

Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
General Body Meeting
Saturday, April 5, 2014
Warnock Village

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. The agenda was accepted. The minutes from the March 1, 2014 General Body Meeting were accepted as written. A quorum was present with 170 sorors in attendance.

Membership – Wanda Sabb

- Δ Early Bird of the Day is Celeste Selby
- Δ Visiting Sorors were welcomed
- Δ Birthdays were acknowledged
- Δ Jewel of the Day is Marvetta Coleman
- Δ Delta-versaries were acknowledged

National Correspondence - Maxine C. Harvey

Sorors are encouraged to visit the National website regularly

Regional Correspondence –Maxine C. Harvey

- Δ Regional Conference registration is open through 4/15
- Δ We are collecting a minimum of 60 book bags for the Public service event at Regional Conference. They will be donated to the Home for the Little Wanderers as we focus on Foster Care and Adoption
- Δ Slate of Officers
 - Regional Director
 - Rosia Blackwell-Lawrence, North Manhattan Alumnae
 - Erin Duggins, Montgomery County Alumnae
 - Angela Ewell-Madison, Annapolis Alumnae
 - Theljewa Garrett, Valley Forge Alumnae
 - Chair, Regional Nominating
 - Kandis Y. Wyatt, Washington DC Alumnae
 - Member, National Nominating
 - Sandra Brockington Gould, Quaker City Alumnae
 - Member, Regional Nominating Committee
 - Cristina Damiao, Montclair Alumnae
 - Lorna P. Forde, Montgomery County
 - Kristan M. Murray, Boston Alumnae

Local Correspondence – Sonya Combs

- Δ Please provide new email addresses to Soror Combs if you're not receiving emails
- Δ Emails sent to Comcast, Verizon, Yahoo addresses are bouncing back out of the database; Can send an alternate email address for now
- Δ Torch, monthly newsletter, is reserved for chapter information, submissions are due 3rd Monday
- Δ Chapter news and information will come out biweekly going forward, next one is coming 4/14
- Δ Personal announcements will go out once monthly
- Δ Please send all emails to corresponding-sec@phillyalumnae-dst.org

Officers Reports

President – Maxine C. Harvey

- Δ Soror President attended Delta Days in United Nations with Cynthia Muse and gave a full report on the conference. This was a one day event on Economic Development, and the Inequality of Women and Girls globally, featuring 4 panelists lunch and guest Speakers Honorary Member Suzan Johnson Cook & Rosemond Pierre-Louis- NY Commissioner, Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence.
- Δ 3/29 - DID with Deborah Hayes Barton, MD State Coordinator. She trained us on our personalities and how to interact with each other effectively.

Financial Reports

Financial Secretary – Tanisha Carelock

The February 2014 Financial Secretary report was presented for information only.

Treasurer – Marcella Gartrell

The February 2014 Treasurer report was presented with corrections for information only.

Protocol and Traditions – Madeline Chatman and Patricia Sawyer

Pertinent information was given.

Ritual and Ceremonies - Victoria Rivers

Pertinent information was given.

Committee Reports

International Awareness and Involvement – Rashidah Hasan and Paula Lamb

- With the funds left over from World AIDS Day, we would like to donate \$300 to a collegiate soror from Rho Alpha Chapter who is going to South Africa for AIDS volunteerism and \$200 to orphanage Nkosi's Haven. The International Awareness and Involvement committee comes with a motion and a second to transfer \$500, \$300 to Soror Nicole Smith and \$200 to the orphanage. There was discussion. The motion carries 169:0.
- Action AIDS Thursday 4/24 volunteer to be a hostess or greeter in restaurants around the city and a portion of the bill goes to AIDS research. Trainer is coming on 4/9. Sign-up sheets are going around. There are 2 other dates for training downtown. Wear red.

Nominating – Barbara Monley, Marcia Penn Cummings, Charlotte Wroton, and Sandra Curtis Dunham

The slate of officers was presented.

Nominations from the floor:

- Δ President – n/a
- Δ 1st Vice President – n/a
- Δ 2nd Vice President – n/a
- Δ 3rd Vice President – Celeste Selby nominates Sandra Moore
- Δ Financial Secretary – n/a
- Δ Assistant Financial Secretary – Alanna Buchanon nominates Marcella Miller Greaves
- Δ Treasurer – Madeline Chatman nominates Marcella Gartrell
- Δ Assistant Treasurer – Marcella Gartrell nominates Twanna Mae Hall
- Δ Corresponding Secretary – n/a
- Δ Recording Secretary – n/a
- Δ Chair, Audit Committee – n/a
- Δ Chair, Nominating Committee – Janet Gilmore nominates Geraldine Cooper; Nitasha Miles nominates Deborah Herbert, Monica Johnson Taylor nominates Bernita Mapp
- Δ Member, Nominating Committee – Valerie Christmas nominates Emilee Taylor

All sorors nominated from the floor must present packets at this time to be slated.

Economic Development – Marsha Billups

- Δ 4/12, 9 -1 p.m. – Juanita Kidd Stout Conference at St Joseph's Campus. We need volunteers and for sorors to bring youth 5 – 12 grade and their parents; Keynote Speaker: Seth Williams. Please wear red and white business casual
- Δ 5/5 – Habitat Reception - need volunteers

Career and College Readiness – Janet Gilmore

In attendance, there were 16 colleges/universities and trade schools and 40 students, parents and guardians. We expected participation from other committees and youth groups. Thoughts were shared on why the turnout was low.

Next meeting: 4/9, 7pm

GEMS – Donna Holmes Lockett

- Δ 3/22 – session on self-awareness and self esteem
- Δ 3/29 – went to DC with Academy, postponed from February. The girls visited African American Civil War Museum, White House, MLK Memorial, Let Freedom Ring exhibit at the Smithsonian and had lunch at Famous Ben’s Chili Bowl.
- Δ 4/6 – “I AM” Retreat
- Δ 4/12 – JKS conference

Next meeting: 4/22 Conference Call

EMBODI – Laurena Tolson

- Δ We've transitioned to World Communications in place of Arise Academy.
- Δ 3/22 - 57 young men attended the Youth Black Male Summit, featuring several guest speakers. Real Talk, Building your brand and Academic Responsibility, Code Switching, Goals and Dreams. 54% are returning to the session on 4/19 and are watching documentary on Hidden Colors.
- Δ Sending some boys to JKS
- Δ May will feature Physical and Mental Health Day with topics including safe sex, personalities, stress, and CPR training.

Jabberwock – Dana McCutchen, Shakera Harris

- Δ In preparation for Jabberwock 2015, please complete the survey so the committee can gain your understanding of Jabberwock.

Next meeting: 4/14, 7pm at Natasha Taylor Smith’ home; RSVP via email

Physical and Mental Health – Robin Wheeler

- Δ Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure goal \$1000
- Δ We will host Get Fit with Delta during May Week with line dancing and Zumba

Next meeting: 5/1 at home of Charlotte Wroton

Social Action – Marvetta Coleman

- Δ 4/17 – 5:30 – 7:30pm - Candidates Meet and Mingle – Women Connected (Philadelphia Alumnae has taken the lead) includes AKA, Omega Omega chapter, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, National Congress of Black Women, 2000 Afro American Women, Coalition of Labor Union Women, Chester Alumnae, Quaker City Alumnae. Each group has made a financial contribution so there’s no charge for the event; location: tba
- Δ 5/6 - Delta Days at the State Capital; 3 other Delta chapters will participate. The AKAs and Salvation Army are having their Capital Day as well that day. Each chapter should collect books; Cherelle Parker is doing a resolution for Delta Days. Bus Cost: \$20/ Phila. Alumnae members, \$25/ other chapters
- Δ The Sesame Bill was passed in the house and has gone back to the senate

Next meeting: 4/10, 6:30pm, St Joseph’s Hospital

Fundraising – Dawn Morgan Moore

- Δ 4/26 - Prayer Breakfast
- Δ Choir rehearsal after the meeting
- Δ Collecting the NCNW memberships for Project 13
- Δ If interested in being a hostess, contact Eulalia Darius.

Next meeting: 4/14 at Warnock

May Week – Heather Duggins

- Δ Several workshops are planned for the Activities in May
- Δ 5/22, 6:30 – 9:30pm reception \$35/ticket on sale now and will be mailed to you; Sadie T. M. Alexander Award Honoree: C. Gloria Akers.
- Δ 5/4, 10am - Worship Service at Salem Baptist Church, Marshall Mitchell, Pastor

Project 13 – Joy Guarneri

- Δ Next activity is the membership drive for NCNW, goal is to reach 13% chapter membership.
- Δ Setting up a website with further information on all initiatives

Academy – Kamia Hobson

- Δ Trip to DC
- Δ Collaboration with Epsilon Delta “A Day in the Life of a STEM Student”
- Δ 30 girls are going to JKS
- Δ In May, we will review food science and other related events

Scholarship – Judy Gaskins, Francine Stanback

We've interviewed 12 candidates and will select the winners soon.

Emergency Response Team – Sandi Hollie

Check propane pipes; reminders will go in the Torch. Prepare to be prepared.

Membership – Wanda Sabb

- Δ Submit service award forms due 4/21
- Δ “Loving Sorors On Purpose with Purpose pins” are \$2.
- Δ Collecting the book bags for Regional Conference Public Service Event
- Δ Chapter shirts are on sale

Next meeting: 4/23, 7pm Warnock

Program Planning – Cheryl Oakman

- Δ Risk Management Training after the meeting today, we are required to be trained every year
- Δ 5/16 – due date for end of year reports and award applications; Every committee should submit for the Chapter of the Year award
- Δ We've formed a relationship with the AIC, Achieving Independence Center, to serve youth in foster care

Technology – MarvaLisa Scott

- Δ Our new website is being launched today
- Δ There will be a Members only section demonstration at the April Executive Board meeting
- Δ Electronic voting is in the works, looking at a few options; if anyone has a scantron please contact the committee.

Unfinished Business - Nominating Committee

- Δ 2014 – 2016 Slate of Officers was presented and introduced. Dorothy Rush moved and it was properly seconded that we accepted the slate of officers for the 2014-2016 sorority year. Motion Carried 140-0

New Business

- Δ Antoinette Nottingham and Marion Johnson are new chair & co-chair for Pauline Oberdorfer Minor Memorial.

Hospitality – Lyn Thompson Gibson

Cards from:

- Δ Verna Edwards, thanks for flowers after surgery
- Δ Artilla Brown, Cards and words for the fire she endured
- Δ Francine Stanback and Rhonda Williams, Support in death and mother and grandmother
- Δ Rosalie Day, Prayers and cards on Recovery on knee replacement surgery
- Δ Gamma Chapter, Thanks for sponsoring their trip to Founders Day
- Δ Loretta Fralin and family, Flowers calls, prayers for death in family

Send Get well wishes to:

- Δ Charlotte Parrish, 279 Amherst St East Orange, NJ 07018
- Δ Ruth McArtis, at home and would love calls and cards; 510 E Mermaid Lane, Wynmoor, PA
- Δ Peggy Boatright, recuperating from survey
- Δ Verna Edwards, Bypass Heart Surgery
- Δ Kathy Corbin, finger was broken
- Δ Bertha Jones and husband
- Δ Joanne Brown Charles, husband recouping at nursing home
- Δ Elaine Garrison Daniels, lost sister
- Δ Alice Proper Bowman, Lost father age 105
- Δ Sandra Johnson, loss of aunt age 96
- Δ Twanna Mae Hall, death in family
- Δ Diane Anderson, passing of mother, Soror Aurelia Perkins Omega Omega service 4/7, 1100 N 63rd St. 10 a.m. service, viewing at 9 a.m.

Congrats to:

- Δ Nitasha Miles, 5/14 graduation from LaSalle
- Δ Our top 5 officers were selected by Haven Penial United Methodist Church as 2014 Gospel Award Honorees; President, all Vice Presidents and Chaplain- received the Dorothy I. Height Integrity award.
- Δ Ashley Johnson, moving to Houston, TX, has a new broadcasting job

NPHC – Tiana Phillips

- Δ Gala Theme is Youth Empowerment. Applications for nominations will be forthcoming.
- Δ Gala in Oct 3
- Δ Sigma Gamma Rho Public meeting: 4/24/14 @ 7pm location: Downtown Sheraton
- Δ Omega Psi Phi Public Meeting: 7/14/14 @ 7pm, Convention Center
- Δ Congrats to Patricia Coulter who received award at the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Public meeting. Soror Jacobs did attend and sorors from the chapter went in support

Next Meeting: April 29 at the Mu Omega House

Membership – Wanda Sabb

- Δ The 50/50 winner was announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02pm

Next meeting: May 3, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,



Tiana R. Phillips, Recording Secretary



Maxine C. Harvey, President