

HILTON HEAD ISLAND BLUFFTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Chapter Meeting (Zoom)

September 19, 2020

In Attendance

Samantha Ford, Lucille Kannick, Gwendolyn Holland Johnson, Andrea Guess, Anita Miles, Beverly Ohemeng, Latrice Campbell, Connie Pouncy, DeAnna Campbell Holmes, Diane Neal, Doretha Williams, Dorothea, Naikeema Fields, Francina Dantzler, Dawn Howard, Bette Lynch, Jada Gaines, Lenore Campbell, Lola Campbell, Michelle Dallas, Natasha Aiken, Pamela Redmon, SaCole Williams, Stephanie Jamison Void, Tamika Bishop, Wanda Wood-Knox, Cheryl Weber-Washington, Barbara Carter, Amber Blakes

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

- Soror Dallas moves to accept minutes as posted on website
- Seconded by Soror Dantzler

Financial Secretary's Reports

Soror Holmes

- Sorors paying dues
- Money collected for Fall Fundraiser
- 44 financial Sorors
- Correction to Holland Johnson's name
- Soror Redmon made donation, but it is on July's report
- Total collected \$1640.00 August
- July report \$755.00 collected

Financial Treasurer's Reports

Soror Dallas

- May – August reports will be mailed
- Will try to send reports every quarter
- August beginning balance: \$20,609.19
- Deposits: \$1640.00
- Ending balance: \$21,526.38 (with outstanding checks being left out)
- Two outstanding check – Soror Green and one from retreat
- New Soror – Andrea Guess

Correspondence

Soror Holland - Johnson

- Thank you's from: family of Tori Rolack, DeAnna Holmes (graduation gift), Mercy Mission for pandemic donation, DeAnna Holmes (graduation gift from the GEMS committee) & Mount Calvary Missionary for the memorial donation in honor of Obrie Smith Jr (Soror Cora Smith must have sent our gift to her to the church)

- A card from MET (in NY) shaped as a teacup from Pikesville MD, No name just an address
- Campaign materials for Soror Lisa Hood, Joyce Diggs & Alicia Freshwater
- An IRS statement that Soror Dallas gave to President Kannick

July

- Campaign Material from Shenita Cunningham
- A request for a pledge from St Jude
- Thank you card from Dorothy McLauchin's family

September

- A returned Retreat gift that was sent to the correct address
- A notice about the Chapter's storage insurance changing companies
- Thank you note from Amber
- Thank you email from Soror Patricia Montgomery for the beautiful birthday card she received
- Request for donations from organization (changed name) Larry D. Watson, Ph. D

President's Report

Soror Kannick

- Welcome everyone to the new fiscal year, 2020 – 2021
- Welcome Soror Andrea Guess
- Welcome Soror Lola Campbell
- Welcome Soror Cheryl Weber-Washintgon
- Congratulations to fiscal officers, chapter is in compliance
- Sorors Dallas, Holmes, Brown Major, Soror Jamison Void – Thank you for helping us be in compliance, note received from Regional Director
- Policies and Procedures have been approved, we are now working off of new Policies and Procedures
- Will post Policies and Procedures to website and will be double protected
- Information should be emailed on how to get information
- New password for website shared
- Reports are due Wednesday prior to Executive Board Meeting
 - o Send reports to: Sorors Kannick, Holland – Johnson, and Ford
 - o Agenda will be created based on reports received and reports will be posted
 - o Agenda will be sent on Thursday after reports received
- Voting for Membership Intake will take place in October
- All functions must be held online and not in person, can not plan any in person activities
- New Scholarships and Standards Committee sent a note of congratulations
- Note received from new Regional Director
- Have received 25 and 50 year plaques and pins – Soror Neal and Soror Dallas will distribute
- Congratulations! Sorors will be identified at next meeting
- Please identify yourself on zoom with your name

Committee Reports

Arts and Letters – Soror Wilson

- No report at this time
- Not up and running, need additional members
- If interested in being a part of Arts and Letters, please contact Soror Wilson

Audit Committee – Soror Jamison Void

- 9 deposits
- 40 disbursement
- \$4,185 receipts (quarter)
- \$8371 expenses (quarter)
- Everything reconciled with no errors
- 7/22/20 Audit completed and sent to Regional
- Monthly reports, budgets, bank statements, and vouchers
- Satisfactory internal controls
- Voucher system used with signature
- All dues matched log and submitted in timely manner

Budget and Finance – Soror Dallas

- Finance committee met in August
- Adjustments had to be made per Regional Treasurer
- \$2700 as restrictive fund is incorrect and impacted budget
- Not able to move travel budget
- Operation adjusted by 30%
- Still exceeding revenue by \$1453.00
- Reduced revenue coming in, community based expenses reduced by 12%
- Soror Dallas moves to have budget accepted and change the restrictive fund
- Moved by Soror Dallas and seconded by Soror Dantzler, Ayes have it
- Looking at apps to add to portfolio (EventBrite or Cashapp)
- Scholarship Committee has recommended a book award to a member of the GEMS that did not win a scholarship – book award will be in honor of Soror Sutton based on donations and 50/50.
- Send checks to post office with book award in memo line
- Soror Dallas moves to accept a friendly recommendation of Scholarship Committee to set up a book award in the name of Soror Sutton for 2020/2021, seconded by Soror Neal
- Motion carries
- Scholarship Committee will meet to come up with criteria for recipients
- Vouchers will be mailed to everyone

Courtesies and Condolences – Soror Redmon

- July: Africa Campbell
- August: Constance Pouncy, Vera Rogers
- September: Gwendolyn Holland-Johnson, Stephanie Jamison-Void, Patricia Montgomery
- July: Praying for you card was sent to Soror Ruby Stroman.
- A Sympathy card was sent to Soror Jada Gaines on a family loss.
- A Get well card was sent to Soror Belle Lynch.

- September: A sympathy card plus condolence was sent to Soror Roselle Wilson on the loss of her sister.

Education – Soror Dantzler

- Academy/GEMS will need to update Risk Management items
- Academy Committee meeting 10/11
- GEMS Meeting 9/24, GEMS will be scheduling first meeting, tentative meeting in October
- Academy start date: October 24 (10:30 – 11:30)
 - o Orientation
 - o Academy will meet every 4th Saturday
- Gr8 Girls dependent upon students being in schools and allowance of volunteers in building – not able to meet because of COVID regulations
- Gr8 Girls will resume when it is safe to return to school setting
- Scholarship committee – printable versions will be distributed in October
 - o Will make sure all schools receive application digitally
 - o Application will be sent digitally to local churches and Boys and Girls Club

Economic Development – Soror Jamison Void

- October 11, next committee meeting
- Economic content from National
- Financial success stories from sorors
- D Free Challenge - Decrease debt in African American Communities

Fundraising Committee – Soror Redmon

- Unable to move forward with several fundraisers
- Challenge all sorors to donate \$100 to committee for fundraising
- \$1375 currently donated
- Put fundraising donation in memo section
- Possible fundraising idea – auction of paraphernalia

International Awareness – Soror S. Williams

- Cents for Soles will continue
- Buckner Shoes for Orphan Soles
- Prize to Soror that collects the most
- Collection will last until May

Membership Services – Soror Bishop

- No report at this time

Physical and Mental Health – Soror Gaines

- Continue steps program, will be conducted on quarterly basis (September – December)

- Start recording steps – information will be rolled out by end of month
- Soror with most steps will win a prize
- Strengthen sisterly connection – Sorors Uplifting Sorors – meaningful conversations and get connected
- Recognize Cancer awareness months – each chapter meeting ask that Sorors wear a particular ribbon
- Calendar with color ribbon will be mailed or will have a pick up location
- September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness (Teal)
- Virtual Diabetes program is ongoing – reach out to Soror Neal for any questions
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month – planning on having guest speaker next month
- October 10, National Lupus Awareness Walk
 - o Registration for team is \$25
- November 13 – 16 – National Healthy Churches Conference
 - o \$25 per person for group of 20 or more
 - o \$75 for individual

Political Awareness and Involvement – Soror Johnson

- September 22 is National Voter Registration Day
 - o Contact family and friends to online register
 - o October 5 mail in registration
 - o October 2 in person registration
- Everyone is eligible to absentee vote – state of emergency (September 16 update)
- By mail – has to be received by November 3rd
 - o Request ballot
- Early voting in person – October 5 – November 2
- View ballot online to familiarize yourself
- Encourage others to vote via social media, etc.

Risk Management – Soror Ohemeng

- Risk Management will be consistently updated through the year
- Preventive and Guidelines for becoming a volunteer
- Try to do an orientation that is at least an hour or more long
- Will report 10 – 15 minutes each meeting
- Do's and Don'ts of working with youth
- Program Planning and Development – program materials updated
- Guidelines for every piece of Risk Management process
 - o Volunteers as well as Chapter Members
- To be a part of youth initiative
 - o Application, interview, background check
 - o Needs to be updated as required

Social Action – Soror Montgomery

- Today at 2pm The League of Women Voters is having a voter registration drive at Nissan in Bluffton
- Hilton Head Town Council Forum has been cancelled – some form of meeting on 9/29
- League of Women Voters will have a student registration drive
 - o 10 am – 2 pm USCB Campus Center

- Saturday, October 10 at 7pm
- Encouraged to complete census by September 30 (can also be done online)
- Pollworkers are needed
- Postcard sponsored by League of Women Voters will be sent to African Americans

Announcements/Celebrations/Birthdays/Anniversaries

- October we will vote on Membership Intake
- Submit committee reports by Wednesday or you will not be on agenda
- Only information shared will be action items
- If you plan to invite a guest, it has to be cleared prior to meeting – Soror Holland Johnson is the only person that is able to share Zoom link
- Soror of the Year and Fortitude of the Year will be announced in October
- Breast Cancer Awareness Forum
- Soror Holland Johnson’s niece – appointed as PA State Coordinator East Regional Director
- If you have any information for newsletter, please sent to Soror Holland Johnson by 9/20/20
- Soror Dallas’ husband is running for PSD District 1
- Fund set up at Community Foundation of Lowcountry set up for kids that do not have internet service
 - o Cost is \$180 for nine months, focus on free/reduced lunch students
 - o Student Tech program
- Hilton Head Native Island Community – Town Council Forum Tuesday, Sept 29 via Zoom – Wards 1,3,6
- Can we possibly donate money for Student Tech Program in the name of HHIBAC?
- Soror Redmon moves that HHIBAC contribute \$180 to Community Foundation for nine months internet service for a Hilton Head Island student - seconded by Roselle Wilson and Anita Miles
 - o One opposed, motion carries
- Call from Antoinette Corbin Taylor, she will join chapter when she returns – had a successful kidney transplant
- Soror Redmon moves to contribute ~~\$180 dollars~~ for a Jasper County Student to receive internet service. Seconded by Soror Ohemeng
 - o Soror Dantzler would like to amend motion to include other service areas and change the dollar amount
 - o Soror Redmon moves to donate money for a Jasper County Student to receive internet service and money will be sent to internet service provider. Seconded by Soror Wilson
 - o Ayes have it, one oppose
- Birthdays recognition for June/July/August/September

Submitted by Samantha Ford