistricting; Congressional Seats/Electoral College. 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 December 31, 2020. You may complete your confidential Census questionnaire at: <https://my2020census.gov/>
- **Leadership Academy:** Creating a Learning Mgmt System (LMS) training platform to access quality content. More to come. Looking to move the DAT online in the future.

Financial Secretary/Treasurer-Soror Frierson

- No Report
- Turned over financial information for the audit

Membership Services- Soror Duggins

- MIT will resume and they have met with the Pyramids on September 5, 2020
- The Odyssey is scheduled for September 20, 2020
- The Jewels will occur the following week

Internal Audit-Soror Burris

- Met compliance-all invoices by the President, Chair committee's and all receipts are accounted for.

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 Book Club has met to discuss the book, The Vanishing Half
- The first half of the book was discussed and the remainder of the book will be discussed on September 22nd. The group is looking to move the Book Club the last Thursday of the month.

Dinner Dance- Soror Reynolds

- The dance is on hold until they get confirmation it is safe to move forward. The committee agrees to proceed if it is possible.

Courtesy- Soror Crawford

- No Report

Physical & Mental Health- Soror Davis

- Black Mental Health series occurred in July on FaceBook. It was suggested that mental health webinars occur one Tuesday out of the month to support mental health. If the committee moves forward they will need additional assistance from the Chapter to help with this project.

Scholarship- Soror Pettiford

- Reviewed five applications, one applicant was disqualified due to her not meeting the qualifications of the application. Four scholarships were awarded: Garvin A Collins: 1000.00, Mia Sims: 500.00, Anthony Dye: 500.00, and Kendall Massey: 1000.00

Risk Management- Soror Lynch

- All risk management training has to be virtual.
- Needs to know who will need training after the pyramids finish the MIT process.

Emergency Response Task Force- Soror Gibson

- We are coming into the peak of hurricane season, please make sure your emergency response bag is properly prepared to keep you and your loved ones safe and out of harm's way. Be Delta Ready!

Social Action- Soror Williams

- Phone bank is in progress and they are in need of six volunteers. It was mentioned the Pyramids need community service and would be able to help with the phone bank. Vote t-shirts are available for purchase. If you would like to purchase one that information needs to be to Soror Williams by Tuesday September 15th.

Unfinished Business

- Soror Deardre Gibson was appointed Vice-President and she accepted the position.

New Business:

Announcements:

- Soror Leach is recuperating from surgery
- Soror Pettiford received her Doctorate
- Soror Ramseur had her 100th virtually birthday celebration
- Soror Green thanked the chapter for checking on her due to the loss of her brother. Soror Duggins thanked the chapter for checking on her due to the loss of her family members.

- Soror Robinson 100th Birthday
- Reach out to a Delta Dear to let them know they are in our thoughts.

Motion made to adjourn made by Soror Richardson; seconded by Soror Maxwell. Motion Carried.

Adjournment:

7:53 p.m. with closing prayer by Soror Harris

Present:

Michelle Pettiford
Treva Johnson
Johnsie Richardson
Andrea Frierson
Yolanda Burris
Faye Harris
Karita Duggins
ReneeKnight
Marilyn Green
Lillian Williams
Deardre Gibson
Lisa Reynolds
Priscilla Brewer
Renee Davis
Wanda Grier
Dawn Maxwell
Williette Herring
Elizabeth Sido
Betty Worthy

Africa Otis
Cheryl Perkins
Gale Bess Raynor
Jannelle English
Joylette Hillard
Rekita McDuffie
Betty Werts
Shannon Roberts
Donyel Barber
Shalom Bentley Jenkins
Karitsa Khalid
Tabatha Lynch
Tega Crawford

GAC Sorors:

Michelle Mills
Renee Johnson
Phyllis Williams