

VALLEJO ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC  
MINUTES OF THE **EXECUTIVE BOARD** MEETING  
HELD  
**November 24, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm via Zoom

Sorors in Attendance: D. Morris, K. Kizziee, T. Thompson, Cheryl Ford, S. Kiel, D. Carter, V. Roberts Gray, M. Carter-Burton, B. Mitchell, V. Pilate, V. Carpenter, L. Lee, R. Louissaint, A. Spencer-Brown, M. Upton, M. Byrd, D. Doster, A. Ellis-Lackey, G. Patrick, D. Williams

Prayer – Soror Louissaint

Adoption of agenda:

- Motion: Louissaint/Carpenter -- Approved

Adoption of October Executive Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Thompson/Spencer Brown -- Approved

Correspondance – Soror Carter

- Thank You card from Soror Sadania Gibbons thanking the chapter for the card.
- Thank You card from Semira Gibbons, thanking the chapter for her scholarship and acknowledging the many chapter members that have poured into her life. Please keep Semira Gibbons in prayer, as she is currently in isolation at school; she is not ill, just a precaution by Prairie View A & M
- Soror Gibbons father has been ill and requires our immediate prayers.
- Two bank statements for the month of October were received: Operating and Public Service. The statements were disbursed to Soror President and the Treasurer.

**Action Items:**

- Food Drive to support Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano on Dec. 12, 2020 in conjunction with Solano Valley Alumnae Chapter
- Virtual Sisterhood Holiday Celebration on Dec. 12, 2020 at 3pm
- MLK Day of Service on Jan. 9, 2021 “Adopt an Area” clean up at the Vallejo Marina
- Chapter meeting January 2nd or January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Solano County Foster Parent Association – donate \$200 from Public Service Acct.

**Q1 Audit Report** – Soror Louissaint

- The Chapter has satisfactory financial internal controls, and the review supports the utilization of the controls

### **Treasurers Report** – Soror Pilate

- Operating – \$18,622.20
- Public Service – \$24,338.95

### **Financial Secretary** - Soror Wallace

- Operating – \$185.00
- Public Service – \$NO Activity

### **ERT Committee Report** – Soror Cheryl Ford

- Purchase plastic RED envelopes and provide ERT cards for all Sorors. And Mail or deliver ERT cards to Sorors
- Develop “Contact Tree” in conjunction with Membership Committee
- Begin to work on completing ERT plan
- Develop list of Sorors who are trained in CPR, AED, and First Aid

### **Social Action** – Soror Carpenter

- World AIDS Day – December 1<sup>st</sup>. Post to social media with us wearing our red ribbons (ribbons have been received and will be delivered to chapter president)
- Send email to social action committee about “Saving our black women” webinar with Foothill Alumnae Chapter
- Partnership with Solano Valley Alumnae Chapter for food drive on December 12<sup>th</sup>. In-person food drive from 10 am – Noon
- Delta Days at City Hall in Vallejo. Conduct after DDNC. Virtual Conference. More details to follow
- Partnership with Friendship Baptist Church for clothes closet
- Disabled American Veterans will pick up household items and donations

### **Arts and Letters Report** -

- Hosted a virtual Delta Reads Book Club discussion group for the book, “Midlife Crisis” on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> with the Author Soror LaJill Hunt
- Currently reading the sequel “Imitation of Wife”. The next Book club discussion will be on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm
- Farwest Region Arts and Letters has invited Sorors to a Delta Reads Book Club discussion of the book, “The Hand She Played” by Soror Sheryl Mallory-Johnson on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. The details are in the Farwest e-News Flash

### **Empowerment** - Soror Roberts-Gray

- Empowerment Committee received information from Kaiser Permanente (KP) about requirements for VAC to maintain its grant approved by KP in February 2020.
  - Empowerment Committee received \$7k grant for Empowerment. Due to COVID-19, Soror Roberts-Gray had conversation with KP, and they will grant extension through first quarter of 2021

- The Empowerment Committee will meet prior to December to flush out proposal to present to KP before year's end. The previous Empowerment Committee had rough plans in place for how we would proceed with a virtual Empowerment Conference. Focus based on previous proposal will be on Mental Health
- The Empowerment Committee also had been in touch with Fighting Black Partnership which also has committed funding through this year's conference. More details to follow.

#### **Hospitality** – Soror Carter Burton

- Prayers Requested for: Soror Sadania Gibbons & family and for her father who is ill. Mailed a card of encouragement/ prayer support
- Acknowledgement of Anniversary and Birthdays for Sorors will take place at chapter mtg for the following sorors (spouses) o
  - Happy Anniversary Soror(s) • Dela Morris (Hank) - 12/31
  - Happy Deltaversary to Soror(s): • Deloris Parker Doster - Dec/67 (53 years)
  - Happy Birthday to Soror(s): • Kam Gardner - 12/7 • Deloris Doster - 12/8 • Sadania Gibbons -12/14 • Marji Burton - 12/16 • Barbara Mitchell - 12/21
  - All Sorors will receive cards as appropriate on behalf of the Chapter.
- We have 3 Ministers in our Chapter: Soror Dyson, Soror Natalya Johnson & Soror Ramson-Clark

#### **Membership** – Soror Kizziee

- Monthly Sisterhood Quote
- Continue to explore Wellness Connection ideas
- Working in conjunction with ERT to develop Emergency Telephone Contact Tree
- Possible Virtual Sisterhood Holiday celebration on 12/12 in conjunction with Arts & Letters
  - See Proposal

#### **MIT Process** – Soror Morris

- MIT Timeline & process reviewed

#### **President's Updates** – Soror Morris

- Founders Day 2021 – Hosted by SVAC January 22-23, 2021
- Registration - \$30.00 - Registration is filling up fast. Please register ASAP, if you plan to attend
- Delta Dears event on Dec. 4, 2020
- National Founder's Day, January 16<sup>th</sup>
- Virtual Delta Days, April 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Committee Reports for Executive Board are due – 3rd Monday of every month
- Executive Board, December 23rd @ 6:30 p.m.
- Committee Slide Presentations/Announcements for the December meeting are due - Tuesday, December 29th

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 pm**

*Respectfully submitted by: Cheryl Ford, Recording Secretary*