

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
Union County Alumnae Chapter
Chapter Meeting – January 14, 2017

Formal Opening

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Soror Melita Mitchell. There were 33 sorors in attendance at this meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 6th chapter meeting were approved with no corrections.

Recognitions

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| National Officers & Committee Members | None Present |
| Regional Officers & Committee Members | Soror Deirdre Hatcher, NC Chair, Investigative Task Force Soror Cynthia Baez, NC Chair, PP&D Soror Vee Seward, SAR, Journalist |
| Visiting Sorors: | Sorors LaTanya Ramey, Dr. Lorette Polite-Young |

Communications/Correspondence

Soror Jackie Jenkins

- (2) Holiday Greetings – SAR Leadership team, Board of Directors of DREFT
- St Jude Hospital – solicitation for donation

President's Report Updates (Report on File)

Soror Melita Mitchell

National:

- Call for Convention is now available in the Members Only portal of the national website. The 53rd national convention will be held in Las Vegas, NV, Aug 3rd – 9th, 2017.
- Grand Chapter has launched the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. ***"Preparedness In Your Pocket"*** app in partnership with the Red Cross. You can download it for free from the apple store or the google play store. You can search for it by entering Red Cross Emergency or you can send a text message to 90999 and the text should read, "GETEMERGENCY". (all capital letters)

Regional:

- Reminder that 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.
- We are partnering with the Lexington Alumnae Chapter to present Founders Day West on February 26, 2017 in Lexington, NC. Sign-up Genius will be sent out as we will need volunteers for the event. Registration will be \$65.00 and there will be no onsite registration. Sorors Tonya Longmire and Laverne White will be singing for the event. Money is due on January 31, 2016 to

the finance team so that one chapter check can be sent. Keynote speaker for the event will be Soror Daphne Maxwell-Reid.

- If anyone submitted an application for the 2016-2018 SAR Leadership Felllows, please let Soror Melita Mitchell know. The applications were due yesterday.

Local:

- Our chapter will participate in the NAACP MLK Parade on tomorrow, Sunday, January 15, 2017. Please see yahoo groups for the sign up genius and a paper copy is being circulated now.
- Proctors are needed for this upcoming testing cycle at Sun Valley. Please also send other potential meeting sites to Soror Melita Mitchell for consideration.
- Superlative Soror Award presented to – Soror Mary Lindsay-Barber! Congratulations!!!

President’s Message:

This message came to me as I read John C. Maxwell’s: “Leadership Promises for Everyday Life”:

The call to leadership is a consistent pattern in the bible. Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock over all the earth.” Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

God is the ultimate leader and He calls every believer to lead others. God could have arranged His creation in any number of ways, but He chose to create human beings who possess spirits and the capacity to relate to Him and follow Him, yet who are not forced to do so. When mankind fell into sin, God could have executed a plan of redemption that did not include sinful people, but He has called us to participate and to lead others as we follow Him. God made that clear from the beginning when He stated, “have dominion”. (Genesis 128) The call to leadership is a consistent pattern in the bible. When God decided to raise up a nation of His own, He didn’t call upon the masses, He called out one leader, Abraham. When He wanted to deliver His people out of Egypt He didn’t guide them as a group, He raised up a leader to do it, Moses. When it came time for the people to cross into the Promise Land, they followed one man, Joshua. Every time God desired to do something great, He called a leader to step forward. Today, He still calls leaders to step forward for every work, both large and small.

I want you to listen to God and listen to where He calls you to lead in your lives and in Delta. This may be as an officer, as a committee chair, as a lead for a committee project, or a strong, helpful, engaged committee member. But, whatever it is, LISTEN to it and MOVE to action. But, whatever it is, God called you to Delta for a reason and it wasn’t just to be a bystander.

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| Financial Reports (Reports on File) | Finance Team |
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Financial Secretary’s Report

Soror Sherri Peters

Report and Collections for **December 2016:**

- **December 2016** Grand Total: \$3,978.00*
Receipts YTD Total: \$15,410.31

Treasurer’s Report

Soror Janice Winstead

- **December 2016:**

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| Total Income | \$4,313.00* |
| Total Expenses | \$2,786.02 |
| Net Increase (Decrease) | \$1,526.98 |
| Ending Account Balances | \$43,629.58 |

***Variance due to deposit dates between November and December.**

Committee Report Updates

Finance and Budget (Report on File)

Soror Anya Ruffin

- Updated process and template for committee chairs and officers to submit budget requests for 2017-2018 sorority year. Communication was sent to sorors on 1/3/2017.
- Reminders & Updates:
 1. Quarterly budget review meetings will be:
 - 2/4/17 and 5/13/17
 2. Budget change requests are due to Janice Winstead one week prior to the meeting
 - Committee chairs or officers requesting changes need to submit their requests by to jewinstead2000@aol.com.
 - Include the change requested, the reason why, and any other information that will help the committee evaluate the request
 3. 2017-2018 Budget Requests due 1/31/2017 to Janice Winstead
 4. Event Reconciliations due by February Exec Board meeting for the following activities: Popcorn Fundraiser, Yankee Candle Fundraiser, and Holiday Luncheon
 5. 2017-2018 Dues now being accepted, please complete renewal form and submit with your payment by 3/20/2017 (personal check) or 3/27/2017 (certified check)
- Soror Sherri Peters provided education to the chapter of DREFT. Key points: established to increase charitable giving to the sorority; advantageous if there are matching funds available from another organization; formal process in place; application must be completed; needs to be completed 30 days prior to an event. For more information, please see a member of the Finance Team or the national website under DREFT.

Technology (Report on File)

Soror Vee Seward

- Invitation extended to the chapter to join committee
- Introduction of RemindMe technology app; allows you to receive text messages from an administrator (committee chairs) to remind you of key events and meetings (Download app from the Apple or Google Play store)
- Committee Chair training on using the new technology (app) will be held on January 31st, 2017 @ 7:00 pm at Hickory Tavern. Please plan to attend.
- Please see Soror Vee Seward or Kamisha Kirby with questions about accessing the secure chapter website.

Cotillion (Report on File)

Soror Vee Seward

- Season off to a great start. Income has increased compared to prior year over 200%.
- Appreciate the team leads this season and the communication with the debutantes. Really making a difference and an impact.

Membership Services (Report on File)

Soror Mary Lindsay-Barber

- Christmas Luncheon – 28 sorors attended and fun was had by all
- Adopt a family and YWCA project was a huge success; Thank you again Sorors for being such a blessing!
- Soror Game Night – February 18th, 2017 @ Soror Heather Sharpe's home. Potluck event and a Sign-up Genius will be sent out to the chapter. More to come.
- 2016-2017 Directory – distributed in larger print at December chapter meeting

- Tentative schedule for Sisterhood month discussed:

| Tentative Date | Activity |
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| March 4 | Prayer Breakfast |
| March 11 | Social: Jazzy Jeans & Gents |
| March 18 | Health Fair |
| March 23 | UC Chamber Business Expo |
| March 31 | Nile Project @ Wingate |

- Service Project for Sisterhood Month – collecting items for Soul Solace (agency supporting women after substance abuse and incarceration)
- Congratulations and well wishes to Soror Monica York on her new business venture – recruitment services to businesses and individuals: “Matriarch Intel”
- January Birthdays: Sorors Jackie Jenkins, Diane Ellis, Tonya Longmire, Meagan Bowman, Pam Carlton, Karen Reid-Sims, Tiffany Wilson, and Daphne Williams. Deltaversaries: Soror Cynthia Baez (16 years)

Fundraising (Report on File)

Soror Pam Carlton

- Popcorn fundraiser raised over \$500 in profit for the chapter.
- Yankee Candle fundraiser raised over \$2200.00 in profit for the chapter. Top seller was Soror Janice Winsead.
- Golf Tournament will be May 6, 2017. Committee is currently soliciting support from sponsors and also seeking donations for gift bags for the golfers. See Soror Pam Carlton or any committee member.
- Auto Bell Car Wash Fundraiser will occur in June 2017.

Nominating (Report on File)

Soror Shalohm Bentley

- Collecting candidate profiles; should receive an acknowledgement email
- Deadline February 18th, 2017 via email or postmarked PO Box

Founders Day (Report on File)

Soror Shalohm Bentley

- Founders Day West will be held on February 26, 2017 in Lexington, NC. Keynote speaker: Soror Daphne Maxwell Reid. Soror only event. 11:00 am. Attire: Red dress or suit; no pants.
- Registration through the chapter at a cost of \$65.00. Payment due January 31st, 2017 to the Finance Team. Vendors will be onsite starting at 9:00 am.
- Sign-up Genius will be sent out soon for volunteers.

Arts & Letters (Report on File)

Soror Deirdre Hatcher

- Red carpet event will be held on January 14th, 2017, “Hidden Figures”, today @ 3:25 pm.
- Book Club: “Blackberry Days of Summer” by Soror Ruth P. Watson. Discussion will take place on February 18th, 2017 prior to Soror Game Night starting.
- Willow Oaks extremely appreciative of the gifts for Christmas for the center and thoroughly enjoyed the December holiday activity.
- January event will be a Paint Party for the children. Please come and join us. Sign-up Genius has open slots for the remainder of the year and the children would love seeing and meeting you.

PP&D (Report on File)

Soror Heather Sharpe

- GEMS/Academy December event – Service Project: collected and decorated with personalized note cards 35 pillows for the homeless shelter; January event: Budgeting and Money Management
- Preparations are occurring for the upcoming Health Fair which will occur on March 18th , 2017 from 11am – 2pm at South Piedmont Community College
- March 23rd , 2017 – partnering with Union County Chamber of Commerce for their Business Expo...more details to follow.

Social Action (Report on File)

Soror Monica York

- Donated 17 pairs of shoes for the Shortwood Project in Jamaica. Collections are still going on.
- Soror Monica Smith – partnership with Crisis Assistance Ministry to collect can goods for elderly population. Please consider donating food items through 1st quarter 2017.
- Box Top collection for Wesley Chapel Elem School. Clip, count, and place in a baggy. Soror bringing in the highest amount will be awarded a prize. Turning in 50 box tops at a time will allow sorors to get raffle tickets for an additional drawing.
- Read Across America – Sign-up Genius went out this morning. Please sign up to spend just 30 minutes reading to elementary school children at Wesley Chapel Elem School.
- Volunteers are needed to attend the local municipality and school board meetings within Union county. Please see the list circulating and sign up or see a member of Social Action.

Unfinished/New Business

- Soror Melita Mitchell suggested all sorors should download the sorority’s Internet Guidelines. In addition, they will be added to our secure website. Reminder about what is appropriate and what is not appropriate in regards to social media and postings. Be cognizant of the images that you share. Reminder we should not share the name, (Delta Sigma Theta), the crest, torch of wisdom, use of elephant with Delta Sigma Theta symbol, are just a few. Violations of the Code of Conduct could end in suspension or a fine.

Announcements

- Soror Laverne White will be adding additional months for volunteering at the Union County Community Shelter on the Sign-up Genius.

A motion was made by Soror Deirdre Hatcher to adjourn the meeting and second by Soror Joycelyn Eason. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm.

Formal Closing

Respectfully submitted,
Soror Laverne White
Recording Secretary