

Baltimore County Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 18, 2017
Randallstown Community Center

I. Formal Opening

- A. The chapter meeting began at 10:00 AM by Soror President Keitha Robinson. A quorum was present at 10:41AM.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. The agenda was amended to reflect that the Donations, Delta Academy and Amenities Committees will not be reporting at today's meeting.
- B. The agenda was adopted as amended by unanimous consent.

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. The January 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed by chapter members. Soror President provided the following corrections to the January minutes: **V. Officers' Reports, Section A, #3**, was corrected to read....**Catherine** Pugh, **Adrienne** Jones and **#4**, Soror Kim **DeLaine**; **G. Ritual and Ceremonies, #2** was corrected by deleting **or symbols**; and **IX. For the Good of the Chapter, E.** was corrected to read... Soror **Jennell** Ferguson, and **F. Soror Robin** Jacobs
- B. The minutes were approved as corrected by unanimous consent.

IV. Correspondence, Soror Cynthia Jordan

- A. Baltimore Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter (BMAC) sent a card expressing their condolences to the chapter.
- B. Soror Adrienne Dickerson sent a note of thanks for all the prayers, calls, thoughts and texts during her recuperation.
- C. Children of Zion, Inc. sent correspondence thanking BCAC for our support.
- D. BMAC will host their 104th Founders Day Celebration on Sunday, March 12, 2017. The event will be held at the Forum. Theme: Uncompromising Commitment to Communities.
- E. House of Delegates Official Citation to BCAC of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated in recognition of celebrating 104 years of Excellence to Service of the Baltimore County community.

V. Officers' Reports

- A. President - Soror President Keitha Robinson
 - 1. Soror Robinson welcomed all Sorors and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Soror Robinson also shared a poem with the chapter.
 - 2. Please continue to pray for Soror Gloria Marrow, Soror Adrienne Dickerson, Soror Mabel Lake Murray, Soror Wendy Rose, Soror Brenda Lane Oliver, Soror Monique Cephas, Soror Zena Penn, Soror Jean Dennis, and the family of Soror Jeri Reid.
 - 3. Soror President attended the Washington Area Wide Founders Day program and the BCAC fellowship at Bar Louie's.

4. Soror Robinson participated in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) conference call regarding service area and membership with the other Baltimore chapters.
5. Collection for Soror Reid's repast will occur today.
6. Special thanks to the chapter for your prayers and support during this time of loss.
7. Soror President reminded the chapter of the needs of the families from the Glen Michael Apartments fire.

B. Financial Officers

1. Financial Secretary – Soror Kathy Boykins, Financial Secretary
 - a. Soror Boykins presented the January 2017 chapter income.
 - b. There were 201 financial Sorors in the chapter for 2016 – 2017 for the month of January.
 - c. Soror Boykins reminded members of what criteria is considered when determining whether a Soror is considered financial.
 - d. Currently accepting payments for dues and also accepting installment payments. Final payments must be made by the March 18, 2017 chapter meeting. Dues may also be mailed to the chapter P.O. Box.
2. Treasurer – Soror Tanisha Pryce, Treasurer
 - a. Soror Pryce presented the chapter budget and finances for the month of January 2017.
 - b. Soror Pryce referenced the current low balance in our Public Service account. She advised that BCAC is currently working with DREF to receive our funds. We have been unable to draw down the Baltimore County Department of Planning Grant funds. Both Soror President and Soror Pryce advised that there is a new process in place. BCAC has not submitted all necessary forms. Soror Deborah Peaks Coleman is assisting with resolving this matter. The salary for our employee will be met by funds received today.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Fundraising - Soror Monique Cephas, chairperson

1. The Fundraising Committee is proposing several fundraisers to assist the chapter in meeting its public service and scholarship obligations. The goal is to raise at least \$6,000 by May 2017.
 - a. Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night – will allow us the opportunity to fundraise based on sales (up to \$299 = 10% of sales, up to \$499 = 15% of sales, \$500 or more = 20% of sales). Seeking to use the Catonsville location and will pursue both the White Marsh and Dundalk stores.
 - b. Raffle Item from Wendy's Boutique – an anonymous Soror has donated items from Wendy's Boutique to raffle off at upcoming chapter meetings. Raffle tickets would be \$2 each or 3 for \$5.
 - c. Hotel Voucher for one night stay and complimentary breakfast at BWI Marriott. Raffle tickets would be \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

- d. Line Dancing or Zumba Night – partner with Physical and Mental Health committee to sponsor a line dance or Zumba night and charge an entrance fee of \$5.
- e. Mother's Day Bazaar – Please see Soror Cephas after today's meeting if you are interested in helping to draft a proposal for this event to present to the chapter next month.

Motion: On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, Soror Cephas moved that BCAC raffle the donated items from Wendy's boutique during the months of March, April and May. Tickets for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. No Discussion.

Motion carried.

Motion: On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, Soror Cephas moved that BCAC raffle the voucher for 1 night stay and complimentary breakfast at the BWI Marriott. Tickets for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. No Discussion. **Motion carried.**

B. Fundraising, Beau Co – Soror Monique Cephas on behalf of Soror JoVonne Day-Miles

- 1. Soror Cephas advised that the chapter's involvement will be needed this year in all areas. The committee would like to start planning for the Ball in March. An official detailed report will be made to the chapter next month.
- 2. Soror President advised that we suffered a loss of about \$5600 from this year's Beau Co. Stipends still need to be paid to the students.

C. Fundraising, Crab Feast – Soror Monique Cephas on behalf of Soror Zena Penn

- 1. Tickets for the Crab Feast and raffle tickets are now available for pick up.

D. Heritage and Archives – Soror Stephanie Ennels, chairperson

- 1. Soror Ennels advised that there are 30 Founders Day tickets left. Tickets are \$60 and will be available today for purchase.
- 2. The Founders Day Celebration will be on next Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the Radisson at Cross Keys in Baltimore. The event will be held from 11am to 2pm. Sorors are asked to wear red. The event will focus on a Celebration of Words, Images, Movement and Sound (WIMS). Sorors will provide dance, music, and song. Soror Karen Bethea will serve as the guest speaker.
- 3. The Chapter Rededication ceremony will be held next Friday, February 24, 2017 at Milford Mill Academy. The ceremony will begin at 6:30p.m. Please arrive early in order to be seated. Sorors are reminded to wear all black no pants. Our 16th National President, Soror Thelma Daley will attend and participate in the ceremony. A repast will follow.

E. International Awareness and Involvement, Soror Anissa Brown, co-chair

- 1. Thanks to Sorors for helping the International Awareness and Involvement (IAI) Committee educate both our international and local communities about Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Special thanks to Soror Tujuana Hinton

for purchasing additional door hangers which will assist us with our educational efforts on the Eastside of Baltimore County. An email to assemble an Eastside BCAC Street Team is forthcoming.

2. On Wednesday, March 1, 2017 from 5pm – 8pm, IAI will host a Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night in Parkville. The store is located at 2008 East Joppa Road. Twenty percent of sales will be given to the Baltimore County Delta Foundation (BCDF) to support the BCAC Water Project. Please support the committee and this event by distributing the flyer and coming out on March 1st.
3. IAI Committee Members will be present at upcoming Chapter meetings through March to collect final BCAC Water Project donations.

F. Membership Services – Soror Stacy Mitchell-Brown, Chair and Soror Kim Brown, Chair, Reclamation/Sisterly Yours

1. There were no visitors today.
2. BCAC Sisterhood Retreat (3/31/17 – 4/2/17)
 - a. \$40 retreat registration fee. Remaining collection dates are 3/8/17 and 3/18/17.
 - b. Hotel rooms are \$129. Deadline for reserving your room is 3/18/17.
 - c. Retreat will offer a variety of activities including a welcome dinner, carnival game night, DID workshop and Ecumenical Service
 - d. Transportation is being considered through ZBestWorldwide Transportation. They offer a 37 passenger mini bus. The cost would be \$25 per person. Please contact Soror Kim Brown if you are interested in riding the bus. A sign-up sheet is being distributed today. The bus will leave from the Randallstown Community Center (RCC) no later than 4pm on Friday, March 31, 2017. RCC has given approval for Sorors to park at the Center as long as we park towards the back of the lot.
 - e. Results from the Real Talk event will be revealed in detail at the retreat. Soror Mabel Lake Murray did offer preliminarily the following details:
 - 90 surveys distributed, 30 received back, not all completed
 - 50 words described things you like to do in Delta or for Delta
 - 20 items to discuss
3. March is Sisterhood Month. Our public service activity will be on Friday, March 10th at the Maryland Food Bank, 1-4pm. They can accommodate up to 30 participants. The sign-up sheet is being circulated today.
4. Chapter pictures are available for pick up today.
5. Other BCAC Sisterhood Month Activities:
 - a. Arts and Letters, IAI, Political Awareness and Involvement and other committees will be announcing upcoming Sisterhood Month events.
 - b. Chapter worship and fellowship service at Morningstar Baptist Church, 154 Winters Lane, Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 9am.
 - c. “Represent (Rep) Your Line Day” at March Chapter meeting.
 - d. Sisterhood National Day of Prayer on March 15, 2017
 - e. Secret Sister Activity

- G. Ritual and Ceremonies, Soror Darlean Williams, chairperson
1. Soror Gloria G. Mason reviewed the Omega Omega Service with chapter members. She advised that there are some new additions and procedures to what is currently in the Ritual.
 2. A brief presentation was provided.
 3. The chapter participated in a true or false quiz conducted by Soror Darlean Williams.

VII. New Business

- A. Chapter members were reminded of the following important events: **Delta Days in Annapolis**, March 23, 2017. Deadline for registration is March 2, 2017. Registration fee is \$60 with the bus, \$40 without. All checks should be made payable to BCAC. It is important for us to make a good showing in Annapolis; **Delta Days in the Nation's Capitol**, March 4 – 7, 2017; and **Delta Days in United Nations**, March 24th, Registration is \$100.
- B. Our Eastern Regional Director, Soror Rosia Blackwell, has been sanctioned by the National President for the remaining of this Sorority year. We have no details as to the cause. We are expected to continue on business as usual. We will submit documentation or notifications to our National First Vice President, Soror Beverly Evans Smith. The Regional Director will resume her duties on July 1, 2017.
- C. The 2017-2019 National State of Candidates – Please read candidate emails coming in from the National Headquarters. The Chapter will caucus prior to going to the National Convention.

VIII. For the Good of the Chapter

- A. Soror Gloria Marrow suggested that committee members get a certificate of participation for their service at the end of the Sorority year.
- B. Inactive Sorors may participate in the retreat.
- C. Soror Janice Bowie announced fur sale at Mano Swartz (flyers)
- D. Soror Valerie Richardson announced that the Epworth Deltas will be hosting the Soul Café at Epworth United Methodist Chapel, tomorrow, Feb. 19th at 9:30am. Please join us.
- E. Please be advised that Israel Baptist Church has two locations. The Omega Omega ceremony for Soror Reid will be in the new building located on Washington and Preston Street.
- F. Soror Regina Clark lost her uncle, please reach out to her.
- G. Soror Mona Lisa Williamson will participate in the Avon 39 Breast Cancer Walk and would like to have the names of those survivors or deceased who have battled this disease, so that she can represent them in the walk. Please go on the organization website to make donations. The walk is on May 6th and 7th. She would greatly appreciate your support.
- H. Indivisible participation, Soror Danyell Smith.
- I. Soror Stacey Mitchell Brown will participate in a call regarding HBCU vs. University MD and other predominately white institutions concerning duplicating programs in order to recruit African- American students from HBCUs. For more information, please follow up with Soror Mitchell-Brown. Support is needed towards this effort. Seeking HBCU Alumnae support. Plans are underway for a HBCU night in Annapolis.

- J. An interesting recent article is out about Kurt Schmoke, President of University of Baltimore.
 - K. There is a Bill to award 1 billion to HBCUs pending. We need to support getting this appropriated.
 - L. There are 18 tickets left for the BCAC Founders Day Celebration.
 - M. Soror Christina Fitts announced that the MBE is hosting a breakfast this Thursday, February, 23, 2017, at Pepco Gallery in Washington, D.C.
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- IX. February birthdays were acknowledged and celebrated.
 - X. Soror Phyllis King won the raffle prize today.
 - XI. The chapter prepared for closing and the meeting adjourned at 12:10pm due to no objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Y. Watkins

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BCAC Recording Secretary 2016 – 2018