



*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.*  
*Saginaw Alumnae Chapter*

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2020

Time: 4:30pm

Invited committee members; A. Jackson, K. Thomas (Chair), O. McMillan, K. Lawrence-Webster (President), M. Vasquez.

Attendees: K. Thomas (Chair), K. Lawrence-Webster (President)

Location: Willie Thompson Middle School

Items covered at the meeting are below: (The agenda)

The Saginaw Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc. strives to increase it's international awareness and involvement by promoting participation and education of local and global issues. The International Awareness and Involvement Committee is dedicated to developing community programs that are designed to provide assistance, relief and resources locally as well as to developing countries. Fostering local advocacy practices as well as globally, for social injustices and helping those in need.

- Our mission:
  - Educate
  - Advocate
  - Action
- Clean Water
- HIV/AIDS Awareness
- Human Trafficking

Clarifying our positions as a committee below:

- Clean Water initiative: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in collaboration with Water in Education International opened the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Elementary School, The Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre Campus in Chèrette, Haiti June 15, 2013. The Water and Education International Student Collaboration for Haiti Outreach Opportunities for Learning (WEI SCHOOL) Project was established to provide an adequate school facility to include clean water for school children in Haiti. It is the first of many initiatives to alleviate some of the challenges in obtaining a quality education in Haiti. The remote village of Chèrette is located 96 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince.
- HIV/AIDS initiative: Dedicated in 2002, the Delta House is a home for children who became orphans due to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. It is located in what is now known as Vashti Village, in Mbabane, Swaziland along with two similar structures. Built to accommodate 12 children and a housemother, the home was made possible with funds contributed by Delta sorors at the 45th and 46th National Conventions held in Chicago (2000) and Atlanta (2002). Situated in a picturesque valley, an expansive vegetable



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garden flourishes behind the Delta House where residents (most of whom are adolescents) grow some of their own food. The village is still a work in progress with an office complex, conference center, church and apartments envisioned for the future.

- Human Trafficking Awareness: We are continuing to present the National Modules at the Delta GEMS meetings. The final module (number 3) will be presented March 7<sup>th</sup> at their meeting, venue St. Mary's Educational Center at 4:00pm.
- In partnership with the Delta GEMS, we will assist them with Pen Pal efforts.  
We have a \$250 budget for supplies to carry out any initiative we decide as a committee. (Clean Water Awareness, HIV/AIDS Awareness or Human Trafficking Awareness).

Due to inclement weather some Sorors could not attend the meeting. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:35pm.