

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Union County Alumnae Chapter Chapter Meeting – November 12, 2016

Formal Opening

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am by Soror Melita Mitchell. There were 42 Sorors in attendance at the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Soror Beverly Jeter to adopt the agenda. Soror Deloris Chisley second the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 8th chapter meeting were approved with no corrections. However, there was an insertion made in the Cotillion Committee report section referencing Soror Chandra Hollier and Soror Janice Winstead will both be liaisons for the chapter this cotillion season and not Soror Winstead independently.

Recognitions

National Officers & Committee Members	None Present
Regional Officers & Committee Members	Soror Cynthia Baez, NC Chair, PP&D Soror Deirdre Hatcher, NC Chair, Investigative Task Force Soror Janice Winstead, Leadership Fellows
Visiting Sorors:	Soror Melissa Jones

Communications/Correspondence

Soror Jackie Jenkins

- Thank you note from Soror Sabrina Jackson – Sympathy acknowledgement
- Thank you note from Soror Rita James – Sympathy acknowledgement
- Welcome note from the Union County Chamber of Commerce team
- Correspondence from the Florence Alumnae Chapter – Statewide Founders Day Celebration January 28, 2017.
- Relay for Life – Seeking support and soliciting donations May 5, 2017 6 pm – 12 am

President's Report Updates (Report on File)

Soror Melita Mitchell

National:

- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) have again partnered in the dissemination of health-related information available free to the communities we serve. I have charged PP&D to review and incorporate getting this information to the community through our service projects this year.
- The 28th Annual Delta Days in the Nation's Capital will be held on March 4-7, 2017. Registration is now open in the Sisters Only Portal.

Collegiate Day: Saturday, March 4, 2017

Legislative Conference: Saturday, March 4 – Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Online registration for the 28th Annual “Delta Days in the Nation’s Capital”

opened **Tuesday, November 2, 2016 at 12:00 noon EST** and close on **Monday, February 13, 2017 at 12:00 noon EST, or once capacity is reached.**

- I want to ask that each of you keep Soror Gwendolyn Boyd, President of Alabama State University and Past National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in your prayers. As you may or may not have heard the Board of Trustees has suspended her. I ask that you pray for her strength and resilience as well as for the faculty, staff, students and alumni of the institution.

Regional:

- Advisor certification and recertification training will be offered on Saturday, December 10, 2016 in Greensboro. Register by November 15, 2016 NO EXCEPTIONS. Online registration only. Please check yahoo groups or the website for online registration information. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Rooms are available at the Doubletree Greensboro at the rate of \$109 plus tax. Deadline to register for the room is November 25, 2016.
- The South Atlantic Region Prayer Line is available to cover specific prayer concerns and requests as needed. The prayer email has been activated and is checked on a daily basis. The email address is sarprayerline@gmail.com.

Local:

- I have been contacted by Wingate University regarding an interest in chartering a collegiate chapter of Delta. I am in communication with the Regional Director and State Coordinator to determine if a chapter can be chartered and sustained at the university. Before a charter is granted, we will have to have support from our chapter. We would be responsible for the membership intake of the charter members as well as supplying an advisory team. Should you have an interest in either, please send me an email. Individually, I am fully in support of the charter should it be granted. I think the energy and dedication of a collegiate chapter in our service area would bring great value to the work we do in the county.
- We will participate in the Monroe Christmas parade on Sunday, November 20, 2016. Lineup will be at 12:30. Please use the sign up genius, which was sent out via yahoo groups to indicate your participation. Only sorors, Delta Academy, Delta GEMS, Debutantes and Miss Debutante are allowed to participate in the parade. The only exception is our gracious driver, David Smith. He and Soror Ella Smith have graciously volunteered their corvette for the parade. Thank you, Soror Ella.
- We have lost two members of our chapter as they pursue professional growth in other areas. Please keep Soror Shenekia Weeks in your prayers as she builds a new life and career in St. Louis, Missouri and keep Soror Samone Williams in your prayers as she advances her career in Rancho Cucamonga, California. These two hardworking sorors will be greatly missed.

President’s Message:

As stated by our National President, I want to thank each of you who voted, helped register individuals, donated time to campaigns and spread the word about the importance of voting. We cannot allow the results of the election and the rampant bigotry and discrimination that is on the rise deter us from protesting against the double standard of morals. We must continue even more so now to take an active interest in the welfare of our country. We must continue to use our influence toward the enactment of

laws for the protection of the unfortunate and weak and for the repeal of those depriving human beings of their privileges and rights. I ask each of you to raise your level of commitment and not shrink from undertaking what seems wise and good because this election has presented handicaps and obstacles that confront us. We will continue to strive to preserve a calm mind with a courageous spirit, barring bitterness from our hearts as we strive all the more earnestly to reach the goal. With liberty and justice for all.

Financial Reports (Reports on File)	Finance Team
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Financial Secretary's Report

Soror Sherri Peters

Report and Collections for **October 2016**:

- June 2016 Grand Total: \$2748.11
Receipts YTD Total: \$7,268.31

Treasurer's Report

Soror Janice Winstead

- **October 2016:**

Total Income	\$2,686.31*
Total Expenses	\$4,675.23
Net Increase (Decrease)	(\$1,988.92)
Ending Account Balances	\$39,986.77

*Difference \$61.80 between Grand Total and Total Income is the result of a return check. Reconciliation from the retreat was received this month. Results: Unallocated funds \$213.09

Committee Report Updates

Internal Audit (Report on File)

Soror Teresa Woods

- Number of financial members: **71**
- Chapter's Gross receipts for this audit period: **\$4,520.20**
- Total Expenses for the audit period: **\$7,507.25**
- Checkbook balanced as of September 30, 2016: **\$38,958.28**
- PayPal balance as of September 30, 2016: **\$3,017.41**
- Deposits were made in accordance with the Sorority requirement of two business days from receipt of funds.
- During the audit period, all dues receipts were transmitted to National within the Sorority required 30-day time period.
- Sampling of 10 checks – all had proper vouchers and dual signatures
- Checks written were in chronological order – no void checks for the period
- Vouchers were numbered chronologically with supporting documentation attached
- Budget vs. Actual Expenses report was provided
- The Financial Secretary Reports and the Treasurer Reports were reviewed and reconciled by the committee with no discrepancies.
- After review by the Chapter Internal Committee, it has been determined that the chapter has satisfactory financial internal controls and the review supports the existence and utilization of these controls

Policies and Procedures***Soror Joycelyn Eason***

- The slate of proposed 2017-2018 Policies & Procedures motions and the details of the vote is housed in a separate document and can be emailed upon request to any soror and will also be uploaded to the secure portion of our chapter website.
- Summary: 9 motions proposed, all motions passed with a minimum of 28 votes.

Nominating (Report on File)***Soror Shalohm Bentley***

- The committee discussed the following: timeline, candidate requirements, graphics, theme, how we will get sorors interested in running for office, campaign requirements, and meeting schedule.
- We welcomed the newest members of the committee and divided out responsibilities to members based on talents and strengths. It was also confirmed that no one on the committee was interested in running for office for the 2017-2019 term.
- The committee will present the Nominating Brochure and Candidate Profile to chapter members at the November meeting. At that time, the committee will review all Nominating Requirements and do the call for Nominations with members during the chapter meeting.

Founders Day (Report on File)***Soror Shalohm Bentley***

- There was a call held on 10/12/2016 for Founders Day West. The preferred date is Sunday, February 26, 2017 @ 11 am.
- Location has been found at a cost of \$3,000. (In Lexington, NC) The tentative cost will be \$65.00.

Social Action Fundraising (Report on File)***Soror Kathleen Kitchen***

- The committee reviewed outcomes to date regarding election season activities and ongoing outreach such as college campus support, intersection early voting promotion and the Get 22 initiative.
- The committee also reviewed upcoming monthly activities and observations. Monthly activities will begin in November and go through June. November's activity is to participate in the Union County Christmas Parade by creating signage to be carried by chapter members in the parade to raise awareness around issues that Delta is addressing nationally and locally.
- New activities discussed were Box Tops for Education and a Food Drive for Union County food pantries, which were depleted due to relief for hurricane victims.
- Soror Ella Bennett's daughter is collecting shoes for girls/boys in Jamaica. Service project and items will be shipped in January. More information will be provided at chapter meeting.

Amenities (Report on File)***Soror Judy McGee***

- Christmas cards purchased to send to local partners in Union County and NC state and regional officers
- Birthday cards were sent to Sorors: Rita James, Kathy King, Sharon Poston, Leonora Robinson, Sonya Rorie, and Anya Ruffin.
- Sympathy Cards were sent to Sorors: Sabrina Jackson and Tonya Longmire who both lost their brother-in-law.
- A card of encouragement was sent to Soror Deborah Clarke. Her brother in New York is ill.
- We are still asking Sorors to send information about positive things going on in their lives.

Fundraising (Report on File)

Soror Pam Carlton

- Current fundraiser going well – Yankee Candle. Over \$1729 raised so far.
- Popcorn fundraiser kicking off on November 12. Sorors will have 2 weeks to sell. Monies will be due after Thanksgiving.
- Venue for Valentine’s Day dance or another time in the year is being planned. Looking to secure a venue as soon as possible.
- Online sales for candles are continuing until January 14 so encourage all to continue selling.

Soror Vee Seward made a motion that we extend the meeting until 12:30 pm based on the current time, 11:36 am. This motion was second by Soror Anya Ruffin. The motion carries.

Membership Services (Report on File)

Soror Mary Lindsay-Barber

- Reviewed Upcoming Activities of the committee including: Oct Aw Shucks Family Outing (27 attended), November Paraphernalia Exchange, December Luncheon and Adopt a Family. November Paraphernalia Exchange - will send out email to let chapter sorors who choose to participate that the value of the item should be between \$10- \$20.
- December Christmas Luncheon - After chapter meeting on Dec 10 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Hickory Tavern ~ Munchies’ Buffet \$15/ person for Chicken Wings, Baked Spinach Dip, Italian Style Meatballs with Marinara and Baked Pasta Alfredo with Chicken and Broccoli and Sheet Cake for Desert (membership services to provide). Please mail checks to the PO Box by 12/5 or pay today.
- Christmas Adopt a Family - Will adopt YWCA Community Center (list of desired/needed items), Social Services Family –single mother with 6 children, senior citizen; Will use a sign up genius with chapter and have items brought to Dec Chapter meeting
- Visiting Sorors who have joined since March 2016 will all be sent new member packets. Discussion and improved process of notification from finance team to membership services. Plans to send WE MISS YOU Cards to sorors who have missed more than 3 meetings consecutively. Welcome back gifts (extra notebooks from retreat) for sorors who are reclaimed. Will continue to send out emails to thank sorors for visiting meetings
- 2016-2017 Directory - Plans to distribute at November meeting. Will attempt to verify information and birthdays and will obtain updated list at executive board meeting
- Discussion about possible DID on Sisterhood for Jan/Feb. Further details to be discussed with chapter president
- Feb 18- Soror Game Night with Potluck Location and details to be announced.

Deltaversaries: Sorors Deloris Chisley 45 years; Teresa Woods 35 years, Brenda carroll 35 years, Yolanda Hodges 9 years, LaKendra Briggs-Talton 21 years, Dorothy McClary 21 years, Beverly Jeter 39 years

PP & D (Report on File)

Soror Heather Sharpe

- Committee Health Fair – March 18th, 2017 collaboration with SPCC
- GEMS/Academy was held on October 15 from 10am – 12pm. Topic for the month was “Leadership” and Soror Tonya Longmire shared her story of being a bully during her high school years. Next session will be held on November 19 and the topic will be “College Planning”.
- As of October 2016, we are active members of the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

Arts & Letters (Report on File)

Soror Deirdre Hatcher

- Thanks was expressed by committee chair to Soror Brenda Carroll for her hard work in coordinating the Red Carpet Event – “Movie Birth of a Nation”. There were approximately 23

sorors and their families in attendance. The committee discussed doing another Red Carpet Event for the movie "Hidden Figures" coming in January 2017.

- Willow Oaks Education through the Arts initiative for October was scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2016. Thanks to Soror Celeste McKenzie for making magnets and flyers to be used in the October Anti-Bullying presentation.

Sorors Melita Mitchell, Mel Griggs, Monica Smith and Heather Sharpe participated in the October event. The November event is entitled "Looking forward to Christmas". Sorors will be ask to help students design Christmas ornaments based on a Christmas story or poem. Future events were discussed and outlined for the Willow Oaks community. The following recommendations were made:

January - Paint Party (Faith Ringold, author and painter) February – Because of Them We Can (Unique Jones) March – Poetry / Limericks (showcase famous African American poets) April – Picture/Story from the book "I Need My Monster" (Amanda Knoll) May – Talent Show June – Wrap up event

Cotillion (Report on File)

Soror Vee Seward

- 2016-2017 Budget adjustments and fundraising goal; Soror/Deb teams; Committee attendance for JCSU Open House and football game
- 2 Debs and 1 parent attended AwShucks
- Seven debs facilitated Trunk or Treat; many Sorors attended and showed their support and projected number of children were 40. However, we provided sweet treats, games, and pictures for 91 kids! Great success!

Unfinished/New Business

- New Chapter Website! Check it out
- The Technology Committee is soliciting committee members and support. See Soror Vee Seward if you have an interest in serving.
- Soror Kysha Frazier – Popcorn Fundraiser Reminder... checks should be made out to UCAC DST. Popcorn will be delivered the week of December 11 and the top 2 sellers will receive gifts. The deadline for turning orders in will be November 27.

Announcements

- Congratulations to Soror Cynthia Baez – President of the Union County Democratic Woman. Her installation will be on December 9 and tickets are \$30.00.

A motion was made by Soror Joycelyn Eason to adjourn the meeting and second by Soror Deloris Chisley. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Formal Closing

Respectfully submitted,
Soror Laverne White
Recording Secretary