

VALLEJO ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC  
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING  
HELD

**December 5, 2020**

**Opening**

Chapter President, Dela Morris, called the Vallejo Alumnae Chapter meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. on Saturday December 5, 2020 via ZOOM (virtual platform). A quorum was present for the transaction of business. 35 Sorors present

**Adoption of Agenda**

Agenda adopted with NO additions

- Motion: Doster/Spencer Brown
  - Passed

**ACTION ITEM:**

- Membership Intake for 2020/2021 Chapter Year
  - Motion: Thompson/Kiel
  - Motion did **NOT PASS** 16/14 (2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote needed to pass)
- Food Drive in conjunction with SVA on Dec. 12, 2020, 9a -1pm
  - Motion: Pilate/Kizziee
  - Motion passed
- Virtual Sisterhood Holiday Celebration on December 12, 2020 3-5pm
  - Motion: Mitchell/Roberts Gray
  - Motion passed
- January Chapter Meeting on January 9, 2021
  - Motion: Thompson/Cheryl Ford
  - Motion passed
- MLK Service Project on January 9, 2021 1-3pm
  - Motion: Carpenter/Louissaint
  - Motion passed
- Donate \$200 to Solano County Foster Parent Association from Public Service Account
  - Motion: Moore Hackney/Carter
  - Motion passed

**November Chapter Meeting Minutes**

- Motion: Wallace/Spencer Brown
- Minutes accepted

**Welcome New & Visiting Sorors – Soror Kizziee**

- Soror Rhona Smith

### **Correspondence – 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
- Two bank statements for the month of October were received; Operating and Public Service. The statements were disbursed to Soror President and the Treasurer.

### **Q1 Audit Report - Soror Louissaint**

- After review, it has been determined that the chapter has satisfactory financial internal controls, and the review does support the utilization of these controls
- The Audit committee recommends that the Treasurer complete the monthly AFR to provide ease when completing the 990 at the end of the audit year

### **OFFICERS and COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer's Report - Soror Pilate**

(Exhibit #1)

| Month         | Public Service Account Balance | Operating Account Balance |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| November 2020 | \$ 20,388.95                   | \$ 18,766.02              |

- PayPal Merchant Fees: will be passed along to sorors when paying membership dues. Flat Fee/soror of \$12.00
- Discontinue use of Zelle – immediately
- New Budget Request Form – to be used to request budget adjustments throughout the year

#### **Financial Secretary Report – Soror Wallace**

(Exhibit 2)

| Month         | Public Service Total | Operating Total |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| November 2020 | \$ 150.00            | \$ 686.92       |

### **Membership Intake Vote – Soror Morris**

- Viewed Video & discussion
- Motion to: Move forward with MIT for 2020/2021 Chapter Year
  - Thompson/Kiel
  - YES = 16      NO = 14
  - 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Vote needed to pass which is 21
  - **Motion DID NOT carry**

### **ERT – Soror Cheryl Ford**

- Purchased plastic RED envelopes and provide ERT cards for all Sorors
- Mail or deliver ERT cards to Sorors in January
- 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
- Safety during the Holidays flyer presented

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

- World AIDS Day – December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Red ribbons were either mailed or delivered to the homes of sorors
- Partnership with Solano Valley Alumnae Chapter for food drive on December 12<sup>th</sup>
  - In-person food drive from 10 am – Noon
- Motion: Pilate/Kizziee
  - Motion passed
- Committee recommends sending postcards to people in Georgia Senate run-off race on January 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Social Action will provide the postcards
  - Goal – each soror will be asked to send 10 postcards
- Delta Days at City Hall in Vallejo
  - Conduct after DDNC
  - Virtual Conference
  - More details to follow

### **Arts & Letters - Soror Roberts-Gray**

- VAC Delta Reads Book Club – Book: “Imitation of Wife” by Soror La Jill Hunt.
  - The **next** Book Club meeting is Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the book
- 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, KP will grant extension through first quarter of 2021

- The Empowerment Committee will meet to prepare a proposal to present to KP before the end of the year.
- The previous Empowerment Committee had drafted a proposal for a virtual Empowerment Conference.
- The conference theme would center around 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**

- Birthdays: Kam Gardner, Deloris Doster, Sadania Gibbons, Marji Burton, Barbara Mitchell
- Anniversary: Dela Morris (Hank)
- Deltaversary: Deloris Parker Doster – 53 years

### **Membership – Soror Kizziee**

- December Sisterhood Quote:  
**“A lifetime is made up of moments well lived. Be present in each precious moment.”**
- Currently have 47 financial members for 2020-2021
- Continue to explore Wellness Connection ideas.
- Network with VAC ERT to create an Emergency Plan Roster.
- Virtual Sisterhood Holiday Event on December 12, 2020, 3-5pm in conjunction with Arts & Letters committee
- Recognition of 2019-2020 Leaders and Committees

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

- Chapter meeting – January 9<sup>th</sup> instead of January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Message from the National President regarding Service Projects
- **Martin Luther King Jr. event on January 9<sup>th</sup>**
  - The City of Vallejo has created an adopt an area for cleanup project that has met with great success.
  - The clean-up hours are from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. This will be an open event for community participation. MLK Day is a day on and not a day off. The meeting location will be Lot B on the Waterfront near Unity Plaza. The group can meet there and then work all along the waterfront from the Ferry Building to the corner of Curtola and Sonoma. **PPE and Social Distancing is required**
- Project – Solano County Child Welfare Services in collaboration with Solano County Foster Parent Association servicing Vallejo requested our support to either purchase and distribute toys and pizza to foster youth for Christmas.
  - **Donate \$200. from Public Service**
  - Update – 85 families with a total of 244 children (ages 0-18)
  - 112 girls and 132 boys (7 families from mental health agencies with 14 children)

- 2021 Founders Day - January 22 – 23, 2021
  - Registration opened on November 10th and will run through January 16th **or** until capacity is filled.
  - Solano Valley Alumnae is the host
  - Only registered sorors will have access to vendors and Rededication Ceremony.
  - Keynote Speaker: National 1st Vice-President, Soror Cheryl Hickmon
  - Cost: \$30 for Alumnae Sorors; \$10 Collegiate Sorors. \$25 Vendors. (10 slots for Vendors to participate in Pop Up).
- Newsletter and All-Calls
- Important Dates:
  - NCCC Meeting – Sunday, November 15th
  - Committee Reports for Executive Board are due – Monday, November 16th
  - Executive Board, November 18th @ 6:30 p.m.
  - Committee Slide Presentations/Announcements for the December meeting are due - Tuesday, December 1st
- Virtual OMEGA Services
  - We are permitted to conduct these services with the support of Technology
- **Important Dates:**
- Committee Reports for Executive Board are due – **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month**
- **Executive Board, December 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.**
- Committee Slide Presentations/Announcements for the December meeting are due - **Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**
- Special Treat - Delta Dears' Bedtime Stories

The December Meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Cheryl Ford– Recording Secretary  
Dela Morris - President