

HILTON HEAD ISLAND BLUFFTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Chapter Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

April 25, 2020

In Attendance

Samantha Ford, Donna Williams, Marion Payne, Patricia Montgomery, Beverly Ohemeng, Diane Neal, Dorothea Hooks, Gwendolyn Holland Johnson, Pamela Redmon, Amber Blakes, Carol Pringle, DeAnna Campbell Holmes, Jada Gaines, Michelle Dallas, Tamika Bishop, Wanda Wood Knox, Constance Pouncy, Francina Dantzler, Sara Harris, Naikeema Fields, Lenore Carter, Sandra Walker, Latrice Campbell, Joyce Brown Major, Sacole Williams, Doretha Williams

Soror Neal opens meeting with prayer.

Adoption of Agenda

- Called for adoption of agenda with corrections –
- Move Political Awareness first and add fundraising to agenda
- Soror Campbell Holmes moves to accept agenda with corrections, seconded by Marion Payne
- All in favor
- Sgt at Arms confirmed attendance

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of February meeting minutes
- Soror Montgomery moves to accept minutes
- Soror Williams seconded to approve minutes
- 17 ayes, 1 nay

Correspondence

Soror Montgomery

- Covid 19 response communication
- Several obituaries that have been sent via email
- Art and Letter commission announces Red Carpet Virtual Edition
- National Chaplain prayed for sorority leadership in fortitude fueled in prayer virtual call
- 2020 – 2021 Membership dues, late fee of 10 waived
- May 15 – Program Awards – audio recording from South Atlantic region how to
- Application for scholarships and chapter seed grant
- Virtual meeting guide (link for dos and don'ts)
- Pushing for everyone to complete census
- 60 days of prayer, began April 1 until May 30 (630 am)
- Thank you's from several families (Antoinette Corbin Taylor sends thank you)
- Savannah Founders Days was postponed
- Correspondence will be put in binder
- Additional mail sent from Soror Lisa King, she is running for SA regional chapter, sent and envelope soliciting donations

Financial Secretary's Reports

Soror Holmes

- February – Money collected for Selma Trip and Founders Day
- Jerry Stewart has an asterisk – took in money on the day of Founders Day but was receipted in April 25, 2020
- Total income for February \$3564.63
- March – All dues collection intake \$4095.00
- 33 financial Sorors at the end of March

Financial Treasurer's Reports

Soror Dallas

- March Treasurer's Report \$22560.01 – mostly dues
- One PP transaction –everything has balanced
- Total income: \$26,733.13
- Two outstanding checks
- Ending balance - \$24,735.33

President's Report

Soror Kannick

- Thank all Sorors that are online
- Please welcome new Soror, Jada Gaines
 - o She is very happy to transfer dues and is looking forward to working with HHIBAC
- Welcome Soror Sandra (she lives in Charlotte and not always able to meet)
 - o Wonderful to hear voices and see faces, she misses everyone
- Soror Dorothea online
- President's Call Thursday night, Soror Owens gave updates
- Most activities have been suspended, but continue to move on in the name of Delta
- 3rd quarter compliance due on June 1
- Please work on calendar of events – would like to have in May to send out in June
- Yearly Reports from each chairperson by the next executive board meeting
- Will be meeting via Zoom – testing Zoom as a virtual connection
- Have paid for a one month subscription to see if we use Zoom or a more user friendly platform
 - o Please let Soror Kannick know if you would like to hold a meeting

Committee Reports

Political Awareness and Involvement – Soror Montgomery for Soror Johnson

- Census 2020 – you can still participate
- Response rate in South Carolina is low
- Deadline extended to August 14, 2020
- Identifiable information can't be released – even to law enforcement
- Absentee voting in South Carolina – criteria must be met
- Pushing to extend deadlines to tally ballots
- Please write to legislatures regarding emergency voting protections during virus

- Senate Bill S.867 – Allows time for counting absentee ballots: Jeff Bradley and Weston Newton holding up bill – leader of judiciary committee
- SCvotes.org to get legislature information
- Women’s Voters League has a bingo card
- A sample letter will be sent out from League of Women’s Voters

Courtesies and Condolences – Soror Redmon for Soror Harris

- Congratulate and commend Soror Harris for sending out information
- Please give information to Soror Redmon or Soror Kannick
- Wishing everyone blessings and good health
- Welcome Sorors Gaines, Hooks, and Walker
- Prayers and support needed for Sorors
- Soror Sutton is in Room 2617 – returned to Memorial Hospital – please continue to pray
- Soror Lynch arm surgery
- Soror Hooks has moved to Maryland, needs our prayers for her husband’s family
- Soror Bishop bronchitis, Soror Brown Major flu – doing well
- Soror Stroman continues to be in good spirits
- Soror Shirley James – is doing well (per Soror Wood Knox)

Education and Youth Initiatives – Soror Dantzler

- No report for Delta Academy
- GR8Girls
 - o Dropped off “Thinking of you” cards
- GEMS:
 - o In the process of contacting seniors regarding what are their favorite things that were done this year and if they have received acceptance letters
 - o If you run into young ladies, please encourage to join the GEMS
- Scholarship:
 - o Applications from Hilton Head High School, May River HS, Hardeeville HS, no applications from Bluffton HS
 - o 2 candidates disqualified
 - o Jayla Grant – attends HHHS, 3.5 GPA, will be attending USC
- The scholarship committee has made a recommendation to the Executive Board that has been accepted. The recommendation is that the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry release from the Hilton Head Island Bluffton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta’s Sorority Scholarship fund to the following students in the amount of \$1200 each to Jaala Grant and Chynna Sneed.
- Pamela Redmon moves to accept and Soror Wood Knox seconds
- 21 – yay and 0 nay

Physical and Mental Health – Soror Fields

- Continue to be safe.
- Wash your hands as much as possible
- Continue to count steps and track weight loss – forms will be collected next month

Fundraising Committee – Soror Redmon

- Thank you to Soror Kannick for calling in this morning
- Recommendation for simultaneous Fall fundraiser requesting monetary donations– no face to face Fall Fundraiser

- Soror Ohemeng moves to suspend Fall fundraising activities in person until national health crisis reevaluated – Seconded by Soror Payne (21 ayes and one nay)
- Soror Ohemeng moves in lieu of Fall face to face fundraising, will collect monetary donations from various sponsors - Seconded by Soror Wood Knox (20 ayes, 2 nays)
- Fundraising Committee has tabled Peppermint Jam

Nominating Committee – Soror Williams

- 28 completed profile forms, 14 incomplete profile forms
- Election will take place in September
- August – nominations
- Notice will be sent in July that nominations on the floor will happen in August
- Installation of officers will happen in September
- Deadline for nominees will be the end of July

SOY and Fortitude – Soror Dallas

- Time to nominate SOY and Fortitude
- Nominating form will be sent out after meeting, please send to Soror Pringle – also include “why” you think they should be designated
- Please return by midnight of April 30th

Policies and Procedures – Soror Ohemeng

- Has been submitted to the Executive Board
- Please see attached changes (in green)
- Questions regarding chaplain and courtesies and condolences – but it has been removed, edited
- Soror Redmon moves to accept changes to Policies and Procedures in totality and commend Soror Ohemeng and Soror Johnson, seconded by Soror Dantzler
- 21 ayes, 0 nays

Announcements

- What can we do in our service area to help during this time? (discussion)
 - o Sending gift cards?
 - o Consider making donations for Jazz Corner waiting staff as they are not working at this time
 - o Possibly spread out donations in our service area
 - o Sorors are able to donate if they wish, but possibly use budget funds
 - o Questions to who and how
 - o Soror Redmon moves that we donate \$300 each for Bluffton - Family Promise, Hilton Head-Sandalwood, and Jasper - Jasper Thrift Shop – Seconded by Soror Dantzler
 - 20 yays, 0 nays
 - o Soror Payne moves that the chapter donate \$100 to the Jazz Corner waiters supplemented by individual donations from Sorors of the Chapter not to exceed \$300– Second by Soror Neal
 - May 15, 2020 deadline – write Jazz Corner on check memo or PayPal
 - 17 yays and 0 nay
- Please add information to chapter Google Drive – please send information to Soror Neal
- Thank you to committees that sent finance reports/budget

Announcements:

- Soror Wilson's daughter is a doctor, please keep her in your prayers – her son is in security and also working hard. Please keep her children in your prayers
- Soror Redmon's son is serving food in Baltimore, Maryland – 900 boxed meals, please continue to pray for him
- Please pray for Marisol Jenkins – she is a nurse
- Thank you from Soror Dantzler - - received birthday card
- Soror Blakes is due May 21, 2020 – having a Zoom baby shower on May 9th at 1pm, registered at Target and Amazon
- Soror Neal's 50th anniversary is May 9, 2020
- High School Graduations
 - o Soror Bishop's son
 - o Soror Holmes' daughter
 - o Soror Jamison Boyd's son and stepson
- Birthdays/Anniversaries
 - o Soror Wilson birthday (4/24)
 - o Soror Dantzler (4/30)
 - o Soror Ford (4/19)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Samantha Ford