

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. The agenda was accepted as corrected. The minutes from the October 1, 2016 General Body Meeting were approved as corrected. There was a quorum present with 152 sorors in attendance.

Membership – Suber-Houston

- △ Visiting sorors were acknowledged
- △ November Birthdays were acknowledged
- △ November Delta-versaries were acknowledged
- △ Early Bird of the Day was presented to Soror Sandra Dunham

National Correspondence – Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor

- △ National President Paulette C. Walker reminded us that there is a Red Carpet fall movie survey available to all members that must be completed by November 21st
- △ December 1, 2016 is World AIDS Day. This year's theme is "Act Against AIDS".
- △ 25th on the 25th from Dr. Paulette C. Walker, National President: Program Planning and Development awards will be given out the National Convention. Applications are available online.
- △ Delta Red Army Alert: Black radio stations will join forces on November 8th to create energy to drive voters to the poll. Call the United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division at 800-253-3931 to report any difficulties at polling places.
- △ Anti-Hazing campaign continues after the summit. If interested, you can purchase a hazing prevention ad online; Cost is \$50
- △ Delta Days in the Nation's Capital at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington DC. Online registration is open. No onsite registration will be available.
- △ National Arts & Letters Commission: Delta Authors on Tour Campaign, Inaugural Read Red Campaign, Delta Anthology Series, and Sing Sorors Sing

Regional Correspondence – Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor

- △ Regional meeting was held on Saturday, October 29, 2017 in New Jersey.
- △ Soror Rosia Blackwell Lawrence, Eastern Regional Director and Soror Indira Ridgeway, Eastern Regional Representative are working hard to sustain programs in place and creating new programs. Currently in the Eastern Region we have 140 chapter (109 active, 31 inactive), 7 Eastern Region college chapters are participating in membership intake and we are reinstating two chapters.
- △ DID Trainings & MIT workshops are taking place throughout the region.
- △ Social action efforts are aligned with getting out the vote.
- △ Eastern Regional Director received over 260 applications for the leadership team
- △ Areas of growth: Compliance and Training aligned with compliance
- △ Sorors are looking to reactivate chapters and improve our efforts around risk management training
- △ Epsilon Delta Chapter at Temple University is being reactivated
- △ Two potential new chapters in the application process at the University at Maryland Eastern Shore and at Villanova University

Local Correspondence – Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor and Janet N. Gilmore

- △ Acknowledged Distinguished Daughter Award and recognition for our Founder Pauline Oberdorfer Minor. Soror Gerri Miles & Soror President had the honor of accepting the award from The Philadelphia High School for Girls.
- △ Philadelphia Alumnae chapter will host our Founders Day celebration February 18th with our National President as the keynote speaker. Tickets are available today.
- △ Committee meetings are added to The Torch for information purposes

Officer Reports

Financial Secretary – Tiana R. Phillips

- △ Corrections to September report were reissued and presented for information only
- △ The November 2016 Financial Secretary Report was presented for information only.
- △ Finance Collecting for membership dues, Handbag Bingo, and Founders Day Luncheon
- △ Membership Stickers are available

Treasurer – Lee Anne S. Douglas

- △ The August Report was reissued and presented for information only to share correction in PayPal fees
- △ The September Treasurer Report was reissued and presented for information only.
- △ September finance reports were reissued because all financial information was not cleared at the bank in time for the October meeting since the October general body meeting was on the first day of each month. To avoid this in the future, the finance committee will share finance reports with a month delay to ensure that books are closed and final accounting from the banks are received.
- △ November 2016 Treasurer Report was presented for information only.
- △ This will be the last month to receive paper reports. All future reports will be password protected and available online

Ritual and Ceremonies – Victoria Rivers

- △ Today is the last day we will distribute ordered rituals. Future orders can be placed on the National Website

Committee Reports

College & Career Readiness –Jennifer Boyd-Waller

- △ SAT prep program started on Saturday October 8th. We had 91 students and 12 facilitators. Workshops and panel discussion with college students are planned for December 10th.

Jeanne L. Noble GEMS – Stacie Pinto and Lori Savage Simmons

- △ GEMS participated in cheering event in conjunction with the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure Walk. Participants included 9 GEMS, 1 parent, 3 committee members
- △ Next Committee Meeting: Sunday, November 6 at 6:00 PM at Soror Simmons' home
- △ October was Black Energy Awareness Month, GEMS participated in a STEM event on on October. 29th

Founders Day – Jacqueline Greene

- △ Flyers are on the website.
- △ Looking for interested committee members as we prepare to start planning
- △ Payment will be accepted today

Ways & Means - Eulalia Hamilton & Marcella Gartrell

- △ **Handbag Bingo** – Co- Chairs: Donna Jones Anderson and Elaine Lawrence Green– Tickets on sale for \$30. A table is \$300. We are looking for sorors interested in sponsoring a bag. We are asking for donations. We have a sponsorship package for sorors. We are encouraging sorors to purchase tables. Deadline for donation handbags is December Chapter meeting. If you have a gently used designer handbag, bring it to the meeting to donate. Participants will bid on gently used bags during the event.
- △ **Jazz Brunch** - Co-Chairs: Jacqueline Greene: Thanks to the chapter for an awesome Jazz Brunch. Special acknowledgement

to the Jazz Brunch Committee

- △ **Gold & Silver** - Exchange will be held during the chapter meeting on January 7th, 9:00 - 1:00. The chapter will get a portion of the proceeds. Last year the chapter received about \$1000.

Scholarship – Francine Stanback and Lyn Thompson Gibson

- △ We collected \$1670 for UNCF in October from 18 sorors and we will continue to collect today.
- △ Scholarship Luncheon will be held Saturday, December 17, 2016, 12:00 PM – 3:00 pm. The cost is \$20
- △ Scholarship applications will be available at the December General Body Meeting and on the chapter website.
- △ Next meeting will be held at the home of Soror Sandra Dunham on November 9, 2016 at 6:30PM.

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

- △ AIDS Philly Walk – Sunday, Oct. 16th. We raised \$699. 6 sorors registered. Goal was to raise \$1500. You can still make donations at aidswalkphilly.org website
- △ World Aids Day, Thursday, December 1st, we will set up information tables and testing stations at Cheltenham Square, Fox Street, and Parkside locations. We are looking for soror volunteers to support the efforts
- △ Adopt a school – We will sponsor a Mwamba student in Kitale, Kenya with tuition and funding for a care package of items needed for school. We will also make a donation on behalf of Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter to the Imani Gambia School.
- △ The committee has started conversation about supporting Haiti efforts
- △ Next Meeting will be listed in The Torch

Emergency Response Team – Danette Reid

- △ We participated in a national conference call with American Red Cross: Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter was highlighted as a chapter because of our partnership with Red Cross. We have the highest number of trained Red Cross volunteers. We are Number 1 in the country!
- △ Next Meeting; Nov. 14th @7:30 via conference call

Risk Management – Evelyn Johns

- △ Risk Management webinars were held in September, October, and November along with an onsite training in October. If you have not been interviewed, please see Soror Johns to complete the process.
- △ If your screening was complete in September 2016 or later, you are valid for 3 years. If your screening was prior to September 2016, your screening is valid for 2 years only.

Public Relations/Journalist – Monica Lewis-Wilborn

- △ There will be a push to increase our social media audience. Sorors are encouraged to continue sharing the chapter's posts
- △ Social Media workshop will be scheduled in December or January to maximize outlet
- △ Committee is working on website for 90th Anniversary
- △ Business cards for committee chairs & officers are available. Please see Soror Wilborn.
- △ Email: journalist@phillyalumnae-dst.org
- △ Next Meeting is via conference call November 21st

Economic Development – Jacqueline Haltie and Johnetta Bolden

- △ Pamphlet was shared about improving credit score
- △ Estate planning workshop will be held after December chapter meeting
- △ The committee received 19 names of entrepreneurs or people interested in entrepreneurship. We will select two by the end of this month.
- △ Next meeting: December 3rd 8:45 at Warnock

Delta Academy – Geraldine Cooper and Dr. Rahmanda Campbell

- △ Next Delta Academy meeting is Saturday, November 19th 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM in conjunction with Delta GEMS. The focus area for this meeting is Human Trafficking. Parents are encouraged to attend
- △ Next meeting- Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 6:30 (225 East City Ave., Across from the Hilton Ground floor)

May Week – Valerie Christmas

- △ Applications are open for nominees for Sadie T M Alexander award; Due by January 16, 2017
- △ Next Meeting: Wed. November 9th at 8:00 PM via conference call

Hospitality – Sandi Jordan Gordon

Keep in Prayer:

- △ Soror Tanisha Carelock lost her grandmother
- △ Soror Marcella Gartrell lost her nephew
- △ Soror Leslie Hamilton Rector lost her father
- △ Soror Parri Fraiser lost her sister

Get Well Wishes to:

- △ Gloria Gibson Hamilton
- △ Leslie Adderley Long
- △ Soror Lurline Jones
- △ Soror Lyn Thompson Gibson
- △ Tracey Petty

Omega Omega:

- △ Dorothy Brown – Saturday, November 12th at New Bethlehem Baptist Church, promptly at 9:00 AM, sorors are asked to arrive at 8:15 AM

Congrats:

- △ Lurline Jones was ordained a deacon
- △ Soror Marietta Simpson received the Court of Honor Distinguished Daughter of Girl's High Award

Thanks from:

- △ Lurline Jones
- △ Jane Gilmore
- △ Jackie Greene
- △ Leslie Adderley Long

PA State Council – Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor

Next PA State Council meeting is Saturday at Millersville University

Announcements

Chaplains Council

- △ We had our first Chaplains Corner today

△ Basket are available to document prayer request

Legacy of Love – Keisha Davis

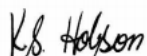
△ Special Thanks Partnership with Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter

△ New Endeavor: Legacy of Love is looking to increase funds to \$1million in the next five years

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 AM

Next meeting: December 3, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,



Kamia Hobson, Recording Secretary



Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor, President