Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Tampa Alumnae Chapter

The Children’s Board

10/19/2019

Present: Please review roster provided by technology team. There were a total of 36 in attendance (33 members and 3 guests).

Soror Alicia Warren called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and Soror Chonta Haynes offered the prayer/meditation.

Soror Alicia Warren stated that the agenda would be adopted by consensus.

The September 2019 Executive Board meeting minutes were adopted by consensus with the following corrections:

**Page 1- Correction section** of meeting minutes:

* In addition to adding a coma after Soror Thelma Daley’s name, also add “16th National President.”
* Soror Christine Lewis’ first name is misspelled: should be “Christine” and not “Christina”.
* Last statement under the correction’s section needs to reflect the last name of Chapter President (Soror Alicia Warren).

**Page 1- Correspondence section** of meeting minutes:

* name misspelled: change “Carolyn” Marr to “Carollyn” Marr
* name misspelled: change “Shalom” to “Shalon”

**Page 2- Leadership Initiative Update:**

* Under the first bullet, change the word “was” to “were”

**Page 3- Educational Development:**

* 3rd bullet: GEMS should be listed in all CAPS. Also modify the sentence to reflect “no more applications being accepted”. In same line, remove “September 21st” which is listed twice.

**Correspondence—Soror Sandra Cooke:**

* Thank You Card- Soror Delores Statum on behalf of the family of Elverta M. Mock-Harris.
* St. Petersburg Alumnae Chapter- Advertising State Cluster Bus Ride. The bus will depart on Friday, November 8th departing at 10am. Cost is $85 for all Sorors and payment can be made on-line by 10/20/19. Contact Chapter at (202) 997-0100 or (727) 755-1913 if interested. Pickup locations to be arranged at central locations for all passengers.

**President’s Message—Soror Alicia Warren**

* Save the Dates:
  + Cluster -November 8th -10th in Miami.
  + Bay Area Founders Day – Hosted by Lakeland Alumnae: January 25th
  + Regional Convention: Date to be determined. Location: Kissimmee, Florida
  + DDAC – February 9th- 11th
  + DDNC – February 23rd – 25th
* Committee Chairs were reminded of their responsibility to keep track of the approved budgets.
* Bay Area Founder’s Day: Sorors were reminded that tickets are being sold on-line and will need to be purchased on-line.
* In preparation for our upcoming elections in May, the 3rd VP and Technology team are working together to prepare a process for electronic voting. The Chapter will be utilizing *Election Runner* during the upcoming election in May. Starting in December, the Chapter will begin sampling use of the election software so that we are sufficiently prepared for the actual voting of officers in May.
* In an effort to remain cognizant of time, all financial transactions must be concluded by 7:15pm.
* Policies and Procedures: Under the “Concerns Section”, the following change was not accepted: “once a sororal year the committee will also seek proactive feedback from the member items as approved by Leadership”. It was recommended that next sororal year, the Chapter include details regarding the process for obtaining feedback.
* DID training is scheduled for October 19th at 1pm
* What is the function of Chapter Meeting? Social Meeting, Business Meeting, or Business & Social Meeting?
  + Soror Alicia Warren clarified that the correct answer is “Business Meeting”.

**Budget and Finance Report-** Soror Lekia presenting on behalf of Sorors Tiffany Mitchell and Briana Joseph

* **Financial Report September 2019** – Program bank balance: $84,481.37; Administrative bank balance: $94,837.18; Funds Managed by DELTA Inc.: $14,202.55
* **Financial Report for September**: Dues Collected for September: $9,720.00; Reds and Whites $1,830.00; Savings Interest 0.32; Grand Total: $77,669.30.

**First Vice President’s Report**: Soror Brenda Webb Johnson

* [**Arts and Letters Committee**](https://members.dstonline.org/National-Area#arts)**:** [dsttaarts@gmail.com](mailto:dsttaarts@gmail.com) Chair [Shenika Baisley](mailto:sbaisley33@gmail.com): A Virtual Book Club was held on Friday, October 4th to read *Paradise* by Toni Morrison. The First Red Carpet Event entitled “Harriett” will be held the weekend of November 1st. It was recommended that Sorors bring stubs to the November chapter meeting for a chance to win a 1-4 night Las Vegas stay.

Next Committee Meeting: October 13, 2019 -Zoom Meeting.

Action Item: The committee requested approval to reserve Friday, November 22nd for a Red Carpet Movie Event. The name of the movie is “21 Bridges” and the event will be marketed as an AMC Movie Event. The theater is able to hold a maximum of 84 people. The ticket cost will be $20. The committee is targeting to sale 70 tickets. The committee is also requesting to use existing money in the budget of $1,070 to rent the venue. Soror Leslie Brown moved to accept the recommendation as stated. Soror Audrey Sullivan-Moore seconded the motion. YES (19, 15) No (0); Motion Carried.

* [**Economic Development Committee**](http://deltasigmatheta.org/economic.html)**:** [dsttaecondev@gmail.com](mailto:dsttaecondev@gmail.com) Chair [Kay Lee-Smith](mailto:klee2345@msn.com): The Financial literacy event scheduled for November 9th will be removed due to a conflict with Cluster. The committee will also not hold a holiday bazaar this year in December.

Next Committee Meeting: October 22, 2019 Conference Call Dial-in Number: 605-472-5202 Access Code: 286896

* [**Educational Development**](https://www.deltasigmatheta.org/educational.html)**:** Coordinator, [Angie Fields](mailto:angie.l.fields@gmail.com):
  + 497 students registered for Career Expo Day. There were over 1,000 people in attendance when parents and others were counted. A survey was administered to the students as part of Career Expo Day and survey findings were shared during the executive board meeting (refer to online report for additional information)
  + **Delta GEMS**: [tampaalumnaedeltagems@gmail.com](mailto:tampaalumnaedeltagems@gmail.com) Chair [Quicta Nicole Walters](mailto:tampaalumnaedeltagems@gmail.com), co-chairs [Maureen Goins](mailto:maureengoins@yahoo.com), and [Sharon Hays](mailto:semple8@hotmail.com): 61 girls enrolled.
  + **Delta Academy**: [tadeltaacademy@gmail.com](mailto:tadeltaacademy@gmail.com) Chair [DeVonne McKeever-Daniels](mailto:devonnemc9@gmail.com), co-chairs [Jeanine Baron](mailto:jeaninebaron@yahoo.com), and [Deidre Joseph](mailto:djoseph173@aol.com): 36 girls are enrolled. Another successful college and career expo was held at Middleton on September 21st. The Escape Room event was held on 10/5

Next Committee Meeting: Sunday, October 27, 2019

* + **EMBODI**: [taembodi@gmail.com](mailto:taembodi@gmail.com) Chair [Michelle Stone](mailto:famurat1990@aol.com) co-chair [Angie Fields](mailto:angie.l.fields@gmail.com): 27 young men enrolled. Escape Room 10/5

Next Committee Meeting: November 14, 2019

* [**International Awareness and Involvement Committee**](https://www.deltasigmatheta.org/international.html)**:** [dsttaiaandi@gmail.com](mailto:dsttaiaandi@gmail.com) Chair [Jackie Jackson](mailto:msj626@aol.com) co-chair [Christine Lewis](mailto:cj2lewis@yahoo.com):

Action Item: The committee is requesting to use the remaining funds from the Bahamas collection towards the WAD 2019 Delta House Sustainability Fund ($107.47). Soror Walinda McKnight-Green moved to accept the recommendation to move funds left over from the Bahamas collection to the Delta House Sustainability Fund. Soror Wanda Siegler seconded the motion. It was clarified during the meeting that a motion is not needed and the International Awareness Committee can decide how extra funds will be used. The motion was rescinded by Soror Walinda McKnight –Green and Soror Wanda Siegler.

Instead of **World AIDS Day** the committee will sell t-shirts that can be used annually and the proceeds from the shirt sales will also be used for the sustainability fund targeting Delta House and Vashti Village. The committee will also conduct an education campaign via social media to educate on HIV/AIDS statistics. Next Committee Meeting: November 12, 2019 via conference call

* [**Political Awareness and Involvement**](http://deltasigmatheta.org/political.html)**:** [dsttapolitical@gmail.com](mailto:dsttapolitical@gmail.com) Co-Chairs [Walinda McKnight](mailto:walindamckgr@msn.com) and Erica Williams:

Preparing for 2020. PAI has held two voter registration drives. The first one was held on Sunday, August 11, 2019 during the *Children with A Vision* 20th Anniversary Back to School Giveaway and Community Fair at Ragan Park. The committee collected 9 voter registration applications, including those of 4 new registrants. This event was also a collaboration with the local League of Women Voters.

The second drive was held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the Tampa Alumnae Chapter’s College and Career Expo in collaboration with Middleton High School. The committee collected a total of 30 new registrations and pre-registrations (age 16 &17).

The committee recommended that the following events be removed from the calendar:

* + “Know Your Rights- Restoration of Felon Rights Voter Education” scheduled for February 22, 2020.
  + “Judicial Forum” scheduled for February 24, 2020.

Action Item: Request approval to have voter’s registration at the Black Heritage Festival to be held on January 18th & 19th. Soror Paulette Walker entered a motion to approve the request for January 18th and 19th. It was noted that since the motion was made by the Committee Chair, a second motion is not needed. YES (17, 15) No (0) Motion Carried.

Action Item: There was a request to remove November 9th and December 21st from the Program Calendar. Soror Kay Smith motioned to have November 9th and December 21st removed from the Program Calendar. It was noted that since the motion was made by the Committee Chair, a second motion is not needed. YES (18, 13) NO (0) Motion Carried.

Next event: Civic engagement at EMBODI scheduled for 10/20/19 from 3:00 pm to 5:30pm Co-Chair, Erica Williams has secured Former State Representative Ed Narain as the speaker. Next Committee Meeting: TBD

* [**Scholarship Committee**](https://members.dstonline.org/National-Area#scholar)**:** [scholarshipdstta@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipdstta@gmail.com) Chair [Tina James](mailto:tee_jay10@hotmail.com) co-chair [Joanell Lawson](mailto:jazdst10@msn.com): Scholarship applications are live. Deadline January 31, 2020. Please share with Hillsborough County families.

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

* [**Social Action Committee**](hhttps://members.dstonline.org/National-Area#social)**:** [tasocialaction@gmail.com](mailto:tasocialaction@gmail.com) Chair [Heddie Sumpter](mailto:hmshollywd1@gmail.com) Co-chair [Audrey Sullivan Moore](mailto:mammamooreasm@gmail.com): Social Action is gearing up for Census 2020. Next Committee Meeting: October 17, 2019 6-7:30 Children’s Board, Innovations Lab
* [**Risk Management**](https://members.dstonline.org/getmedia/b3270cc4-04eb-4af4-8717-e876aa303f2e/Risk-Management-Manual-September-2017_Amended.pdf)**:** [dsttariskmng@gmail.com](mailto:dsttariskmng@gmail.com) Coordinator [Cassandra Thomas](mailto:bbzephyr01@aol.com) Trainers: Angie Fields, DeVonne McKeever-Daniels, and Gloria Williams: All volunteers must go through Risk Management Training. Two more training sessions will take place on October 23rd and November 4th from 6-8pm at the Children’s Board. During Saturday’s chapter meeting information will be provided regarding the role of the committee, responsibilities, and how risk management is defined by the Chapter.

**Second Vice President’s Report – Soror Sabrina Griffith**

***Tampa Alumnae Chapter Minerva Circle Slate for 2019-2020:*** The nominees for the Minerva Circle were shared with the group. The list included everyone who expressed an interest and met all qualifications.

**Membership Services**

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

**Round-Up 2019** was a success. 170 Sorors RSVP’d and approximately 150-160 were in attendance. Approximately 10 people paid dues at Round Up and an additional 7 paid at the first Chapter Meeting of the new sororal year. A special thank you was expressed to the committee for planning a fun-filled, sisterly event. TA 101 will be held Saturday, October 19th at 8:15am.

**Holiday Social** is planned for Saturday, December 14th at Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association Center (same location in which Round Up was held). Our capacity will be 150 people and last year there were approximately 220 people in attendance. Due to limited capacity, Sorors are encouraged to purchase their tickets early if they would like to attend this event.

Action Item: The budget for the Holiday Social was presented for approval. Soror Jamel Lance moved to accept the budget for the holiday social. Soror Gloria Williams seconded the motion. YES (17, 15) NO (0) Motion Carried.

Orders for DSTTA nametags will be taken during November and December chapter meetings.

***Social***

* Co-Chairs: Soror Jacquelyn Bogen yvonne33617@yahoo.com, Soror Lateshia Milton lateshia.barnes@gmail.com

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

**Public Relations**

* Chair: Soror Jamel Lanee jlanee1@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.

During the month of September, the committee promoted the Bahamas Donation Drive, the College and Career Expo, National Read-a-book day, remembering those we lost on 9/11, and voter registration. The committee is actively recruiting new members. Please contact the chair if you are interested in joining.

***Elections Voting Process:*** The financial verification process for all nominees has been completed. During Saturday’s Chapter Meeting, the following process will be requested:

**Phase 1:** During check-in, Sorors will be provided an election card. Financial status will be validated again during this time by the Finance Committee.

**Phase II:** Voting Execution- There will be two (2) voting areas: the kitchen (Group A) and the atrium (group B). There will be 12 voting machines and 4 laptops available (split between the voting areas). The election committee members will be spread between the established voting areas. Sorors will be provided a unique number and allowed to vote electronically via cell phone if they desire. Information regarding cell phone voting will be provided at the time of the meeting. Sorors will be required to vote again if a run-off is required.

**Third Vice President’s Report – Soror Angela Brown**

**Reds and Whites:** Chairs Soror Jasmine White Bynum and Soror Stephanie Love

-November 3rd 5:00-7:30 pm

-Tickets available now @ $25

-VIP tickets are SOLD OUT.

**Queen of Hearts:** Chair: Soror Joyce Patterson and Soror Paulette Walker

- *2020 Scholarship Service Gala* held on March 28, 2020

-6:00 pm-11:00 pm

-*Theme: African Elegance*

-Tickets available in November @ $100

- *Unsold tickets must be purchased by December 9th*

**Good of the Order** – Soror Sandra Cooke

* Great News: Soror Carollyn Marr’s heart function is back to normal.
* Newsletter Deadline is November 1st.

Soror Alicia Warren adjourned the meeting by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Alicia Warren, President Dawne Gullatt, Recording Secretary (absent)

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Lorita Shirley, Assistant Recording Secretary