

**Summerville Alumnae Chapter**  
***Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated***  
**Zoom Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**April 6, 2021**

**Call to Order**

Chapter President, Soror Patricia B. Smalls, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, April 6, 2021. There were 25 members present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Soror Glenda Howard moved to adopt the agenda with the following changes and Soror Alexandria Watson second the motion:

- Remove: Arts & Letters, Benevolence, ERT, Gift Wrapping, Heritage & Archives, Internal Audit, PP&D, Risk Management, Ritual & Ceremonies, Social Action, Technology, Cotillion/Jabberwock, and Founders Day
  - Move to Announcements: Fundraising, Heritage & Archives, and PP&D
- 25 members present, Votes For: 19, Votes Against: 0 The motion passed.**

**Approval of Minutes**

Soror Pam Goodwine Glover moved to accept the March 2, 2021 Zoom Executive Meeting Minutes and Soror Alexandria Watson second the motion.

**25 members present, Votes For: 19, Votes Against: 0 The motion passed.**

**Communications**

Soror Quantella Rivers Bradley reported:

- Received a late scholarship application submission
- Membership dues received from 26 Sorors
- Received Thank You cards from Sorors Flossie Grundy & Teresa Smith for Delta Dear Gift
- Please check your spam folders in your email box. The Chapter Mail Chimp program is up and running and only 20% of the members are reading email content.

**CHAPTER OFFICERS' REPORT**

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**President**

Soror Patricia B. Smalls reported:

- The March 21, 2021 National President's Town Hall Meeting is posted on the National website in the Members section.
- Delta Days at the Nation's Capital will be held April 23-25, 2021 virtually, please register for the event.
- Call to the 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be sent on May 1, 2021 and registration will open on June 1, 2021. The National Convention will be held in the late Fall as a hybrid event in Atlanta, GA.
- June 5, 2021 is Advisor Training. The MIT Training Manuals are being revised and will be available for use by Spring 2022.
- Regional Director has shared the strategic goals for this year to include our measurements for retaining/reclaiming members, reactivating chapters, chapter compliance, training sessions to improve chapter management, and encouraging participation in leadership development programs.
- Please remember to invite the Chapter President and Vice President to your meetings and events.

**Treasurer:**

Soror Novia Miller reported as of March 31, 2021:

- **Operating account:**
  - Beginning balance: \$66,621.86 as of February 28, 2021
  - Total Income (Deposits/Credits): \$26,880.00
  - Total Expenses (Checks Written/Debits): \$11,916.00
  - Outstanding Checks: \$200.00
  - Ending balance: \$81,585.86 as of March 31, 2021
  - Reconciled Bank Balance: \$81,760.86 as of March 31, 2021
- **Scholarship account:**
  - Beginning balance: \$13,190.58 as of February 28, 2021
  - Total Income (Deposits/Credits): \$150.00
  - Total Expenses (Checks Written/Debits): \$0.00
  - Outstanding Checks: \$0.00
  - Ending balance: \$13,340.58 as of March 31, 2021
  - Reconciled Bank Balance: \$13,340.58 as of March 31, 2021

**Financial Secretary**

Soror Felicia Williams reported as of March 1-31, 2021:

- Current receipts: \$26,730.00
- Prior: \$17,562.00
- Year-to-Date: \$44,292.00
- Membership: 135

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**Custodian of Properties:** Soror Sharon Jenkins reported:

- The Storage King monthly rental rate will change from \$9.00 to \$148.00. The committee is asking if we should remain where we are or relocate to a new facility. The committee was asked to research other storage facilities before a final decision is made.

**Delta Academy (Summerville):** Soror Aundrea Johnson reported:

- The committee met to discuss the fourth session called “Your Future, You Plan It: Goal Setting, A Vision Board”. This session was led by Soror Shannetta McKinney. The young ladies did an amazing job with their presentations.
- Next session is April 17, 2021 at 1:00 pm via Zoom. The topic is Stay Safe, Stay Smart: Saving Ourselves. The speaker will be our very own Soror Joyce Myrick to discuss sex trafficking.
- Next committee meeting is April 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

**Delta Academy (Upper Dorchester):** Soror Melissa Wright reported:

- The committee met on March 9, 2021 via Zoom to reflect on their previous meeting, prepare for their upcoming meetings and discuss ways celebrate their end of year celebration and the type of gift ideas to give the young ladies.
- Previously the committee agreed to a gift card drawing to increase participation. After much discussion, the committee agreed to discontinue the incentive because they felt that the participants should want to take part in the program.
- March 21, 2021 at 4:00 pm was the Delta Academy meeting. The topic was Financial Management, “Make Your Money Matter. The guest speaker was Tammy Washington de Cencion. She is an author, speaker, and investor who taught the girls the “World Easiest Money Management System” and “Every Dollar Should Have A Purpose”.

- Next meeting is April 18th at 4:00 pm, with Soror Gladys Summers on “Health & Fitness Within the Black Community”.
- Next committee meeting is April 13, 2021.

**Delta GEMS (Summerville):** Soror Lilli H. Wright reported:

- On March 20, 2021, the Delta GEMS had their “Her Story Month Celebration” in which they focused on African American female leaders and inspirational change makers. They had the following guest presenters: Michelle Obama, Misty Copeland, Megan Markle, and Mary Kenner.
- The Committee Chair contacted the parents and during the conversation received positive feedback. She also discovered that “Zoom Fatigue” has set in and the committee was asked to develop some creative solutions to help increase attendance and motivation.
  - Suggestions for the remainder of the year and for the upcoming 2021-2022 year
    - Send a survey to the girls to assess their interest and find out which days and times are better for them to participate on the virtual platform.
    - Each Soror will be assigned a GEM and contact the individual or guardian the week of the meeting to invite the girls to the meeting and to make sure they receive the invite or email as well as confirm their attendance for the meeting.
- The monthly meeting invitations were sent to the GEMS and their parents. The information included details of the May Week Committees request for a headshot and talent showcase.
- Next committee meeting is April 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.
- Next GEMS meeting is scheduled on April 17, 2021 at 2:30 pm.

**Delta GEMS (Upper Dorchester):** Soror Alisa Boyd reported:

- March 21, 2021 at 4:00 pm was the Delta Academy meeting. The topic was Financial Management, “Make Your Money Matter. The guest speaker was Tammy Washington de Cencion. She is an author, speaker, and investor who taught the girls the “World Easiest Money Management System” and “Every Dollar Should Have A Purpose”.
- The April session will focus on College preparation and will be facilitated by former GEMS, Brianna Smalls and Jordan Glover along with Soror Barbara Capers
- Next committee meeting is April 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm via conference call.

**Membership:** Soror Toni Parnell reported:

- The committee discussed the Sisterhood Month activities and made final recommendations. The survey results will be presented at our May meeting.
- Soror Vernida Gaillard-Hill recommended and asked that Sorors to donate Dear Delta Boxes for the Delta Dear Gifts. In addition, she provided the outline for the pre-recorded performances and live portions of the virtual tea in which Sorors discussed women who made significant strides in our Five Point Programmatic Thrust.
- Sorors Joyce Myrick and Jade Howard explained how Kahoot was played, and the devices needed to play.
- The committee also discussed keeping the poetry event relaxed and informal.
- Next meeting is April 20, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

**Nominating:** Soror Val Patrick reported:

- Our Chapter 2020 election resulted in an incomplete Nominating Committee. Therefore, in keeping with our Policy and Procedures a Special Elections will be held in April of a nonelection year. The Committee is seeking to fill the positions with members for the areas of Summerville, North Charleston/Charleston, and Upper Dorchester. An email

was sent to all Sorors that met the criteria set forth in the Chapter's Policies and Procedures.

- The Sorors that answered the call to serve.
  - Charleston/North Charleston Debra Gathers
  - Summerville Lalita Wilson
  - Upper Dorchester Zeddie Boyd
- The duty of this committee is to solicit and receive nominations from chapter members for all elected offices to create a full slate of candidates for the 2022 Chapter elections. The names will be presented at the April chapter meeting for voting.
- We received 12 nomination submissions for the 2020-2021 Soror of The Year. Soror Patrick made a motion to move forward with the top two candidates who received the most nominations for Soror of The Year to be voted upon at the April chapter meeting. Soror Vagella Smalls second the motion.

**25 members present, Votes For: 18, Votes Against: 3 The motion passed.**

**Policies and Procedures:** Soror Pat Smalls reported:

- The proposed amendments have been placed on the Chapter's Website for review and will be voted on during the April Chapter Meeting.

**Protocol:** Soror Vagella Smalls reported:

- Committee plans to discuss Delta songs and the appropriate use of them.

**Scholarship:** Soror Sonja Ogletree Satani reported:

- Committee met on March 24, 2021 to review and score all qualified applications. The results are as follows:
  - **LaVerne Wilson Williams Memorial Scholarship - \$1000.00**  
**Shanell Cunningham** - Ashley Ridge High School – She plans to attend Howard University to major in STEM.
  - **Sandra Fishburn Larry Memorial Scholarship - \$1000.00**  
**TaNyla Clinton** - Woodland High School - She plans to attend Coastal Carolina to majoring in Physical Therapy.
  - **Summerville Alumnae Grant-in-Aid Scholarship - \$500.00**  
**Hailey Kimmel** - Summerville High School – She plans to attend USC to major in Biology.
  - **Summerville Alumnae Scholarship - \$1000.00**  
**Brianna Smalls** - Woodland High School - She plans to attend USC to major in Political Science.
  - **Soror Johnnie Mae Good Mazyck Memorial Scholarship - \$2500.00**  
**Jamie Simmons** - Woodland High School - She plans to attend Claflin University to major in Early Childhood Education
  - **Finer Womanhood Award - \$500.00**  
**Sinaa' Rogers** - Summerville High School – She plans to attend USC to major in Computer Engineering.

**Technology:** Soror Val Patrick reported:

- The committee has successfully continued to support Chapter events and have completed the research/compliance for being able to maintain the technological needs requested. They have also submitted their budget request of \$1500.00 to the Budget Committee and are asking for approval to move forward with the purchase of the computer equipment. The committee was asked to review options and report during next month meeting

- The Technology Committee is requesting that on the 3rd Thursday of the month, please do not plan any meetings or activities to allow the committee to plan and prepare for chapter meetings.
- The virtual ceremonial program was discussed on how to handle technology challenges and the information will be shared with the members and posted on the chapter website in the members only section.
- Next meeting is April 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **Special Elections:** Soror Daphne Walley reported:

- A special election for the members of the Nominating Committee will be held at the April Chapter meeting.
- All financial members registered for this Zoom meeting are eligible to vote. The voting process will begin at the beginning of the Standing Committee Reports. The voting process will close 10 minutes after the voting process begins.
- The Elections Committee Chair will provide instructions on the voting process to members.
  - The candidate names for each cluster will be listed. Once complete, click submit to allow ballot to be counted, once submitted the ballot will no longer be visible.
  - Ballot is anonymous. Other Sorors will not be able to see your vote choices.
  - Sorors will not be able to use a land line telephone to cast their vote. Sorors will need an electronic device (PC, tablet, Smartphone) logged into the Zoom meeting to vote.
- If anyone has problems with the process, please text the problem to Soror Daphne Walley at 843-729-4965 or Soror Erica Parrott at 843-276-4474.
- The Elections committee chair will announce the results of the voting process.

### **May Week:** Soror Kala Goodwine reported:

- May Week Committee met April 1, 2021 via Zoom. The Community Service Award Recipients are as follows:
  - Educational Development – James Weaver, Chairperson, Dorchester School District Two Education Foundation
  - Physical & Mental Health – Roslin J. Fields, Founder and CEO of Youth Empowerment Services (YES) and Dr. Aretha R. Polite-Powers, Chief Executive Officer of Fetter Healthcare, Inc
  - Political Awareness and Involvement – Senator Marlon Kimpson, SC State Senator, District 42
  - There were no nominees received or selected for the Economic Development.
- We will vote on top two candidates at the April chapter meeting. We request technology committee support us and create a poll at the April 20th Chapter meeting.
- Recordings for the May Week program will occur April 9th and 16th at ECPI University located at 7410 Northside Drive, North Charleston, SC 29420, from 4:30pm – 9:00pm. Soror Sonja Ogletree Satani will assist with getting everyone checked in and Soror DaQurta Riley will prepare the video program.
  - All program participants are expected to be present for the recording
  - The young ladies from Delta Academy and Delta GEMS will submit photos to the May Week Committee via email, [summeville.alumnae.may.week@gmail.com](mailto:summeville.alumnae.may.week@gmail.com)).
- The May Week Program will be streamed via zoom as a public program on May 2nd at 4:00 pm. Please plan to invite your family members and friends. The committee is working to make this a great program virtual style. A flyer will be disseminated to the chapter.

**New Business:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

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- Regional Thursday Morning Prayer – April 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 6:30 pm. Call-in#: 515-604-9300 Access Code: 498044
- The 32nd Delta Days at the Nation’s Capital – April 23-25, 2021. Registration is \$50.00.
- Fundraising – The Virtual 5K Walkathon kicks off April 5-10, 2021. A special thanks goes to the 16 Sorors who signed up and the PP&D Committee. Please support this event by donating \$5.00/mile or giving a flat donation of \$25.00 or more.
- Heritage & Archives – Please attend the 33rd Chartering Anniversary Celebration, April 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm via Zoom. A registration link will be emailed. Please make a special effort to attend the presentation.
- PP&D – Please attend the next Lighten Up Tighten Up Sessions with Sorors Tei Summerville and Lillie McKnight on April 22, 2021, this will be the last session for this sorority year. Please invite a Soror. Also, please send your weight loss measurements and pictures to Soror Summerville or Soror McKnight.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Sonja Ogletree Satani, Recording Secretary

**Approved by,**

Patricia B. Smalls, Chapter President