

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Saginaw Alumnae Chapter
Monthly Meeting Minutes ~ June 2, 2018

Sorors Present: Fontella Smith, Renee Vinson, Brenda Vinson, Barbara Jones, Gina Osborne, Carol Selby, Karen Lawrence-Webster, DeAnna Burton, Shalanda Ellison, Cheryl Walker, Tiffany Collins, Michelle Pierce, Alnisha Jackson-Dillard, Stella Johnson, Deborah Williams, Delores Williams, Gwendolyn Bowman, Georgia Barkley, Sylvia McAfee, Tacarra Ford, Patricia Scott-Mason, Mel Moses-Johnson, Joyce Barlow, Beverly Harge, Andrea Gibbs-Bond

Formal Opening

Meeting called to order

Words from outgoing officers: Sorors Patricia Scott-Mason, Georgia Barkley, Delores Williams, and Sylvia McAfee

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Motion to adopt the agenda by Soror Pat Scott-Mason; seconded by Soror Gwen Bowman
- All in favor; motion carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: APRIL, EXECUTIVE BOARD 5/2/18 & 5/30/18

- Soror Barkley added the names of the scholarship recipients to be reflected in the executive board minutes 5/2/18: Book Awards-Rolanda Johnson \$250, Na'Icesses McKether \$500, Brianna Jones \$250, Madison Montgomery \$250, Delyn Owen-Robinson \$250, Correction on spelling Miah Davis \$1500
- Motion to adopt all minutes with corrections by Soror Mel Moses-Johnson, All in favor; motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE - Soror Stella Johnson

- Invitation from Southfield Alumnae Chapter, Golf Tournament 6/23/18
- Acknowledged graduating high school seniors of chapter Sorors: Sydney Smith, Derrick Pierce Jr., Deveonna Jackson
- Thank you cards: Sorors Rhonda Butler & Beverly Harge; Soror Stella Johnson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATES - Soror Sylvia McAfee

- Soror Ellison officially resigns elected position of Assistant Financial Secretary - the chapter accepted resignation

- Soror Lawrence-Webster will appoint Assistant Financial Secretary (Deborah Williams)
- Soror Lawrence-Webster will appoint an Audit Chair (Soror Kujanna Ray)
- Soror Tiffany Collins officially resigned from the elected position of Recording Secretary – chapter accepted resignation
- Soror Lawrence-Webster will appoint position before 6/30/18

FINANCE - Soror Karen Lawrence-Webster

- Reports submitted via email
- As of 5/30/18 financial situation very sound
- Our goal has been to carry over at least \$6,000 into the next fiscal year for scholarships. We have over \$7,000.
- Goal for Del Sprite is to have the operations budget being covered financially for next year and we have done that.
- Primary goal of the general fund is that we don't expend dues for the next fiscal year and that has been accomplished.
- Last remission of dues for this fiscal year is 6/25/18
- Last day to remit vouchers for this fiscal year is 6/25/18
- Thanks to the finance officers-Sorors Brenda Vinson & Delores Williams, Gwen Bowman and Deborah Williams. Thank you to Sorors Gina Osborne and Krystal Marshall for participating on the finance committee.
- Budget submitted that needs to be adopted by 6/30/18

Motion to adopt the fiscal year 2018-19 Budget with no corrections: Motion by Bev Harge and 2nd by Deborah Williams. (1) oppose, motion carried

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Soror Mel Moses-Johnson

- Report submitted
- Receipt #'s were not easily verified
- Recommendation that financial secretary and treasurer reconcile and compare both sets of receipts
- Thanks to committee

POLICIES & PROCEDURES – Soror Georgia Barkley

- Went through policy & procedures line by line at April meeting
- Discussed proposed changes: Article 3 Section 2-all committees should have a Chair & Co-Chair; duties of an appointed position Article 3 Section 5
- Article 8 Section 2, \$50 of local dues used to support senior citizens activity; if unused would be moved into general account for next fiscal year.
- Need a paper trail on suggested changes (formal submission process)

Motion by DeAnna Freeman: “I move that the \$50 allocation for Senior Citizens in the Policies and Procedures be removed and go to the Senior Citizen budget

be included in the general fund as a line item. 2nd by Deborah Williams. 18 in favor, 6 opposed – MOTION CARRIED

PROGRAM PLANNING - Soror Beverly Harge

- A final committee report was emailed. There are some corrections that need to be made and a new list will be sent out.

SCHOLARSHIP & STANDARDS - Soror Georgia Barkley

- Scholarships have been given out at SASA, Arthur Hill, and Heritage. Saginaw High's will be done on 6/6/18

PROTOCOL & TRADITIONS - Soror DeAnna Burton

- Presented a quiz on how to get to our chapter website and sister portal
- Delta app available on national website; can have a digital copy of membership card

DEL SPRITE YOUTH GROUP - Soror Delores Williams

- Report submitted
- Ball Awards: Educational - Azalee Almond \$100; Sisterhood – Alexis Burton; Sprite of the Year – Makaiya Thomas \$100; Entrepreneur Awards: 1st NiAsia Conway \$100, 2nd Makaiya Thomas \$75. 3rd Lauryn Smith \$50; Platinum Awards: 1st Makaiya Thomas \$100, 2nd Lauryn Smith \$75, 3rd DeShawn Sears \$50; Community Service Awards: All Sprites \$50 each

SOCIAL ACTION – No report

- State activity at MSU-Soror Vasquez will attend.
- NAACP meeting, 3:00pm at New Mt. Calvary

PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH – Soror Leola Wilson (report given at Executive Board meeting)

- Appeal to continue connection with Mid-Michigan Children's Museum and our partners for Power Play as well as our participation in the health fair at Zion Missionary Baptist

ARTS & LETTERS –

- Saginaw Cultural Festival-8/10/18-8/12/18; Calling all steppers for the Old School Step Show; Saturday is a free Angie Stone concert; Sprites performing Saturday afternoon

THELMA POSTON GOLF CLASSIC – Soror Joyce Barlow

- Passed out flyers/letters for sponsors and golfers
- Next meeting in August
- Mailed saved-the-dates to 90 golfers
- Shirts \$27

TECHNOLOGY – No report

- Will compose a document that explains how to navigate the sister portal to find needed documents/reports

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS – No report

FUNDRAISING – No report

COLLEGIATE TRANSITION – Soror Tacarra Ford

- Reported on the number of graduating Sorors from area schools: 5 from Rho Mu, 2 from Theta Theta
- Sending a congratulatory letter and small gift this summer to graduates

WHITE PARTY – Soror Tacarra Ford

- Ticket/flyers available and will be distributed Monday, 6/4/18 from 5:00pm-6:30pm at Bigby Coffee (Bay Rd) {pending finance committee approval}
- Plan to set-up Eventbrite over the summer and place tickets at Greeks R'Us
- Theme: Linen & Lace

SISTERHOOD – Soror Tacarra Ford

- Birthday greetings to Sorors McAfee, Barkley
- Congratulations Soror Tiffany Collins on promotion
- Congratulations Soror Selby on retirement/relocation
- Thank You cards/gifts for outgoing officers

FIT FUN & SENIOR CITIZENS - Soror Beverly Harge

- This is the last year combining Fit Fun & Senior Citizens
- Seniors enjoyed the activity but combining it with a fundraiser was too confusing
- Budget of \$1500 and final cost was \$839;
- Next Fit Fun activity will be add a 5k Walk
- We had 50 participants

SWEETHEART DANCE - Soror DeAnna Burton

MAY WEEK/WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – Soror Tammy Gillespie

- May not have conference next year
- Didn't have a lot of participation from Sorors
- Comments: speaker great, maybe had too much going on, Mother's Day weekend, concept is good

GOSPEL PRAISE BRUNCH – Soror Barbara Jones

- Recommendation: Saturday April 27, 2019
- Focus on showcasing scholarship recipients

READING PROGRAM – Soror Barbara Jones

- Will continue in the Fall (September – May)
- Revising some of the components
- Ended the program 5/8/18
- Will do professional development

HERITAGE & ARCHIVES – Soror Pat Scott-Mason

- Please submit any properties ASAP so that the committee can properly organize for the next chair

50TH ANNIVERSARY

- Soror McAfee – the sisterhood would like a separate itemized breakdown on how the money was spent for the anniversary since it was not self-supporting as we originally thought.

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL – Soror Stella Johnson

- Report submitted
- Forum at the soup kitchen 6/4/18 on raising the age of juvenile court from 17 to 18
- 6/10/18 All churches asked to participate in voter registration drive
- Chocolate After Dark – 6/8/18, 5:30pm @ Castle Museum, tickets \$20; each organization responsible for 10 tickets.
- 8/25/18 at 12:00 p.m. PanHel Picnic, McCarty Rd entrance

ACTION ITEMS

- Hole sponsorship for Alpha Phi Alpha. \$125 per hole.
- **Motion by Soror Delores Williams that we do a hole sponsorship from Alpha Phi Alpha for \$125, 2nd by Soror DeAnna Burton – all in favor, no opposes-
MOTION CARRIED**

- \$200 requested from Founders Day committee to get the pictures of our current charter members

- **Motion by Soror Bev Harge: move that we support \$200 for the Founders Day committee to use for sitting fees and three photos of our charter members, 2nd by Soror Bev Westbrook, all in favor, no opposes, MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The adoption of the Finance Handbook as a working document for the Finance Committee/Chapter will be taken forward as an agenda item for the September Chapter meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Soror Harge – thank you for sending photos for Sisterhood and Social Action luncheon for Regional Conference

NEW BUSINESS

- Transition of officers forms has to be completed by 6/30/18
- Meeting on 6/25/18 @ 6pm at Bethel. Transition Checklist Forms will be sent out so that the information can be completed by incoming and outgoing officers/chairs prior to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Georgia Barkley-Rev. Roosevelt Austin celebration updates; tickets for dinner \$60, August 16 weekend
- Retirement of Soror Carol Selby-Wednesday 6/6/18, 3:00pm Bridgeport High School
- Congratulations Soror Tiffany Collins, new Principal at Bridgeport High School
- Soror Delores Williams is still missing her regional scarf last seen at the 50th anniversary dinner.
- Deborah Williams – Erica did a wonderful job as the commencement speaker for Howard Law School

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS facilitated by Soror Beverly Harge

CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT/RITUALISTIC CLOSING

President, Soror Sylvia McAfee

Recording Secretaries, Soror Fontella Smith & Soror Beverly Westbrook