

# HILTON HEAD ISLAND BLUFFTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER

## Chapter Minutes

January 18, 2020

**Call to Order:** A regular chapter meeting of the Hilton Head Island Bluffton Alumnae Chapter held at Palmetto Electric Company, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina on January 18, 2020.

### Ritualistic Opening

#### In Attendance

Tamika Bishop, Amber Blakes, Afrika Campbell, Lenore Carter, Michele Dallas, Francina Dantzler, Naikeema Fields, Samantha Ford, Gwendolyn Holland Johnson, Deanna Holmes, Joleesa Johnson, Lucille Kannick, Joyce Major, Patricia Montgomery, Diane Neal, Beverly Ohemeng, Marion Payne, Connie Pouncy, Carol Pringle, Pam Redmon, Marion Shumake, Cynthia Sutton, Ida Tate, Sacole Williams, Wanda Wood-Knox, Chavon Coleman Brown, Roselle Wilson, Dawn Howard, Donna Williams

Visiting Soror: Antoinette Corbin Taylor, Barbara Carter, Jada Gaines

#### Adoption of Agenda

Soror Sutton moves to accept the agenda, seconded by Soror Neal. Unanimous vote of yes.

#### Approval of Minutes

Soror Tate approves the December minutes, seconded by Soror Ohemeng. Ayes have it.

#### Correspondence

Soror Montgomery

- Possible financial improprieties at the National Office
- Feb 22 – 25 – Delta Days at the Capital (Destination 22)
- Salute to Selma – Calling All Deltas to the Bridges to Commemorate the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965
- Delta Care powered by WW (New wellness franchise association)
- Dues no later than March 31, 2020
- January 31 – February 1 (Deadline January 15) Statewide Founders Day
- Mental Health First Aid training January 25 (Aiken)
- Feb. 29 – Orangeburg Alumnae Chapter
- Regional Conference – July 30 – August 2 in Richmond, VA
- Tickets available for Black Excellence Ball
- MLK parade is this weekend
- Bluffton MLK celebration this weekend
- League of Women voters looking for census workers (\$15 hr plus mileage)

- Still waiting on donations for Jazz Corner
- Biggest intake was for luggage raffle
- Please begin paying Chapter Dues

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Financial Treasurer's Reports

Soror Dallas

- Treasurer's Report = \$21,606.64 beginning balance
- Deposits: \$183
- Disbursements: \$937.03
- Total balance: \$20,852.61
- Lowcountry Pierians presented \$300 donation for Delta Gems

Receive reports until audit

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President's Report

Soror Kannick

- Introduction of visitors
- Highlight "Dedication" – dedicated to sisterhood, service, and scholarship as well as social action
- Be dedicated to whatever responsibility that you have
- Black Excellence Ball is this evening – last year HHIBAC received award for public service award
- Soror Vashti McKenzie visited Hilton Head Island - Gullah Bible donated by Emory Campbell and South Carolina cutting board (gift)
- Request from Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen – looking for a van to deliver food – van must be customized with shelving and refrigeration – individual checks can be written to "Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen" – donations accepted until March
- Recommendation from Executive Board to donate \$500 to Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen – Soror Montgomery moves to donate \$500 to Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen – seconded by Soror Sutton. Unanimous vote of yes.
- Statewide Founders Day in Hartsville, SC (Soror Vashti McKenzie will be attending)

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Committee Reports

Budget and Finance – Soror Dallas

- After purchase of checks for the chapter, Budget and Finance budget depleted.
- Soror Redmon moves to move \$200 from misc to the Budget and Finance committee

Courtesies and Condolences -Soror Redmon

- Soror Monique Bush's mother passed away
- Send 'Thank you' to Mr. Campbell for donation of Gullah Bible
- Soror Stroman's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday is Monday, January 20
- Soror Ohemeng is requesting Soror Jerri Stewart's address
- Soror Harris was under the weather this week

Education Committee – Soror Dantzler

- Gr8 Girls
  - o Met on January 9 and showed photos from holiday party
  - o Soror Shumake introduced a new concept called "I am loveable and capable"
  - o Soror Neal introduced Chapter 4 of Girls Guide to Being Great
  - o At next meeting, girls will complete interest surveys
  - o Start process of recruiting from Gr8 Girls to Delta Academy earlier in the year
- GEMS
  - o Interactive discussion on college application process
  - o Ice Cream Social January 20
  - o Monday January 20 – GEMS will be participating in MLK celebrations
  - o Soror Tamika Bishop was a guest speaker
- Delta Academy
  - o Meeting cancelled because of low attendance
  - o Flyers were created and distributed
  - o Academy will hold an interest meeting at Bluffton Library 10 -12 January25

#### Founders Day – Soror Bishop

- Founders Day rededication brunch February 8<sup>th</sup> at Golf Club at Indigo Run \$40 (10:30 am)
  - o All black attire (no pants)
  - o Violets
  - o Rededication will begin at 10:30
- Encourage sorors to begin paying immediately
- Soror Rev. Donna Baker will be guest speaker
- Honor for Soror Stroman
- Please pay by February 1, 2020
- Official picture of the year
- If you mail a check, please put treasurer or financial secretary name on envelope

#### Membership Services – Soror Bishop

- Profit of \$85 for raffle – raffle won by Soror Montgomery

#### Physical and Mental Health – Soror Fields

- Two challenges for the chapter –
- Number of pounds lost – calculate the number of pounds lost each month
- Calculating number of steps taken each month
- Fit Bit and Spa Day

#### Political Awareness and Involvement – Soror Johnson

- Showing of documentary "Equal Means Equal"
- One more state to ratify ERA
- January 20 – voter registration drive for students at USCB
- Feb. 22 – 25 – Delta Days at the Capital
- March 1- Selma to Montgomery March

- March 10 – SC Divine Nine will replace Delta Days at the Capital (State)
- HHI MLK begins at 10:00 AM
- Any help with support for the luncheon would be greatly appreciated
- Condoleeza Rice came to visit Hilton Head Island and spoke

#### Nominating Committee – Soror Williams

- Everyone has to complete a profile sheet
- Return profile sheets by February 28
- Nomination process will be starting

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#### Announcements/Celebrations

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- Thank Soror Pringle – gifted sorors with a memo book
- Annual Gullah Market and Arts and Crafts
- Soror Fields completed Masters Degree in December – graduation in June, extending an invitation to sorors to attend
- Soror Neal will celebrate 50 years in Delta May 9
- Soror Holmes daughter accepted to and will attend Spelman College next fall
- Soror Shumake had to resign from PanHellenic Counsel if you are interested
- Soror Sutton will be celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> year as a Delta
- Soror SaCole Williams moved back to the area and purchased her first home
- Soror Montgomery sons attraction is the Number 1 ride in the country
- Soror Dallas was asked if anyone is interested in attending
- Soror Blakes was unable to ride Hagrid’s ride, but did say it was the best rollercoaster – she also announced she is having a girl
- Soror Redmon’s grandson has been accepted to Morehouse

Introduction of sorors for guests

50/50 Raffle – Soror Howard

Soror Dantzler moves to adjourn, Soror Ohemeng seconds

#### **Formal Closing**

**Submitted by Samantha Ford**