

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting – February 21, 2017  
Warnock

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Prayer was led by Soror Sandra M. Moore. The agenda was adopted. The minutes from the January 17, 2017 Executive Board Meeting were approved as read.

**National Correspondence – Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor**

- △ Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter received an email from the Executive Assistant of National President, Dr. Paulette C. Walker stating that Soror Walker had a great time in Philadelphia for our Founders Day Celebration weekend.
- △ There will be recognition of awards at the 53<sup>rd</sup> National Convention. More information to follow.
- △ Chapters have the opportunity to apply for centennial grants. Applications can be found on the National Website. Grant applications are due by March 21, 2017.
- △ Slate of candidates for National Offices, 2017 – 2019 is located on the National Website on the Members Only Portal. Two sorors from Pennsylvania are candidates: Soror Sandra Brockington Gould, Quaker City Alumnae is running for chair, 2019 National Nominating Committee and Soror Victoria Brown, Gamma Chapter is running for collegiate member of the National Finance Committee.
- △ Delta Newsletter is now available electronically. Please support sorors who need assistance accessing the newsletter by downloading and printing copies for them. In addition, the Delta Newsletter can be downloaded and saved onto a flash drive.

**Regional Correspondence – Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor**

- △ Upcoming webinars from the National Constitution and Bylaws Committee for both Eastern Region Alumnae and Collegiate chapters will be on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 8:00 pm. Registration is required.
- △ Applications for the 2017 Presidential Youth Conference are now being accepted. The focus will be on critical thinking, inquiry learning, digital literacy and technology. Applications are available on the National Website under the Members Only Portal. Deadline to apply is March 30, 2017.

**Local Correspondence – Janet N. Gilmore**

- △ Breakfast Meeting for Eden Cemetery was held at Mount Carmel Baptist Church. Six sorors were present. There will be a 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Eden Cemetery on Thursday, June 20, 2017. More information will be given at a later date.
- △ Soror C. Gloria Akers and Soror Marion B. Johnson presented information, requesting support from Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter for African American businesses. They gave kudos to the 2017 Founders Day Committee for using African American proprietors for the printing of the programs as well as the transportation services used. In addition, Soror Akers & Soror Johnson suggested that a list of African American entrepreneurs is provided to the membership. Furthermore, a “Buy Black Campaign” was recommended. There was a discussion involving companies that need our active support such as The Tribune. Marvetta Coleman suggested a subscription drive.
- △ A bus will go to Washington DC on February 27, 2017 in honor of Dr. Constance Clayton. Soror Akers is leading the activity.

**Officers’ Reports**

- △ No reports

**Financial Reports – Lee Anne S. Douglas and Tiana R. Phillips**

- △ Tiana read receipts from January.
- △ Lee Anne read the account balances from January.
- △ Investments have not changed since last quarter.

- △ Dues are due now. Payments must be postmarked by 3/20/17 and will be accepted in person on 3/21/17. An on-line payment pilot occurred. Eight sorors took part. Six of the eight completed the process. Positive feedback was given expressing that the payment process was easy to follow.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Delta GEMS – Lori Simmons, Stacie Pinto**

- △ Thank you to Emilee Taylor and Lynada Martinez for presenting a viewing of the documentary, “The Black Ballerina”. In addition Soror Maureen Booker helped facilitate a discussion of her experience and knowledge with the world of dance.
- △ Delta GEMS Committee would like to use KLEIN TRANSPORTATION for the charter bus service at a cost of \$1,383.00 to transport GEMS participants and chaperones to the Urban STEM Youth Summit at Morgan State University in Baltimore Maryland.
  - Motion and a second to accept KLEIN TRANSPORTATION to provide the transportation for the trip to Morgan State University. Motion carries 48:0.
- △ At March chapter meeting the committee will issue a Minerva Challenge to sorors to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Covenant House Sleep Out to support homeless youth in conjunction with Women United.org. This event will occur Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 P.M. to Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 A.M. The objective of this initiative, which is the first of its kind in the Philadelphia area, is to raise funds for helping expand their reach and residency capacity. The purpose of this event is to sleep on the streets at the shelter location for one night so that homeless kids don’t have to. Goal is \$2,000.
- △ Next GEMS Committee meeting will be held Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. as a teleconference. The Delta GEMS participants will meet Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 9:00 A.M at Warnock.

##### **Physical and Mental Health – Robin Wheeler & Nikita Peden**

- △ Once again we are going to support the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Sunday, May 14, 2017.
- △ Our chapter fundraiser for Susan G. Komen and Praise is the Cure will be the production and sale of t-shirts. Each shirt will have our sorority letters and the ribbon on the front and the names of our sorors that have been impacted by the disease on the back. Sorors who have transitioned will be recognized.
- △ The committee would like to use The Professional Greek LLC. for the production of the shirt.
  - Motion and a second to accept The Professional Greek LLC. Motion carries 47:0.

##### **Delta Academy– Geri Cooper**

- △ Committee would like to use YellowBird Bus Company as the method of transportation for the Delta academy’s trip to the Philadelphia Airport on March 18, 2017.
  - Motion and a second to accept YellowBird Bus Company. Motion carries 49:0.
- △ Committee would like to transfer \$750 from the budget line item Delta Academy goes to College to cover the expense for the trip to the airport.
  - Motion and a second to transfer \$750 from the line item carries. Motion carries 48:0

#### **Committee Updates:**

##### **Economic Development – Jacqueline Haltie & Jonetta Bolden**

- △ Week 23 of our “52 Week Money Challenge”. If you are following the chart you have saved \$276.00. See The Torch for more details. By the end of the Challenge, you will save \$1,378.00. Our savings each month will be posted in the Torch.
- △ Juanita Kidd Stout Conference will take place on April 8, 2017 between 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. at Audenried Charter High School. Our keynote speaker will be Kenny Gamble. Everyone is encouraged to attend. It is free for youth in grades 5-12 and adults pay \$5. Register early. The continental breakfast and materials from the conference will be based on the

registrations received. Online registration is available through Eventbrite. Volunteers (sorors) are needed. Sign-up sheets will be sent around. Please share fliers and post card with family, friends, etc.

- △ Next committee meeting will be held on April 1, 2017 at 8:45 A.M. at Warnock.

#### **EMBODI – Lynne Battle-Millard**

- △ Sessions are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at Dobbins High School from 9:30 AM. – 12:30 P.M. with breakfast and lunch served to the young men and mentors.
- △ Currently servicing ten young men. Goal is to have 15-20.
- △ Committee is working on recruitment strategies.
- △ Session topics covered have been trust building, police brutality, problem solving and SMART goal setting. Mentors are using EMBODI curriculum.
- △ Upcoming events will be a Male Forum to be held during May Week for the May 20<sup>th</sup> session. Additionally a tentative event, which is college visit and tour at Morgan State University, is being planned on Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the GEMS.
- △ Next session is March 18, 2017 at 9:30am.

#### **Social Action – Marvetta Coleman, Linda Miller & Tara Smith**

- △ *Hate Has No Home Here* campaign is under way. Nearly 200 signs have been ordered and are being distributed at Executive Board meeting and March chapter meeting.
- △ Political Power & Networking Hour will take place on Thursday, May 4, 2017. The District Attorney's race and Judiciary elections will be key offices in the spring election scheduled for May 16, 2017. Committee is researching locations and is in discussion with possible partners to co-host the event.
- △ As a follow up to the launch of Dyslexia & the Injustice of Educational Inequity, planning for a film screening and panelists' conversation are in discussion. The target month for the event is April with additional details to be confirmed.
- △ 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Delta Day in the National's Capitol will be March 4-7, 2017.
- △ Delta Day at the State Capitol have two dates under discussion, Tuesday May 9, 2017 or Tuesday, May 23, 2017

#### **Emergency Response Team – Nichole Turner**

- △ Smoke Alarm Campaign has been postponed.
- △ Next meeting will be March 13, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

#### **Founders Day – Jacqueline Greene**

- △ Thank you to all sorors who stepped up during the Founders Day Celebration. Highlights will be in The Tribune.

#### **Nominating Committee – Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor**

- △ Saturday March 4, 2017 elections will be held for Alternate Delegate for the 53<sup>rd</sup> National Convention. There are two candidates whose bios have been distributed and are in The Torch.

#### **Program Planning – Sandra Dunham**

- △ For references refer to Torch Newsletter.
- △ Use the link provided for your program plan.

#### **Committee Announcements:**

**International Awareness & Involvement – Concetta Lilly-Pearson**

- △ Wine to Water will be held during May Week on Friday May 19, 2017. Additional information will be forthcoming.
- △ The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Warnock at 7:00pm.

**Ways & Means – Eulalia Hamilton & Marcella Gartrell**

- △ Prayer Breakfast – Claire Burris: Tickets are on sale.

**May Week – Heather Duggin & Marcia Penn Cummings**

- △ Presented by Penny Nixon. May Week will be held May 15 - 21.

**Membership – Wanda Sabb**

- △ Love My Sister Day will be held after March's chapter meeting. The activities include, a photo booth, dancing/stepping through the decades, painting with the sorors, and more. Lunch will be provided and sorors may wear paraphernalia.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

**Hospitality – Antoinette Nottingham / Sandie Jordan Gordon**

*Get well wishes to:*

- △ Soror Constance Clayton at Moss Rehab, Einstein Health Care Network, Room 111 60 Township Line Road Elkins Park, PA 19027
- △ Soror Kimberly Lloyd is recuperating from knee surgery.
- △ Soror Sandra Roosa's number at the Simpson House has been changed to 215-908-2905.

*Keep in Prayer:*

- △ Soror Madeline Chapman on the loss of her aunt.
- △ Soror Renee Robinson on the loss of her brother. Condolences can be sent to her address at 8808 Duveen Drive, Wyndmoor, PA. 19038

**Pan Hellenic Council – Tiana Phillips**

- △ Greek Gala will be held at the Renaissance at the Airport located at 500 Stevens Dive, Philadelphia, PA on May 5, 2017 from 7:30 PM – 12:00 AM. Tickets are \$65 and can be purchased through the chapter. The theme for this year's gala is "Hidden Figures". The council will be recognizing contributions to Science, Math, Engineering and Technology that NPHC members have made to their chapters and/or accomplished in their fields. The nominated soror from Philadelphia Alumnae chapter will be placed in the running with a Delta from our sister chapters. The winner will be announced at the NPHC Gala.
- △ Scholarship applications are available on the NPHC website. Applicants must be an undergraduate student of a Greek organization. Scholarship will be \$1,000 each.

**PA State Council – Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor**

- △ Delta Days will be held May 9<sup>th</sup>.

- △ We welcome new sorors at Epsilon Delta chapter.
- △ Rita Waters is working with the reactivation teams and currently a chapter is being chartered at Villanova.
- △ Statewide Founders Day 2018 will be at Lancaster Marriott in Lancaster, PA on Saturday January 13, 2018. The speaker will be Soror Cherelle Parker. Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter has been given the task of putting together the souvenir booklet.
- △ Soror Wendy Johnson is looking for interested sorors for the Regional Investigating Team. There will be new training.

**Announcements**

- △ Delta Legacy Group: Soror Victoria Rivers announced new members. The new members are Sharana Worsley, Constance Major, Deborah Herbert and Natasha Miles.
- △ Dolls and Young Divas Committee: Sorors Dana McCutchen and Tiana Philips  
First event will be held March 29, 2017 from 7:00 P.M. at the Reef Restaurant 605 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Philadelphia, PA  
Free Admission, discounted food and drinks. Discounted validated parking at \$10. All sorors are invited. This event is open to the public. Bring a friend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna Holmes-Lockett, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President



Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor, President