

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Tampa Alumnae Chapter

General Meeting Minutes
College Hill Conference Center
02/15/20

The meeting was called to order at **9:30am** by Soror Alicia Warren. Soror Brenna Fields Taylor shared the inspirational word. The agenda was adopted by consensus. The January minutes were adopted by consensus.

Correspondence – Soror Christine Lewis

- Bradenton Alumnae is hosting Cabaret on the Bay on Saturday, March 14th. Tickets are \$75.00. The venue is IMG Academy Golf Club
- Thank you card, received from Soror Sabrina Griffith for acts of kindness during illness
- Thank you card, received from Soror Iowana Whitman-Tims for acts of kindness during loss of sister-in-law. She asked the Chaplain Team to continue to pray for the family. The family members are most appreciative.

Visiting Sorors & February Birthdays- Soror Sabrina Griffith

- Visiting/New Sorors: 1; Returning Sorors- 2.
- Recognized Soror Eloise Cabrera-White and Soror Magdalene Ricks for being present
- Birthdays: 9

President's Message - Soror Alicia Warren

See full report on DSSTA website for National/Regional/Chapter Updates

- Soror Warren reiterated the 2018-2020 Vision- "Developing Leaders, Member Engagement, Technology Enhancement
- Save the Dates: DDAC was held on February 9th- 11th. Report will be provided next month. Soror Paulette Walker was the chair. Soror Warren recognized all members who were in attendance and strongly encouraged sorors to attend next year. DDNC will be held February 23rd – 25th. Soror Warren will have representatives present but will not be able to attend due to Membership Intake. Regional Conference will be held May 22nd-25th in Kissimmee, Florida. Registration starts March 1st through April 30th.
- Soror Warren and chapter recognized the presence of our 25th National President, Paulette Walker.

MIT Updates- Soror Leslie Brown

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 - **Applications:** received and screened were 176. There were 104 applications scored and 72 applications that were determined ineligible for various reasons. **Next Phase:** all materials have been submitted to the Regional Director for review. **Interviews:** will be held at Young Middle Magnet and are scheduled for February 19th through February 23rd. **Call Meeting:** scheduled for February 25th at 6:00pm. If Sorors are not checked in by 6:50pm they will not be allowed to vote. This meeting is for Financial Members only. Sorors must have their membership card during check-in. Once your name is called, you will receive a bar code and a ballot. Each barcode will have a personalized login identifier. The voting will be confidential. Once you receive your unique ID and key barcode, you can use that information to log into the system to access the ballot. Members should be able to log in using their smart phone. Several computers will also be available for use during the meeting. On the ballot, members must select "yes" or "no" for the applicants. If you do not select an option, the system will not allow you to move forward. The chapter will recommend up to 61 applicants to move forward. The chapter cannot recommend more than 61 applicants to move forward. **Sisterly Reminders:** all calendar updates will be posted in our "Sisters Only" portal. Please remember that this process is sacred and should be kept confidential. If there are any questions, please refer to Soror Leslie Brown, LMC or our Chapter President, Soror Alicia Warren.

Executive Board Recommendations/Action items

- **Leadership Initiative**
Action Item. Due to MIT, requesting change in dates that were previously approved. Need to change dates from February 20th to 27th and from April 16th to 30th. Brenna Fields Taylor moved to accept Executive Board recommendation and Soror Gloria Riddick Williams seconded the motion. Motion Carried (Yes-20, 19, 17,23,25) (No-0)
- **Sisterhood Month**
Action Item- It was recommended by the Executive Board to accept the Sisterhood Calendar. Soror Tekeisha Zimmerman moved and seconded as the chair to accept recommendations. Motion Carried (Yes- 23,17,17,25,26); (No-0)

Budget and Finance -Soror Tiffany Mitchell & Soror Briana Joseph

See full report on DSTTA website

- **Budget Report for January 2020:** Program Bank Balance-\$127,738.31; Administrative Bank Balance-\$89,661.02; Funds Managed by D.E.L.T.A. INC.- \$9,030.00; Savings BOA \$8,769.40
- **Financial Secretary Financial Report** for January 2020: Income- \$13,491.25; Carryover Total from December-\$142,227.91; Grand Total-\$155,719.16
- **Soror Warren wanted to emphasize the following to sorors:** If sorors are currently paying for this year, they have missed opportunity for full participation in MIT. Soror Warren recommended they consider paying for next year dues unless they are planning to attend Regional. Only financial sorors are invited to the MIT Call Meeting to vote. Non-financial sorors can't attend.

First Vice President's Report - Soror Brenda Webb Johnson

See February VP report and Chapter Meeting PowerPoint on DSTTA website

- **International Awareness-** Soror Jacqueline Jackson stated the committee will donate \$1000 to DREF as a result of T-shirts sales. She thanked sorors for the contributions. April 7th is World Health Day. Information will be emailed as to how sorors can support the initiative.
- **Political Awareness-** Walinda McKnight-Green reported voting registration was held at the Black Heritage Festival. Registered 4 people. Goal for the year is to register 100 voters. Thus far, 41 have registered. The committee is also working with the Census and has passed out 62 Census packets. The committee is meeting February 27th at the Children Board.
- **Scholarship-** Soror Tina James, chair. All scholarship applications were obtained and processed electronically. The committee received 35 applications. Interviews will be held March 7th-9th at Tampa Heights on the campus of Lockhart Elementary School. The Scholarship program will be held at University of South Florida on May 7th at 3:00pm.
- **Arts & Letter-**Soror Shenika Baisley shared the book club was held on February 7th. The next one is on May 8th. Youth Art Exhibit will be held Saturday on March 7th from 11:00am- 2:00pm at Barnes and Nobles. Several authors will be present at the exhibit. Neighborhood soror groups were encouraged to view movies at theaters and television shows on the DST Winter 2020 list.
- **Economic-** The committee hosted a Financial Awareness Community Workshop at Middleton High School. Thanked all for participation and support. Topics included Money Management 101. There were 45 people register and 35 attended. The evaluations rated the overall event as "very good and informative". Extended a special thanks to the Public Relations Team and Technology Team for their support of this event. Soror Alicia Warren acknowledged the committee for a job well done and encouraged more sorors to begin attending these community events.
- **Social Action -** Soror Heddie Sumpter shared the committee is planning to disseminate information regarding the Census. They are also seeking how Tampa Alumnae,TA, can have a greater presence with the Census. By April 1st there will be information to disseminate to churches. The Governor did not authorize any funds to provide education or marketing dollars about the Census in Florida. Sorors can market it by going on radio, social media, Facebook, twitter, etc. Sorors are encouraged to share, share, share the information. Faith-based organizations including churches can extend their

computer labs to assist with the Census. Sorors should email Soror Sumpter with suggestions on how TA can do more with the Census.

Second Vice President's Report - Soror Sabrina Griffith

See attached February VP report and Chapter Meeting PowerPoint on DSTTA website

- **Nomination Committee**- Soror Devonne Mckeever-Daniels shared a webinar was held February 13th for sorors interested in running for a chapter office. The only requirement for positions is being financial except for President positions, and Treasurer. Those positions have additional eligibility requirements regarding past attendance at Regional Conferences and/or National Conventions. Applications are due March 29th. The committee will present a slate in April. Nominations can be made from the floor. Soror Kim Colston facilitated the PowerPoint on "The Day in The Life of DSTTA Leadership. The presentation provided responses to questions from sorors currently in TA leadership.
- **Membership Month**- Soror Sabrina Griffith applauded cooperation for Delta Dear Parking. Also, additional Dear tables will be added for chapter meetings. The Sisterhood Calendar is full. Seeking recommendations of churches where the chapter can worship on March 1, 2020. Asking neighborhood groups to put together a community service event involving nursing homes. Membership services is partnering with Arts & Letters to encourage neighbor groups to gather to watch movies or television shows from the DST Winter 2020 List. Name tags are available from Soror Alicia Howell Banks.
- **Archives**- Soror Tonja Brickhouse shared the committee is planning to update the chapter's website highlighting all past chapter presidents. An information form will be sent to past presidents to complete. The forms will assist in gathering the information.
- **Policies and Procedures**- Soror Tayanna Richardson shared the deadline to submit proposed changes is by tonight no later than 11:59pm. The chapter will review proposed changes at the next chapter meeting and vote in April to amend or not to amend.
- **Audit Report**- Soror Gloria Riddick Williams reported on Quarter 2 Internal Audit Report. The overall finding determined that the chapter does have satisfactory financial internal controls and the review supports the existence and utilization of the controls.
- **Recognized 2 new Delta Dears** -Soror Charlene Honeywell and Soror Jill Atwell

Third Vice President's Report - Soror Angie Brown

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- **Queen of Hearts**- Soror Paulette Walker. Delta Goes to Wakanda- Sold Out. There will be handicap accessibility at the venue. Information for selection of table will be sent to those who purchased tickets. Example- if soror purchased 5 tickets but sold two to someone else- she will only be able to pick 3 seats and not 5. If soror have ticket(s) and selling them to another soror , please inform Soror Walker. March 10th is date for table selection. Sorors will be notified with time for table selection. There will be 3 stations (1st) get in line (2nd) verification of # of seats to select (3rd) go select the seat.
- **NPHC**- Soror Estelle Gray presented on behalf of chairs. NPHC is having an event every month to be more visible. There will be a Greek workout at 9:00am on February 22nd at Roy Haynes Recreation Center. Bring your own mat, wear paraphernalia and water.
- **Fundraising** – A meeting will be held to discuss fundraising for 2020-2021. Committee is working on details for chapter jacket and t-shirt.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER SUMMARY -Soror Christine Lewis

- The winner for movie- Soror Kim Colston
- Thank you for comfort from Soror Marjorie Griffith
- Thank you for Birthday celebration (70th bday)- Carollyn Mar
- DDAC pins are available
- New Soror Dears are asked to inform Edith Randolph

- D.E.L.T.A. Inc is hosting scholarship fundraiser at Shulers Burger on February 22nd beginning at 11:00am.
- FAMU Gala will be held on April 4th. Tickets are \$100. The speaker is actress Angela Robinson.
- Soror Sandra Cooke thanked sorors for answering call to submit information for newsletter. A special thanks to Soror Dioan Johnson
- Soror Bianca Berry moved to Seattle
- Sabrina Griffith mother is doing VERY Well. Can return home to N.Y. Thanks for all prayers and support

Attendance- Soror Kim Colston provided the following information: 125 members and 3 guests

Meeting adjourned at 11:55am

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Warren, President

Dawne Gullatt, Recording Secretary

Lorita Shirley, Asst Recording Secretary

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Program Planning and Development Committee Reports
[Dr. Brenda Webb Johnson](#), 1st Vice President – February 2020

Arts and Letters Committee: dsttaarts@gmail.com Chair [Shenika Baisley](#): Circle of Sisters Book Club will be held Friday, February 7, 2020 from 6:40-8:30 at the Barnes and Nobles in Brandon, FL. We will be reading "A Brothers Honor" by Brenda Jackson. Save the Date: Youth Art Exhibit, Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 11:00 am – 2:00 p.m. at the Barnes and Nobles in Brandon, FL. Neighborhood Circle Red Carpet Event details coming.
Next Committee Meeting: Sunday February 16, 2020 from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm via Zoom

Economic Development Committee: dsttaecondev@gmail.com Chair [Kay Lee-Smith](#): Financial planning event on Feb 8, 2020. 9am – noon at Middleton High School. Financial Literacy event is on April 19th in combination with Educational Development
Next Committee Meeting: March 24, 2020 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm via conference call

Educational Development: Coordinator, [Angie Fields](#): All committees are having their holiday socials for the month of December along with community service projects.

Delta Gems: tampaalumnaedeltagems@gmail.com Chair [Quicta Nicole Walters](#), co-chairs [Maureen Goins](#), and [Sharon Hays](#): 61 girls enrolled. 23 Gems and 13 Volunteers. College Tour February 17 – St. Leo and UCF.
Next Committee Meeting: March 5, 2020 via Zoom

Delta Academy: tadeltaacademy@gmail.com Chair [DeVonne McKeever-Daniels](#), co-chairs [Jeanine Baron](#), and [Deidre Joseph](#): Monthly session in February involved a body development discussion. A meeting was held this month with the parents to anonymously discussed concerns that were shared. College Tour February 17 – St. Leo and UCF
Next Committee Meeting: March 2, 2020 at 7:30pm. Via conference call 712-770-5505 code # 215494

EMBODI: taembodi@gmail.com Chair [Michelle Stone](#) co-chair [Angie Fields](#): Boys to Men planning continues for May 30, 2020. College Tour February 17 – St. Leo and UCF
Next Committee Meeting: March 12, 2020;

International Awareness and Involvement Committee: dsttaiaandi@gmail.com Chair [Jackie Jackson](#) co-chair [Christine Lewis](#): We are pleased to announce a donation of \$1,000 to DREF on behalf of Delta House. Thanks to Tampa Alumnae generosity from T-shirt sales, donations and the remaining funds from the Bahamas relief effort. They are collaborating with the American Red Cross and James A Haley Veterans Hospital to serve the homeless population for World Health Day on April 7, 2020. We plan to put blessing bags together and will disseminate on that day.

Next Committee Meeting: March 10, 2020 7:00 pm

Physical and Mental Health Committee: tapmh@dstta.com Chair [Julie Williamson](#) co-chair [Kareen Moreland](#): Pink Goes Red event was cancelled. Planning continues for the 4th Annual Expressions of Determination Strength and Triumph which will be held May 9, 2020.

Walk it Out

**Tuesday, 6 pm at International Mall (2223 N. Westshore Blvd) meet at the entrance of California Pizza Kitchen

**Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 pm at the Amphitheater near Waterworks Park (1710 N Highland Ave)

**Thursday, 7 pm at the Brandon Parkway Trail (604 Pauls Dr)

**Thursday, 6:30 pm at Dick's Sporting Goods in Citrus Park Mall (8100 Citrus Park Dr.) at couches in front of the store.

Next Committee Meeting: March 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Every first Sunday via conference call 7:30 p.m. (605) 472-5396 access code 254640#

Political Awareness and Involvement: dsttapolitical@gmail.com Co-Chairs [Walinda McKnight](#) and [Erica Williams](#): Voter Registration at black heritage festival on January 18-2020 (all day) at Curtis Hixon Park was well supported by chapter members. 4 citizens registered and 64 flyers were distributed related to the Community.
Next Committee Meeting: February 27, 2020 7:00 pm at the Children's Board

Scholarship Committee: scholarshipdstta@gmail.com Chair [Tina James](#) co-chair [Joanell Lawson](#): Scholarship applications received include 4 daughters and sons; 8 educational development, and 35 TA scholarships. Interviews will take place March 2-4 at Tampa Heights Elementary School. Our annual scholarship program will take place on May 3 at 3:00 p.m. at the University of South Florida Alumni Center.
Next Committee Meeting: March 5, 2020, 5:30 p.m. at Tampa Heights Elementary School

Social Action Committee: tasocialaction@gmail.com Chair [Heddie Sumpter](#) co-chair [Audrey Sullivan Moore](#): Social Action is gearing up for Census 2020 Complete Count. We have prepared a flyer in English and Spanish. They will be attending Delta Days and the State Capital and the Nation's Capital in the month of February. They will collaborate on strategies with Tampa Metro prior to going to Tallahassee. Next Committee Meeting: March 19 and April 16 at the Children's Board.

Risk Management: dsttariskmng@gmail.com Coordinator [Cassandra Thomas](#) Trainers: Brenda Webb Johnson, Angie Fields, DeVonne McKeever-Daniels, and Gloria Williams: All pending volunteers attended a virtual risk mgmt. training on 1/9/20 and have been approved as volunteers. We currently have one Off Site Request form (College Tour) waiting on approval.

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Brenda Webb Johnson, 1st VP, 813-789-1691, firstvp@dstta.com

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Tampa Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
2nd Vice President Report
February 2020

Archives

- **Chair: Soror Tonja Brickhouse** tbrick4140@aol.com Properties/Storage sub-committee - **Co-chair, Soror Schantel Bobo,** tcbf12000@aol.com

Report submitted separately.

Nominating Committee

- **Chair: Soror DeVonne McKeever-Daniels** devonnemc9@gmail.com **Co-Chair: Alicia Howell-Banks** ahowell75@yahoo.com

Report submitted separately.

Grants

- **Chair: Soror Tina Fernandez,** tfernandez35@gmail.com

The committee has submitted a grant request in partnership with Delta Inc to support the forthcoming youth male symposium. Additional grant options are being explored with other partners.

Membership Services

- **Chair: Soror TeKeisha Zimmerman** Zimmerman.tekeisha@gmail.com

Report submitted separately.

Concerns

- **Co-Chair: Soror Wanda Seigler** poppye53@gmail.com

Courtesy

- **Co-Chair: Soror Leslie Woods-Brown,** drbrown427@verizon.net

Delta Connection

- **Co-Chair: Soror Theresa Cross** tcross499@gmail.com

Hospitality

- **Co-Chair: Soror Alicia Howell Banks** ahowell75@yahoo.com

Social

- **Co-Chairs: Soror Jacquelyn Bogen** yvonne33617@yahoo.com, **Soror Chantelle Harrison** chantelle.harrison9@gmail.com

Please contact the sub-committee immediately to notify them of any events you anticipate using their services throughout the sororal year.

Delta Internal Development

- **Co-Chair: Soror Nadine Johnson,** njdelta40@aol.com

Collegiate Connection

- **Co-Chair: Soror Jasmine White-Bynum,** jswhiteb@ncsu.edu

It is Collegiate Connection Month. Be sure to reach out to a diva doll to show them alumnae love!

Reclamation

- **Co-Chairs: Soror Estella Gray** estellagrady@yahoo.com

Founders Day

- **Co-chair: Soror Edith Randolph** edithrandolph27@yahoo.com

Technology and Communications Committee

- **Chair: Soror Katina Robinson** ebonykat@tampabay.rr.com **Co-chair –Soror Dioan Johnson,** djatlast1913@gmail.com

No report at this time.

Ritual and Ceremonies

- **Chair: Soror Janice Crowley crowleyj002@yahoo.com, Soror Joyce Patterson patsjoy127@yahoo.com**

No report at this time.

Public Relations

- **Chair: Soror Jamel Lane jlane1@gmail.com, Co-Chair: Soror Mallory Davis mal.davis1913@gmail.com**

The committee asks that requests for publicity be submitted 8 weeks prior to the event so there is ample time to create and implement an appropriate plan.

In January, the committee promoted Founders Day, Voters' registration, and the TOBA Breakfast.

The committee is currently promoting the following events on social media:

**How Financially Fit Are You?*

Please join the Economic Development Committee (EDC) and Check Your Financial Fitness as we host DSTTA's Financial Planning Free Community Event, featuring Cliff Parchmon, VP Small Business, Bank of America. The event will be Saturday February 8th, 2020 from 9 AM - 12 PM,

***Registration is now open for the next Circle of Friends Book Club Meeting!!*

The Arts & Letters Committee look forward to discussing "A Brothers Honor" by Brenda Jackson on Friday, February 8, 2020 from 6:30pm - 9:00pm @ Barnes & Nobles, 122 Brandon Town Center, Brandon, Florida 33511.

Policies and Procedures

- **Co-Chair: Soror Tayanna Richardson tqsarichardson@yahoo.com**

*The deadline to submit proposed changes to the chapter's policies and procedures is **Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 11:59 pm**. The Policies and Procedures (P&P) Committee strongly encourages all members to review the current version of the P&P document located in the "Members Only" portal on the DSTTA website.*

*Proposed changes **MUST** be typed and placed on the approved change form (Policies and Procedures Proposed Changes Form- Addendum B) located in the "Members Only" portal. I have also attached a fillable pdf version of this form for your convenience. Please submit your form via email by the deadline to **tqsarichardson@yahoo.com**.*

Protocol and Traditions

- **Chair: Soror Imani Coles Imani.coles@spartans.ut.edu, Co-chair: Soror Marian Lauria-Gibson mslauria1@verizon.net**

Report submitted separately.

Strategic Planning

- **Chair: Karen Beard, Co-Chair: Tonja Brickhouse**

No report at this time.

Audit

- **Chair: Soror Gloria Williams glojean29@earthlink.net**

Report submitted separately.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sabrina Griffith, 2nd Vice President



Fundraising Committee Reports

Angela Brown

3rd Vice President

February 2020



Queen of Hearts: Chairs: Soror Joyce Patterson and Soror Paulette Walker

-March 28, 2020

-6:00 pm-11:00 pm

-Event is **SOLD OUT**

-Donation opportunities

-Table Selection details

NPHC: Representative: Soror Jasmine White-Bynum

-Greek Workout

-Saturday, February 22

-9:00 a.m.

-Roy Haynes Park -1902 S. Village Ave.

Fundraising Minute

-We Vote t-shirts

-Chapter Jacket

Coming Soon

-Club Delta

-2020-2021 Fundraising Planning Meeting

Respectfully submitted by

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