

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter  
General Body Meeting – December 5, 2016  
Warnock Village

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. The agenda was accepted as written. The minutes from the November 5, 2016 General Body Meeting were approved as corrected. There was a quorum present with 182 sorors in attendance.

**Membership – Wanda Saab, Kina Smallwood Butts**

- △ Visiting sorors were acknowledged
- △ December Delta-versaries were acknowledged
- △ December Birthdays were acknowledged
- △ Early Bird of the Day was presented to Soror Evelyn Johns

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

- △ National President, Paulette C. Walker sends gratitude and appreciation to sorors for work during the 2017 election
- △ 25<sup>th</sup> on the 25<sup>th</sup> - Soror Walker highlights several different initiatives this year, gives a historical perspective of conferences and summits, and reminds us that we are sponsoring a Woman's Own Business Plan Competition. Deadline is January 31, 2017.
- △ DREF can be a recipient of outreach and support if you are looking to provide monetary donations, you can do so via the national website.
- △ Elections will take place at National Convention if you are interested in running for a National Office. Submission deadline is January 8, 2017.
- △ Documentation from 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> National Conventions are available online

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

- △ We would like to celebrate the accomplishments of our sorors from the Eastern Region who were elected into political office: Soror Janette Millin-Young, Soror Earlene Hooper, Soror Alicia Hyndman, Soror Rodneyse Bichotte, Soror Tremaine Wright, Soror ShawnDya Simpson, Soror Roslin Spigner, and Soror Catherine Pugh. Keep these sorors in your prayers.
- △ Congratulations to our chapter members on the Eastern Regional Leadership Team: Marvalisa Scott, chair of Heritage & Archives Committee, Monica Lewis-Wilborn, member of the Journalist Committee and Blinda Fleming-Stephens, member of MIT/DID Committee

**Local Correspondence – Janet N. Gilmore**

- △ Invitation to UNCF Mask Ball (Mankind Assisting Students Kindle Education Dreams): Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center – 6:00PM Reception / 7:00PM Dinner.
- △ Crisis intervention Network, Inc. Reunion Committee presents a trip to the "National Museum of African American History and Culture" in Washington DC on Sunday, February 5, 2017.

**Officers' Reports**

**Financial Secretary – Tiana R. Phillips**

- △ The October 2016 Financial Secretary Report was presented for information only.

**Treasurer – Lee Anne S. Douglas**

- △ The October 2016 Treasurer Report was presented for information only.
- △ Receipts are due within 30 days of receiving an advance check
- △ We cannot accept dues for 2017-2018 sorority year until January
- △ The access code for the monthly finance report can be found in The Torch

**Ritual and Ceremonies –**

- △ No Report

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Delta Academy – Geraldine Cooper***

- △ The Delta Academy Committee brings a motion and second to transfer \$50 from remaining funds allocated to the Welcome Event Activity to provide two waivers for registration fees for young ladies experiencing economic hardships. Motion Carries 146:2
- △ The next participant meeting is Saturday, December 17, 2016
- △ Next Committee meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2016 at 6:30PM at 225 East City Ave.

### ***Social Action -***

- △ Motion: The Social Action Committee brings a motion and second to co-sponsor the 2nd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference with Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church on January 28-29 and move \$1000 within their budget to sponsor 40 girls to attend the conference. Motion Carries 157:0
- △ 22nd Annual Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Day of Service is January 16, 2017 at Girard College; The signature theme will be “Reading by 4 Years Old”. In addition, we will have activities to bring awareness to dyslexia and set up a station to “Get to Know your Elected Official”.

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

- △ **Jazz Brunch - Jacqueline Greene:** Final conditions report – We sold 192 tickets, the goal was 200. Our total revenue was \$7,087.93. The Ways and Means Committee comes with a motion and second to accept the financial conditions report for the 2016 Jazz Brunch Extravaganza. Motion Carries 162:0
- △ **Handbag Bingo – Brenda Norman and Donna Jones Anderson:** We are still looking to sell tickets for the event. We have collected additional gifts, including a tv, playstation, etc. The committee is still collecting donations, including cash and slightly used bags. Sorors are asked to donate gift cards, purchase tickets, and invite people to attend. Tickets can be purchased from the website. Donated, slightly used bags, will be given out during a silent auction. The event is BYOB and BYOF.
- △ **Gold & Silver – Dawn Morgan Moore:** January 7, you are encouraged to participate in the Jewelry Exchange. You will receive cash back immediately.
- △ **Prayer Breakfast – Claire Latta Burris:** Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Drexelbrook Catering. Speaker is Rev. Dr. Natalie P. Alford, Presiding elder of AME Church and the chair, Chaplain Council Eastern Region. Tickets will go on sale, January 7, 2017. Ticket price: \$60. Seeking additional committee members. Next Meeting: December 19, 2016 via conference call.

### ***Arts and Letters - Lynada Martinez, Emilee Taylor***

- △ Woodmere Art Museum invites the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter to the exhibit “A Million Faces” The Photography of John W. Mosely on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00PM at 9201 Germantown Ave. The cost is \$10. Includes a tour and light refreshments. Payment can be sent directly to the museum
- △ Red Carpet: Save-the-Date for the national premier of “Hidden Figures” on January 5, 2017

### ***Delta GEMS – Stacie P. Pinto***

- △ We have 40 girls participating in Delta GEMS
- △ We partnered with Delta Academy and Social Action to present a Human Trafficking Workshop on Saturday, November 19, 2016
- △ We are collecting items for our toiletry drive for young ladies and women transitioning from the life of human trafficking
- △ The committee is soliciting support from sorors who have completed risk management training to work with the Delta GEMS
- △ Next meeting is Friday, December 9, 2016

### ***Jabberwock – Marsha Wesley Coleman***

- △ The Jabberwock Committee will make changes to the program.

- The program timeframe for the contestants will occur from January 2017 to June 2017
- January 28, 2017, we will hold an information session. Soror Carol Hill will speak about fundraising during the information session.
- The program will include high school young ladies only

**Scholarship – Lyn Thompson Gibson and Soror Wendy Stewart-Howell**

- △ UNCF collection: Sending our chapter a “Big Thank You” for your generosity. Our November collection totaled \$3090 from 41 Sorors. We will be collecting during the next General Body Meeting. Please make your checks payable to UNCF. Look for the UNCF table before or after the meeting. Temple alumnae sorors and Penn State Alumnae Sorors had the most sorors to donate in the November collection.
- △ Scholarship Luncheon is Saturday, December 17, 2016 Time is 1:00 PM-2:00PM. It will be held at Warnock. Cost is \$20.00. Sorors are encouraged to sponsor a mentee.
- △ Scholarship Applications are available. Application deadline date is February 3, 2017.

**International Awareness & Involvement –Concetta Lilly-Pearson and Leslie Adderley- Long**

- △ World AIDS Day was Thursday, December 1, 2016. We provided onsite testing at Drexel Medicine, Fox Street and Cheltenham locations. We would like to thank sorors for dedicating your time.

**Physical and Mental Health – Robin Wheeler**

- △ St. Jude Walk raised \$1565 as a team
- △ On October 22, 2016, Soror Alice Hollingshed led our team in the Grand Tent Autism Speaks
- △ We will present opportunities to volunteer with Greens Grow, an organization for growers of food, flowers and neighborhoods.
- △ Save the Date: We will participate in Delta-sized challenge. We will calculate all activity that can be recorded in mileage.

**Founders Day – Jacqueline Greene**

- △ Committee meeting was held this past week and smaller sub-committees were identified
- △ Litany of Remembrance will be at Eden Cemetery and the Rededication Ceremony will take place at the luncheon at the Airport Marriott. Sorors are encouraged to carpool. National President, Dr. Paulette Walker will be the presiding officer
- △ Luncheon is open seating

**Project 13 – Joy Guarneri**

- △ Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter was recognized during the 2016 Regional Conference cycle for our service & dedication to the Project 13 Initiatives
- △ September 24, 2016 the chapter participated in the St. Jude Walk. We were among the top 20 teams and raised a total of \$1565
- △ We are collecting for UNCF. Final tally will be reported after December.
- △ We increased our participation from 2 activities to 5 activities

**Economic Development -**

- △ Estate Planning Workshop will be held immediately following General Body Meeting

**New Business**

- △ We will celebrate our 90th Anniversary next year beginning in January 2017. Every event that we host will have our signature 90th Anniversary logo, which is currently being developed.
- △ New Co-Chair of Physical and Mental Health is Soror Nikita Peden

**Hospitality – Brenda Norman**

*Keep in Prayer:*

- △ Soror Beth Harwell's mother is having medical issues
- △ Family of Soror Delores Capers
- △ Dana McCuthen
- △ Marcella Miller-Greaves lost her father-in-law
- △ Annlouise Goodner-Brown is recovering from hip surgery
- △ Soror Marian Wise at Lankenau

*Thanks from:*

- △ Soror Lorilee Jones sent a Thank You note to the chapter
- △ Soror Pam Robinson, family member of Past President, Soror Dorothy Brown
- △ Caroline Jackson sent a thank you note
- △ Sorors and members of New Bethel Baptist Church for the sisterly love demonstrated for the Omega Omega ceremony of Soror Pam Robinson, Past President

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

- △ PA License Plates are still available for order. Forms are available on our website. The next submission is in February

**Announcements**

**NPHC – Tiana Phillips**

- △ On December 19, 2016 we will volunteer at Chosen 300 at 5:30 PM
- △ The NPHC Omega Service for Mishalah Muhammad, NPHC Financial Secretary, and member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Rho Chapter, will take place at the January NPHC meeting at the Alpha meeting.
- △ December 20, 2016 is the next meeting at the Mu Omega House, which will include the new officer installment

**Legacy of Love – Carol Hill**

- △ Thanks to the chapter for supporting the organization
- △ Our goal is to grow our endowment to \$1 Million by 2021

**Delta Legacy Group – Victoria Rivers**

- △ Soror Victoria Rivers is the acting president of the non-profit organization
- △ Plans to hold a meeting for the public in January or February

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55

Next meeting: January 7, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,



Kamia Hobson, Recording Secretary



Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor, President