

Baltimore County Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 20, 2017
Randallstown Community Center

I. Formal Opening

- A. The chapter meeting began at 10:15 AM by Soror First Vice President Stacey Mitchell-Brown. A quorum was present at 10:46 AM.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. The agenda was amended to reflect that there will be no report from the Outreach Committee today.
- B. The agenda was adopted as amended by unanimous consent.

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. The April 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed by chapter members.
- B. There were no corrections.
- C. The minutes were approved as amended by unanimous consent.

IV. Correspondence, Soror Tracy Watkins on behalf of Soror Cynthia Jordan

- A. Soror Lillie Hawkins sent a thank you note to the chapter.
- B. Honorable Julian E. Jones offers congratulations to BCAC as they celebrate the 104th anniversary of the Sorority's founding and Founders Day celebration.

V. Officers' Reports

- A. President - Soror First Vice President Stacey Mitchell-Brown
 - 1. Please let us keep Soror Robinson in prayer as she travels to Trinidad due to the passing of her grandmother.
 - 2. Please keep in prayer Soror Avis Payne, Soror Donnell Phillips, Soror Lucille Perry, and Soror Sheila Bennett.
 - 3. This may be a long meeting as there is much that needs to be accomplished today. Please be mindful of your questions, comments, etc.
 - 4. Highlights from the President's Report - Soror Robinson attended and/or participated in the following events for the month of April: Chapter Retreat, Budget & Finance Meeting, Omega Omega Soror Nancy Mitchell Solomon, Links Empowered Women's Leadership Luncheon, Risk Management Chair and Delta GEMS Chair meeting, Treasurer Meeting, Conference call with National President, April Chapter Meeting, PPD Tool Refresher meeting, Risk Management Training Webinar, Brunch DeSTined 4 Nine Anniversary, Danyell & Carl Smith 20th Renewal of Vows, Cool Out Cook Out planning conference call Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz dinner, Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Public Meeting, and EMBODI Symposium.

B. Financial Officers

1. Financial Secretary – Soror Kathy Boykins
 - a. Soror Boykins presented the April 2017 monthly income.
 - b. There were 204 financial Sorors in the chapter in 2016 - 2017 for the month of April.
 - c. Soror Boykins discussed the criteria for when a Soror is considered financial.
 - d. Dues paid today will need to pay a \$5 late fee; after June 30th a late fee and reinstatement fee is required. This does not include Diamond Life or Golden Life members.
 - e. Breakdowns of dues were explained.
2. Treasurer – Soror Tanisha Pryce, Treasurer
 - a. Soror Pryce presented the chapter budget and finances for the month of April 2017.
 - b. Soror Pryce provided a Budget and Finance Committee report outlining the status of the following BCAC funds:
 - Status of Receipt of Baltimore County Dept. of Planning Grant Funds from DREF
 - International Awareness and Involvement – Water Fund
 - Donation to DREF in memory of Jerilynn Reid
 - c. On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Soror Pryce presented a proposed budget for the 2017-18 Sorority year for both chapter management and public service. She advised that the proposed budget was based on 189 paid Sorors, to date there are 156 Sorors who have paid dues for the 2017-18 Sorority year.
 - c.i. Several questions were posed regarding why line items were cut or reduced. Soror Pryce provided justifications and rationale as to why items were cut. She also advised that budget information is provided by committee chairs and consideration of trends from previous chairs. Other questions were posed regarding specific committee budgets and expenses. Sorors were reminded that there are certain activities and events that are required.
 - c.ii. Suggestions for modifying the report to be clearer were made.
 - c.iii. Concern was expressed about where the additional needed funds would come from, especially for public service.
 - c.iv. Discussion ensued regarding the outreach center expenses, pending grants, the future and viability of Beau Co and the over taxing of the BCAC membership and the need for a third larger fundraiser.

Motion: Soror Pryce moved that on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Chapter approve the proposed 2017-18 chapter management budget based on 189 Sorors. Vote yielded: 50 in favor, 5 opposed. **Motion Carries.**

Motion: Soror Pryce moved on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Chapter approve the proposed 2017-18 public service budget. Vote yielded: 48 in favor, 8 opposed. **Motion carries.**

VI. Committee Reports

A. Fundraising - Soror Monique Cephas, chairperson

1. Soror Cephas reminded those who aren't coming to crab feast to please support the event.
2. She provided a reminder regarding the competition for the Sorors that sell the most raffle tickets.
3. Chapter Repast will be held at Glory Days on June 10, 2017 after chapter meeting from 2pm – 6pm. Please invite family and friends. BCAC will get 10% of total sells.
4. Chipotle offers a fundraising opportunity where the Chapter can get 50% of proceeds on an assigned date and time frame. The proposed date is Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at the Pikesville location from 5pm-9pm.
5. Reminder that there will be a raffle for another shawl from Wendy's Boutique today and hotel overnight and free breakfast raffle also available.
6. **Motion:** On behalf of the fundraising committee, Soror Cephas moved that BCAC host a spirit night at the Pikesville Chipotle on Wednesday, May 31, 2017. There was no discussion. Vote yielded majority in favor. **Motion carries.**

B. Fundraising, Crab Feast – Soror Zena Penn, chairperson

1. Soror Penn advised that the last date to turn in unsold tickets has been moved to Saturday, June 10, 2017.
2. As of April, 1141 crab feast tickets have been distributed.
3. Donations for the basket of cheer are needed. The committee received \$122 in monetary donations during the last chapter meeting.
4. Delegate Jay Jalisi has made a donation in the amount of \$200, which will be used to cover the price of the Beats headphones.
5. We are still receiving deposits from vendors, etc.
6. Please share the Crab Feast event information on social media.
7. The Crab Feast is July 21, 2017 at Martin's West from 8pm-1am.

C. Fundraising – Beau Co – Soror Maria McClung, chairperson

1. Soror McClung introduced committee members for the Seniors and Juniors.
2. The committee is seeking volunteers to sign up.
3. The committee's goal is \$10,000 profit this year.
4. Please help identify and secure debs and beaus. Participants can be seniors and juniors in high school or a freshman in college.
5. The committee is developing a partnership with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in identifying and securing beaus. The Kappas will help mentor and sponsor. Please support upcoming activities.
6. Search for a venue has begun. BWI Airport Marriott and other locations are being considered. Once all information has been gathered, the committee will do a comparison.

7. The Splash Party is already confirmed for this year. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.
8. The Beau Co information session will be held on June 11, 2017 at 2:30pm, at Milford Mill Academy.
9. Dr. Tucker has confirmed to be our choreographer and David's Bridal has also confirmed. Other activities being considered include a fashion show and the La France Muldrow Tea.
10. Corporate sponsorship letters have been revised. Soror Singletary asked for any suggestions for which the letters should be sent.
11. The question was posed if the chapter will consider cancelling the event if we don't reach our proposed goal.
12. Committee would like the contact information of anyone willing to join the committee.

D. Membership Services – Soror Kim Brown, chairperson

1. There were four visiting Sorors today: Soror Gabrielle McClung (Epsilon Alpha); Soror Lolamae Russell (BCAC); Soror Tessie Waters (Omicron Epsilon); and Soror Robin Hunter (Pi Rho).
2. The committee is currently putting together information for the Chapter to review regarding the National slate. You should have received an email earlier in the week encouraging you to access the Campaign Corner link on the National website. We will review the candidates and decide as a chapter what candidates we will support at the Convention.
3. Plans are underway to secure a hospitality suite in Las Vegas for the National Convention.
4. The Glory Days Grill in Towson will be the location for the June Repast.
5. BCAC and Theta Mu Mu will host the Cool Out Cook Out on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Patapsco State Park. There is a \$2 per person entry fee into the park.
6. BCAC will provide side dishes and Theta Mu Mu will provide the meats.

E. Physical and Mental Health, Soror Stephannie Solomon, Co-Chair

1. The committee will collaborate with the Baltimore County Delta Foundation (BCDF) 5K/10k walk/run fundraiser. The event will take place on Saturday, June 3, 2017. The cost is \$30. The event will raise funds to assist military and veteran women and their families who are currently participating in reintegration, rehabilitation, education or housing programs in the greater Baltimore area. Please log onto BCDF's website for more details.
2. The committee is also considering volunteering with the Memory and Aging Community Advisory Board (MACAB) on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 8:30am – 12noon at the Randallstown Community Center. MACAB will host a Holistic Health Seminar. Sorors are encouraged to volunteer with hosting, registration and other areas.
3. The committee is still collecting old or unused cell phones. The final collection will be at the next chapter meeting. The phones will be used for medical workers in rural regions of Latin America, Africa and Asia.

F. Ritual and Ceremonies, Soror Darlean Williams, chairperson

1. Soror Williams made a presentation regarding appropriate attire, etiquette, and procedures for the National Convention.
2. She also acknowledged and thanked her committee for their work this year.

G. Scholarship, Soror Sheila Bennett on behalf of Soror Stacey Mitchell-Brown, chairperson

1. The BCAC Scholarship application deadline was extended to April 22, 2107. Thirty one applications were received. The committee reviewed the applications and has narrowed down the remaining applications to three proposed awardees for the Memorial scholarship and one proposed awardee for the LEAD scholarship.
2. Soror Bennett provided the names of the proposed scholarship awardees for both the Memorial and LEAD scholarships, as well as their high schools and their schools of acceptance.
3. Soror Mitchell-Brown intervened to advise that she had just received additional information regarding the eligibility of one of the memorial scholarship awardees as it relates to her mother being a “member” or “financial member” of the chapter. Additional information is being sought from the Scholarship and Standards committee.
4. As such, the remainder of the report and any recommendations will be tabled until the Executive Board meeting.

H. Risk Management, Soror Linda Miller, chairperson

1. Soror Miller advised that she participated in a conference call with the Regional Risk Management committee.
2. Each chapter will now be responsible for their own Risk Management training. As such BCAC will provide an orientation on June 15, 2017. The committee will conduct a workshop for Beau Co, Outreach Center and Delta Academy to prepare for upcoming events this summer. All records will be forwarded to the Regional and National representatives.
3. Future workshops will be held on September 23, 2017.
4. Chapter members requested that the June training is able to accommodate all that would like to participate in the training.
5. Soror Miller will follow up with Soror President regarding this request.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. 53rd National Convention

Please provide your information to the Membership Services committee if you are planning to attend the National Convention.

B. 2017-2019 Slate of Candidates

You have been receiving emails from the National candidates. Please do your due diligence and review the emails. Look at the Candidates Corner link. We will need to know how the majority would like for the President to vote at the Convention. This item will be on the agenda in June.

VIII. New Business

- A. 108th National Convention of the NAACP – (July 22-26, 2017) will be held in Baltimore. Invitation to attend the Women in NAACP (WIN) Empowerment Brunch Summit on July 23rd. The cost is \$50 per person. Theme: Empowering

Women and Girls in Today's Society. Soror Thelma Daley, National Director WIN, has extended an invitation to identify young persons to attend as her personal guest. Delta Academy has already identified two persons to attend.

- B. Regional Pin & Scarf – The Regional Pin (\$5) and Scarf (\$25) are available for purchase. The deadline to make your purchase is June 15, 2017.
- C. Summer Reunion – The Eastern Region will host a Summer Reunion on July 8, 2017 at the Prince George's County Community College. The event will provide regional meetings, workshops, guest speakers, and the return of our Eastern Region Director. The cost of the event is \$20. This includes breakfast and lunch. An inquiry was made as to whether your participation was linked to if you were planning to attend the National Convention this year. Clarification will be sought regarding this requirement.
- D. Ambassador Susan Johnson Cook – Honorary Soror Susan Johnson Cook will be the Women's Day Guest Speaker at Union Baptist Church, 1219 Druid Hill Avenue, tomorrow, May 21, 2017 at 11a.m. All are invited to attend.

IX. For the Good of the Chapter

- A. Soror Marietta English chairs the NAACP ACTSO Program, which highlights talented African-American students from Baltimore County. Five persons from the Baltimore County branch will be competing at the National level. The competition will be on Friday, July 20, 2017. We hope to get five gold medalists! Soror Tyler Howse reiterated the support of the NAACP ACTSO Program.
- B. Soror Joanne Graham received an opportunity to showcase her artwork at the River Gallery in Annapolis. Please come down and review her artwork.
- C. Soror LaTasha Peele thanked all those who came out to support the Man Up Symposium.
- D. Soror Maria McClung recommended that the scholarship committee make presentations to the awardees at their respective schools.
- E. Soror Michelle Davis is requesting prayer for her son who is headed to Ghana for six weeks.
- F. Soror Phyllis Stone thanks the Chapter for the prayers and support during her recovery. She is going to donate \$200 to the chapter to be used as the chapter determines.
- G. Soror Wanda Heard made a WIMS announcement. The event will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Deer Park Middle Magnet School.
- H. Soror Robin Huger thanks the Chapter for support during her knee replacement recovery.
- I. Soror Johnson-Redder seeks a "crafty" Soror to assist her in replenishing the Chapter paddles. Please follow up with her if you are interested.
- J. Former Debutante Starr Clark, Epsilon Delta, Temple University has recently been nominated chapter president.
- K. Soror Briscoe's daughter was recently was inducted in the Sorority.

X. May birthdays were acknowledged and celebrated.

- XI. Soror Sharon Gamble won the chapter raffle prize today. Soror Carol Rodgers won the item from the fundraiser raffle today.
- XII. Due to no objection and unanimous consent, the chapter prepared for closing and the meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Y. Watkins

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