

Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
General Body Meeting
Saturday, May 3, 2014
Warnock Village

The meeting was called to order at 10am. The agenda was adopted. The minutes from the April 5, 2014 General Body Meeting were accepted as corrected. A quorum was present with 204 sorors in attendance.

National Correspondence – Maxine C. Harvey

There's a moratorium on membership intake as of July 1. More details are in the memo from National.

Regional Correspondence – Maxine C. Harvey

- △ Conference Registration was open 3/12 – 4/15 or when capacity was reached. Eastern region reached capacity on 4/14. There was a wait list offered but due to limited space the region cannot open in the Eastern, Central or Southern regions even for new initiates.
- △ Regional Shirts are available for purchase and should be worn during the host welcome event on Thursday evening.
- △ Wilmington Alumnae has a bus leaving Wednesday and Thursday from Wilmington to go to Boston, if interested.

Membership – Wanda Sabb

- △ Early Bird of the Day was announced
- △ Visiting Sorors were acknowledged
- △ Birthdays were acknowledged
- △ Jewel of the Day is Madeline Chatman

Officers Report

President – Maxine C. Harvey

- △ Much gratitude for the excellent Prayer Breakfast. The co-chairs, choir members, praise dancers, hostesses, centerpiece designers, ticket purchasers, sellers, ticket chairs and souvenir journal committee acknowledged. All made the Prayer Breakfast a success.
- △ There's a directive on Chapter Anniversaries/Reunions planning found in S&S section of the website under **Hot off the Press**.

Financial Reports

Financial Treasurer – Tanisha A. Carelock

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

Treasurer – Marcella Gartrell

- △ The Treasurer report for March 2014 was presented for information only. The budget analysis of 2013 – 2014 and projection for 2014 – 2015 was presented.
- △ The finance team comes with a motion and a second to accept the proposed general operating budget for 2014/2015. There was discussion. The motion carries 180:0
- △ The finance team comes with a motion and a second to accept the program thrust budget for 2014/2015. There was no discussion. The motion carries 174:0.
- △ The finance team comes with a motion and a second to increase the commitment cost for SAT Prep from \$20 to \$25, Academy/GEMS to \$20 instead of the 2 tiered cost given in the past and JKS conference from \$10 to \$15. There was discussion. The motion carries 181:0.

Protocol and Traditions – Madeline Chatman

Pertinent Information was given.

Committee Reports*Arts and Letters – C. Gloria Akers, Jennifer Braxton, & Artrice Braxton*

- △ The Arts and Letters Committee proposes a donation of a Lending Library to the K – 1st grade classes of Mary McCloud Bethune Elementary School. There's a lack of books so the committee bought slightly used/new books from Harvest Armadillo and Impact Book Outlets. The goal is to present 25 books per K-1 classroom totaling 225 books. The plan is to add 1 or 2 grades per year as budget allows. Each book has a book plate certifying that the book is a gift from the Arts and Letters committee of our chapter.
- △ 5/16, 9am - Present 9 book sets to the principal and teachers in an assembly. 3301 Old York Road. Each child should have a book to take home at the end of the year
- △ 6/17 – Becker gift cards will be distributed to Kindergarten teachers during move up day.
- △ 6/19 – 29th Annual Young Artists Exhibit at the School District 440 N. Broad St.
- △ This effort will be reflected on the Regional Award submission
- △ If sorors are willing to be present to support, please wear red.

College and Career Readiness – Janet Gilmore

There's been discussion on how to approach the College/Career Fair in the future. It's not been as successful as we would like so we will not solely host this event in the future. The ideas are to co-sponsor with an established fair, another Greek organization or to host workshops only.

GEMS – Donna Holmes Lockett

- △ 4/6 – I AM Retreat, did rock climbing and team building at Settlement
- △ 5/24 - Next session
- △ 6/14 – Closing Ceremony
- △ Thinking of starting later next year so the girls can also attend SAT Prep and avoid the conflict.

EMBODI – Lorena Tolsen

- △ 4/19 – second session at World Communications; starting to see their personalities; effective communication at adversity
- △ 5/17 – Next session on Physical and Mental health
- △ June – closing ceremony
- △ There is open communication with the school on involving the AIC to work with other foster children

Jabberwock – Dana McCutchen, Gloria Pelzer

Began marketing by implementing a survey. We received 43 responses and 14 sorors have committed to recommending a contestant. An ad went into the prayer breakfast souvenir journal to advertise.

Next meeting: 5/12 at Soror McCutchen's home

Physical and Mental Health – Tiffany Gibson

- △ 5/11 – 24th annual Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer walk; there is a team. Meet at Eakins Oval at 7:30a. We are selling bandanas for \$10. Proceeds are being donated to the agency.
- △ 5/14, 6:30 – 8:30 – Get Fit with Delta at Warnock. There will be Zumba, massages, and BMI testing.

Next meeting: 6/5 at Soror Wroton's home

Social Action – Marvetta Coleman

- △ The Women.Connected event was attended by over 100 guests.
- △ 5/6 - Delta Days at State Capital; we are currently at waiting list capacity for the bus. We're looking forward to a tremendous turnout across the state. Senator Williams will do a roundtable, Soror Cherelle Parker will provide lunch, and a planning meeting is scheduled before returning. Leaving at 6:45 am
- △ 5/17 - Philadelphia community of leaders hosting civic engagement 8:30 am.
- △ Emilee Taylor is circulating a petition to eliminate the school reform commission. Only Philadelphia residents may sign.

May Week – Heather Duggin, Cara Walker

Several events are scheduled throughout the month. Calendars are available

- △ 5/4, 10am – church service Salem Baptist. We are asking for donations, to arrive at 9:30 am and wear red. Do not park across the street in the strip mall
- △ 5/5, 6 pm- financial workshop and reception with Johnathan Tyler
- △ 5/6 – Delta Days in Harrisburg
- △ 5/8, 1 pm – Movie matinee Regal Plymouth Meeting – “Heaven is For Real”
- △ 5/13 – Art exhibit
- △ 5/14 – Wellness Wednesday
- △ 5/16 – Wine to Water
- △ 5/22 – Sadie T. M. Alexander reception
- △ 5/31 – Caregivers workshop sponsored with AARP and a Center in the Park

Membership – Denise Byrd

- △ We’ve almost reached our goal for bookbags but are still collecting.
- △ Pins are still being sold for the conference
- △ A count was taken on the interest in attending a 76ers game next year

Program Planning Development – Cheryl Oakman

- △ End of Year reports and award submissions are due 5/16. Journalism committee will assist with the submission.

Technology Team – Tiana Phillips

- △ We are kicking off electronic voting for the elections today.
- △ Usernames/Passwords to the members only section of the website were sent out to all financial sorors.

Scholarship – Judy Gaskins and Francine Stanback

- △ Thanks to the committee and the Legacy of Love. 8 recipients on 5/22 each will receive \$2000.

International Awareness & Involvement – Paula Lamb

- △ 5/16, 6 – 8pm - Wine to Water Brandywine workshop 730 S broad St; door prizes, wine tasting
- △ 276 Nigerian girls were kidnapped and taken for a mass marriage and sold for \$12. #BRINGBACKOURGIRLS started to bring awareness

Next Meeting: 5/7, 6pm

Emergency Response Team - Danette Reid

- △ Check your dates in the non-perishables in your kit
- △ Dispose of expired meds. Instructions on how to dispose of expired meds are on the FDA website.

Presidents Council – Victoria Rivers

- △ The final report from the Sadie T.M. Alexander Wreath Laying Ceremony and chapter events was presented. The Council of Presidents comes with a motion and a second to accept the financial conditions report the 2013/2014. There was no discussion. The motion carries 176:0.

Fundraising – Cynthia Fullenwellen, Eulalia Darius, Marcia Penn Cummings, Jackie Greene

- △ There are some lost and found items available from the Prayer Breakfast. Thanks for all who participated.
- △ The fundraising committee comes with a recommendation and a second to hold the 2015 Prayer Breakfast at First District Plaza. There was discussion. The motion carries 159:0

- △ Jazz Brunch Proposed date: 10/25 with 200 guests. The fundraising committee comes with a motion and a second to host the 2014 Jazz Brunch Extravaganza at North Hills Country Club. There was discussion. The motion carries 157:2.
- △ A survey is coming for additional ideas for events.

Next meeting: 5/12, Soror Morgan Moore's home

Hospitality – Sandra Jordan Gordan

Send well wishes to:

- △ Geraldine Cooper, broken foot
- △ Belinda Mickle, recuperating from a fall
- △ Marsha Wells, recuperating from knee surgery at Sanders house room; calls and prayers are welcome
- △ Bobbie Alexander, having health issues after a few mini strokes
- △ Sandy Gray, recuperating from knee surgery

Keep in prayer:

- △ Kia and Debbie Butler, loss of grandmother and mother
- △ Sharon Braxton Varnes, loss of brother
- △ Yvonne Brown, loss of sister in law
- △ Nikita BoBo Peden, husband is recuperating from emergency surgery
- △ JoAnne Brown, husband is recuperating from hospitalization
- △ Barbara White and family, her daughter is ill

Congrats to:

- △ Phyllis Holden, daughter featured in Temple University Spring 2014 magazine
- △ Lynn Battle Millard, honored for her dedication and contribution as a principal
- △ Antoinette Bailey Nottingham elected President of Girls High Alumni Association

Cards From:

- △ Epsilon Delta, on donating half the bus fare to PA Founders Day
- △ Monique Braxton Fordham, Thanks for flowers, cards, calls in loss of mother
- △ Kia and Debbie Butler, Thanks for condolences

Happy Mothers Day!

Membership – Leslie Gaynus

- △ Years of Services Awards were distributed.

NPHC – Tiana Phillips

- △ Gala Theme is Youth Empowerment. Applications for nominations are available and due May 19.
- △ Gala is Oct 3, 2014 tickets are \$65 with Open bar
- △ Omega Psi Phi Public Meeting: 7/14/14 @ 7pm, Convention Center
- △ Scholarship apps for NPHC members eligible for undergraduate Greeks
- △ Fundraiser – Skating Party at Millennium Skate World in NJ. Tickets: \$15 6/14, 7-10pm
- △ Fundraiser – Mini Golf Outing \$20 during Greek Week 8/2/14, 3 – 5:30pm Burholme Golf and Entertainment Center 401 Cottman Ave
- △ 8/4/14 - Community Service – Chosen 300 feeding the homeless 1116 Spring Garden St 6-8pm arrive at 5:30p
- △ A concern about the new Constitution and Bylaws proposal was presented
- △ Delta is hosting the May repass, donations are being accepted

Next Meeting: 5/27 at the Kappa Achievement Center

PA State Council – Maxine C. Harvey

- △ We’ve chartered Epsilon Phi at Widener University, East Pocono Alum, and Middleton Alumnae (DE)
- △ 3 reactivations
- △ There was a license plates discrepancy between the state and the prison. They charged too much the first time. The next deadline is PAC Executive board meeting.
- △ Delta Foundation and Founders Day received donations of hats and coats. It was suggested that the next statewide Founders Day committee would encourage all chapters to be included with the donations.
- △ All of the PAC reports, Program Planning, Membership Services, Deceased Sorors report are due June 30.
- △ Madame President asked that all reports be submitted by the chapter deadline.

Announcements – Maxine C. Harvey

- △ PA scarves for sale 1/\$15 and 2/ \$25

Unfinished Business - Linda Wilkerson, Elections Committee

Report of Candidates 2014/2016

Results of Election:

President	Maxine C. Harvey
1 st Vice President	Monica Johnson Taylor
2 nd Vice President	Jacqueline Greene
3 rd Vice President	Sandra Moore
Corresponding Secretary	Sonya Combs
Recording Secretary	Tiana Phillips
Treasurer	Marcella Gartrell
Asst. Treasurer	Twanna Mae Hall
Financial Secretary	Tanisha Carelock
Asst. Financial Secretary	Esther Jones Woodrit
Asst. Financial Secretary	Marcella Miller Greaves
Chair-Audit Committee	Stephanie Russell
Chair Nominating Committee	Bernita Mapp
Member-Nominating Committee	Emilee Taylor

- △ Election committee comes with a motion and a second to accept the elected officer’s report for the 2014/2016 sorority year. There was no discussion. The motion carries 159:0. The 2014/2016 officers were presented.

Membership – Susan Killen

- △ The 50/50 winner was announced.

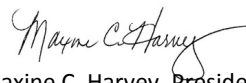
The meeting was adjourned at 1:34pm.

Next General Body meeting: June 7, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,



Tiana R. Phillips, Recording Secretary



Maxine C. Harvey, President