

HILTON HEAD ISLAND BLUFFTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Chapter Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

October 17, 2020

In Attendance

Samantha Ford, Tamika Bishop, Amber Blakes, Beverly Ohemeng, Doretha Brown Williams, Dorothea Hooks, Francina Dantzler, Gwendolyn Holland Johnson, Jada Gaines, Joyce Brown Major, Connie Pouncy, Lucille Kannick, Marion Payne, Michele Dallas, Pamela Redmon, Roselle Wilson, SaCole Williams, Sarah Harris, Carol Pringle, Stephanie Jamison Void, Trish Montgomery, Wanda Wood Knox

Adoption of Agenda

- Soror Pringle moves to accept agenda with changes, Soror Dallas seconds
- No economic and development report

Approval of Minutes

- Soror Ohemeng moves to accept September minutes
- Seconded by Soror Redmon

Financial Secretary's Reports

Soror Dallas

- Sorors paying dues
- Soror Kannick gave to book award donation
- 46 financial Sorors
- Donations to fall fundraiser

Financial Treasurer's Reports

Soror Dallas

- Disbursements – Get out and vote cards
- Made a donation to Community Foundation for student internet service
- 23,239.77 ending balance
- If outstanding checks are subtracted, the balance matches
- Soror Green will take care of outstanding check

Correspondence

Soror Holland - Johnson

- **September 22:** The Wells Fargo University Programs team is requesting support in marketing their Corporate & Investment Banking Sophomore Diversity Summit event that they are hosting virtually Thursday, November 12, 2020. They are requesting help in sending their Corporate & Investment Banking Sophomore Diversity Summit flyer and deadline information to undergraduate sophomore students who are currently enrolled with an expected graduation date of December 2022 or May/June 2023. The deadline to apply to this event is Monday, October 12, 2020. I can forward Diversity flyer to anyone interested.
- **September 23:** Wells Fargo Student Impact Scholarship for students working to make an impact in their

community but have been financially impacted by the pandemic, should apply for the \$5K Wells Fargo Student Impact Scholarship. Recipients will also have the opportunity to be paired with a Wells Fargo mentor. Scholarship applications open September 14 through October 2, 2020. (I put this information in the September Newsletter)

- **October 2:** Received and forwarded email to our Chapter President from Demetrics D. Davis, South Atlantic Regional Secretary on behalf of Regional Director Dr. Trish R. Johnson. Included information and registration link for a virtual SC Vote-A-Thon, in collaboration with the Divine 9, to be held on October 5 at 7:00pm.
- **October 6:** Soror Marthena Grate Morant, SC ERT Chair sent an updated link to the hurricane's path and reminded all to prepare as needed for Hurricane Delta.
- **October 6:** Receive monthly Wells Fargo Hot Jobs Newsletter and will keep in a file on Chapter email labeled 'Wells Fargo Jobs'. I can email the information to anyone who is interested.
- **October 7:** Received information from the National Internal Audit Committee on the upcoming Webinars and forwarded to HHIBAC Chapter President, Vice President & Audit Chair.
- **October 9:** Email forwarded to our Chapter President and Vice President from the Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Columbia SC. They are inviting sorors to a 'Drive-By' celebration on Sunday, October 18 from 3:00-5:00 pm at the AMC Classic Dutch Square 14 Movie Theatre (421 Bush River Road, Columbia SC). This is to celebrate their Chapter Sorors: Regan Sadler, State Facilitator; Monica Owens, State Coordinator and Rosalyn Glenn, National Finance Member.
- **October 15:** Email and brochure attachment forwarded to Chapter President and Vice President from Soror Regina Henderson Moore (Columbia Alumnae Chapter) of the WeGOJA Foundation which works to document and promote African American Heritage Sites. WeGOJA is seeking donations from community organizations.

October 15: Received an email for the 'Call for Submissions' for upcoming Delta publications and social media posts, including the DELTA Journal and Newsletter. Submissions are on an ongoing basis but for the next issue of the **DELTA Journal are due October 23, by 5:00 pm.** The email information was forwarded to all HHIBAC members.

- **October 16:** Received email from the President of Norfolk Alumnae Chapter with an attached flyer on their 'Crimson and Cream Halloween Virtual Day Party, Saturday, October 31st from 2:00-4:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds will benefit 'The Mildred Dudley Peters Scholarship'. Information was forwarded to our President and Vice President **PO Box MAIL CORRESPONDENCE**

- Meals on Wheels appeal.
- Samaritan's Purse appeal.
- Palmer Inn Suites event planning appeal.

- Received letters from **four** young ladies who expressed an interest in having a Delta Chapter established at USCB. **Jamelah Hogan** is a Senior Nursing major; **Makayla Bing** is a Senior Communication Studies major; **NaZaria Gerald** is a Sophomore Business Administration major with a minor in Accounting and **ZaNiyya Gerald** is a Junior with a major in Early Childhood Education. 2

- Thank all Sorors for the hard work, committees have been meeting and coming up with innovative ways to meet
- Was tasked with finding students that needed internet connections
- Still looking for affordable internet providers, original company out of hotspots

Committee Reports

Risk Management Orientation – Soror Ohemeng

- 2nd part of four part orientation training
- May be asked to be a participant in one of the youth initiatives
- If you are **not** on the youth group roster, you are a one time volunteer – interview, background check, application not required
- If you ARE a part of the youth program or are participating more than one time, you must complete the interview, background check and application
- If you are in attendance, you must report any suspicious behavior of youth
- Chapter as a whole is responsible for program success
- Trainings are required first
- Trainings are conducted every year, application, interview, and background check is completed by Info Mart
- Please contact Soror Ohemeng if you are interested in participating 843-415-6406

Membership Service – Soror Bishop

- Viewing of video
- MEMBERSHIP INTAKE VOTE
- Soror Ohemeng moves to vote on the process of membership intake for 2020 – 2021 sorority year
- Seconded by Soror Payne
- 18 yes and 3 no and no abstentions – motion carries

Nominations - Soror Redmon

- Leader of the Minerva Circle
 - o Soror Bishop
- Keeper of the Muses and Graces
 - o Soror Ford
 - o Soror Pringle
- Convener of Odyssey Experience
 - o Soror S. Williams
 - o Soror Holland-Johnson
- Nine Jewels
 - o Soror Howard (Compassion)
 - o Soror Fields (Courtesy)
 - o Soror J. Johnson (Dedication)
 - o Soror Holland - Johnson (Fellowship)
 - o Soror Ohemeng (Fidelity)
 - o Soror Payne (Honesty)
 - o Soror Dantzler (Justice)

- Soror Wood Knox (Purity)
- Soror D. Brown-Williams (Temperance)

Arts and Letters – Soror Wilson

- There are many students in our schools who have been disrupted in a number of ways. In particular our African American students have suffered a comprehensive complex “break” in the routine of attending school, socially inclusion, and educationally discouraged and distanced from their friends and their teachers/mentors.
- There has no doubt been an effect and an affective impact on the young people in our community.
- The Arts and Letters Committee recommends that the HHIBAC sponsor an Art Contest in the community to students in various groups of students to express their talents and express their feelings about the ways their lives have been disrupted. The possible themes can include Black Lives Matter, how the virus has effected them or their family, or a related “ community conversation”.
- The community will be engaged to contribute to this effort by Donating funds for prize money, for art supplies, or for Advertising the program.
- Churches, organizations, and schools will be contact to collaborate and encourage students.
- The Art Gallery in Hilton Head / NIBCAA will be a collaborator to display the winning art work in the Gullah Wall display in February, or later in the Spring.
- Prizes for winners include Gift Cards of various dimensions; first prize \$50, second prize \$25, and depending on donations include more money in each category and more prizes for winning students.

Budget and Finance – Soror Dallas

- Going to transfer \$5000 into a savings account, will clear up monies left at end of budget – money used as back up
- CashApp is being added to allow transfer of money to account
- EventBrite is being added to ticket events for the chapter
- PayPal with donor button
- If donor defers to chapter, it will be deposited to chapter account
- Visual fundraising chart to help visually see how donations are coming in
- Purchase professional envelopes
- Budgets emailed to all chairpersons

Courtesies and Condolences – Soror Harris

- Birthday cards sent (Sorors Anderson, Fields, Neal, Ohemeng, Smith, Wood Knox, Guest)
- Get Well Cards were sent to Marion Shumake – recovering at home and improving
- Anita Miles and Ruby Stroman received a Get Well Card
- Card for Sorors Latrice and Lola Campbell on the loss of her father

Fundraising Committee – Soror Redmon

- Graphic showing the amount money received
- Goal changes based on number of sorors giving \$100
- Quilt giveaway and committee giveaways
- Continue promoting donation fundraiser (\$100)
- Meet the Author
- Cooking with the Deltas

Education and Youth Initiatives – Soror Dantzler

- Delta Academy met on September 13,2020
 - o Discussed effects of ongoing pandemic and impact on students and parents
 - o All activities will be pushed back one month
 - o First meeting will be held on October 24, 2020
 - o Meeting will be one hour and will meet every fourth Saturday from 10:30 – 11:30
- Gr8 Girls – no report at this time as mentors are not able to meet at the school
- Delta GEMS – meeting on Sunday, October 18, 2020
 - o 9 GEM participants
 - o Parents must submit parental forms to ensure their full enrollment into the program
 - o First meeting will be 2 hours, parents will be on Zoom for the first 40 minutes
- Scholarship – Printable scholarships are now available

International Awareness – Soror Williams

- Continuing to collect for Cents for Soles
- Central Oak Grove will pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child
 - o If you would like to participate, educational items, hygiene items, toys
 - o Please contact Soror Dallas or Soror Williams to participate

Nominating Committee – Soror Redmon

- Nominating committee Soror profile is being updated

Physical and Mental Health – Soror Gaines/Dantzler

- Saturday, October 10 – \$1,085 raised for Lupus Virtual Walk
- Soror Marisol Jenkins will be rescheduled, waiting on confirmation date
- October is Breast cancer (pink) and Liver cancer (emerald green) awareness month
- Committee would like to focus on applicable cancer awareness month
- Buttons were ordered for each month to the chapter meetings – wear black button to every chapter meeting
- The Balm in Gilead, Inv. Virtual National Healthy Churches Conference registration is open until 11/9
 - o Individual registration is \$75 per person
 - o Please contact Soror Neal for additional registration
- Take 22 seconds for a moment of silence

Political Awareness and Involvement – Soror Johnson

- Action items – Census 2020 extended until 10/31
- Absentee ballots need a witness signature

Social Action – Soror Montgomery

- South Carolina does not post your vote
- A provisional vote if ballot is dropped off, want to ensure that ballots were not done twice
- A separate line to drop off absentee ballot – checking to make sure it has a witness signature
- Lines are shorter in Beaufort and moving faster
- Bluffton and Hilton Head, lines are from 1 ½ hours to 2 hours
- Update – water is not able to be distributed in the name of Delta Sigma Theta

Announcements/Celebrations/Birthdays/Anniversaries

- Voucher forms were emailed to all Sorors
- If you voted and took a selfie, please send to Soror Holland Johnson

- Kudos to Sorors Dantzler and Gaines for organizing Lupus Walk (from Sorors Holland Johnson and Ohemeng)
- Thank you from Soror Ohemeng for the pins
- Soror Pouncy would like to thank Chapter for her 50th year plaque, wearing her 50th year button
- Soror Wilson would like to thank Chapter for her 50th year plaque, mother hit 75 years plus and she is on the way!
- Soror Montgomery would like to thank Chapter for her 25 year plaque, thank you Soror Joyce Brown Major for bringing it to her
- Congratulate Soror Bishop and Soror Kannick for a well done meeting
- Proud of Soror Bishop's leadership skills
- Thank you for chapter members participating in Lupus walk
- Thank you from Soror Dantzler on her 25 year plaque
- Delta Family Reunion – November 7th – Virtual reclamation

Closing prayer – Soror Redmon

Soror Payne moves to adjourn, seconded by Soror Dantzler

Adjournment

Submitted by Samantha Ford