

**Summerville Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Zoom Chapter Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2021**

Call to Order

Chapter President, Soror Patricia B. Smalls, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, Saturday, April 17, 2021. There were 68 members present.

Approval of Agenda

Soror Pam Goodwine Glover move to adopt the agenda and Soror Cynthia Alston Bell second the motion with the following changes:

- Move Nominating Committee to present first at the beginning of the Standing Committee Reports followed by the Elections Committee.
- Remove Technology from Standing Committee Reports

68 members present, Votes For: 53, Votes Against: 0 The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Soror Joyce Myrick move to accept the March 20, 2021 Zoom Chapter Meeting Minutes and Soror Glenda Howard second the motion.

68 members present, Votes For: 59, Votes Against: 0 The motion passed.

Communications

Soror Quantella Rivers Bradley reported:

- Received the monthly bank statements
- Membership dues received from 31 Sorors for the upcoming sorority year
- Received funds for the 5K Virtual Walk
- Thank you cards and electronic thank you messages were received from the following Sorors Loressa & Bianca Flowers, Dot Brown, and Faith Mouzon
- Please check your emails and spam folders for chapter communications being sent through Mail Chimp

CHAPTER OFFICERS' REPORT

President

Soror Patricia B. Smalls reported:

- Welcome to our visiting Sorors and Happy Deltaversary.
- Call to the 55th 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 visit the National Website for upcoming events, webinars, etc.
- A special thanks to the Membership Committee for a job well done during our Sisterhood Month.

Treasurer:

Soror Novia Miller reported as of February 28, 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

Nominating: Soror Faith Mouzon 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. 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.
 - Slate of candidates presented for voting:

▪ Charleston/North Charleston	Debra Gathers
▪ Summerville	Lalita Wilson
▪ Upper Dorchester	Zeddie Boyd
- There were 12 Sorors nominated for the 2021 Delta of the Year. Congratulations to all the nominees! The top two candidates to be voted on during the April Chapter meeting are Sorors Val Patrick and Sonja Ogletree Satani. The winners will be announced on May 2, 2021 at the May Week virtual program at 4:00 pm.

Special Elections: Soror Daphne Walley and Erica Parrot reported:

- A special election for the members of the Nominating Committee will be held at the April Chapter meeting and reminded everyone that you will need a device to be logged into the Zoom meeting. Those on a landline phone will not be able to vote.
- 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 the word submit is clicked, the ballot will no longer be visible.
- Ballots for Delta of the Year will be anonymous. Other Sorors will not be able to see your vote choices and results will not be revealed until the May Week program.
- 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.
- The Elections committee Chair and Co-Chair announced the results of the Nominating Committee:
 - Charleston/North Charleston Debra Gathers
56 Votes Cast, 54 Yes, 0 No
 - Summerville Lalita Wilson
56 Votes Cast, 54 Yes, 0 No
 - Upper Dorchester Zeddie Boyd
56 Votes Cast, 55 Yes, 0 No
- The top two candidates for Delta of the Year (Soror Val Patrick and Sonja Ogletree Satani) were voted on anonymously with 58 votes cast. Results will be announced at the May Week virtual event on May 2, 2021.

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 Sonja Ogletree Satani 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. The vision boards were shared with the chapter members.
- 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 conference call to reflect on their previous meeting, prepare for their upcoming meetings, and discuss the “End of Year” celebration and gift ideas as well as whether or not to continue the gift card drawing for participating in the virtual meeting. All committee members agreed to discontinue the incentive as the committee felt that participants should want to take part in the program.
- On March 21, 2021 at 4:00 pm, the Delta Academy meeting’s session was on Financial Management “Make your Money Matter.” There were 5 girls in attendance and 7 committee members. The guest speaker was Mrs. Tammy Washington de Cencion, who is an author, speaker and investor. She taught the girls the “World’s Easiest Money Management System.” The biggest take away from the session was that “Every Dollar Should Have a Purpose.”
- Next meeting is April 18, 2021 at 4:00 pm, in which the session is “Health & Fitness Within the Black Community”. The speaker is Soror Gladys Summers.
- Next committee meeting is April 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm via conference call.

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

- On March 20, 2021, the Delta GEMS had their “Her Story Month Celebration” that focused on African American female leaders and inspirational change makers. 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 that these participants are tired of being on the computer for long periods of time. So, the committee has been asked to develop some creative solutions to help increase attendance and motivation.
 - The committee made suggestions to improve participation and member engagement with the hopes of serving and supporting the girls during the remainder of the year and for the upcoming 2021-2022 sorority 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 GEMS meeting is scheduled on April 17, 2021 at 2:30 pm.
- Next committee meeting is April 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

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 our former GEMS, Brianna Smalls and Jordan Glover and 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 Gaillard Hill recommended and asked that Sorors 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 be played.
- The committee also discussed keeping the poetry event relaxed and informal.
- Happy Birthday to all the Sorors born in April!
- Next meeting is April 20, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Protocol: Soror Vagella Smalls reported:

- Committee presented the official Delta songs and the appropriate use of them.

Policies and Procedures: Soror Faith Mouzon reported:

- The Policies and Procedures Committee members presented the Proposed Amendments, which can also be viewed on the chapter’s website members only section, for voting.

- Voting on the proposed amendments will take place at the **April** Chapter meeting and shall be approved by **two-thirds (2/3)** vote of members present and voting (for example 80 members voting 53 will be needed to pass)
- Once the chapter approves, the Chapter Rules of Order form and Policies and Procedures shall be submitted to the National Scholarship and Standards (S&S) Committee Regional Member for approval.
- Soror Mouzon move to allow chapter member to vote on proposed amendments and to group them based on grammatical corrections since it does not change the meaning or intention. Soror Hill second the motion.
68 members present, Votes For: 50, Votes Against: 2 The motion passed.
- Soror Mouzon move to accept group amendments in group form. Soror Myrick second the motion.
68 members present, Votes For: 51, Votes Against: 2 The motion passed.
- Soror Mouzon move to accept Proposed Amendment 2. Soror Goodwine Glover second the motion.
68 members present, Votes For: 50, Votes Against: 3 The motion passed.
- Soror Mouzon move to accept Proposed Amendment 3. Soror Hill second the motion.
68 members present, Votes For: 52, Votes Against: 3 The motion passed.
- Soror Mouzon move to accept Proposed Amendment 4. Soror Patrick second the motion.
68 members present, Votes For: 52, Votes Against: 3 The motion passed.
- Soror Mouzon move to accept Proposed Amendment 5. Soror Watson second the motion.
68 members present, Votes For: 46, Votes Against: 8 The motion passed.

Soror Vernida Gaillard Hill move to extend the meeting to complete chapter business. Soror Shawntelle Matney second the motion.

68 members present, Votes For: 44, Votes Against: 1 The motion passed.

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.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

May Week: Soror Kala Goodwine reported:

- May Week Committee met April 1, 2021 via Zoom. The recording took place at ECPI University on April 9th and 16th Soror Riley will edit the videos. 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 announce the top two candidates for Delta of the Year at the May Week event on May 2, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Please register for the event.

New Business: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Happy Deltaversary Sorors!!
- Regional Thursday Morning Prayer – April 22, & 29 at 6:30 pm. Call-in#: 515-604-9300 Access Code: 498044
- Fundraising –A special thanks goes to the 16 Sorors who signed up and the PP&D Committee. Please turn in all monies and forms by April 19th at Williams Tax office from 5:30-6:30 pm. The committee will have a photo shoot on April 25th at 4:00 pm in Hutchinson Square. Please wear white Delta shirt, black pants, and sneakers.
- Heritage & Archives – Please attend the 33rd Chartering Anniversary Celebration, April 24, 2021 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.
- Delta Academy Summerville invites you to attend –April 17, 2021 at 1:00 pm
- Summerville GEMS Meeting – April 17, 2021 at 2:30 pm
- Social Action - Delta Days at the Nation’s Capital is April 23-25, 2021. Advocacy Day is Monday, April 26, 2021. Please dress in red and wear your Delta scarf or pin. Please take a photo and post it on social media using #DDNC2021, #GettingInGoodTrouble

Soror Erica Parrot moved to adjourn the meeting and Soror Alexandria Watson second the motion.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Ogletree Satani, Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Patricia B. Smalls, Chapter President